



16 March 2017

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE

**For the project:
Supporting consolidation of the local self-government system
in its capacities to ensure inclusive governance and growth**

Date and time: 16 March 2017

Venue: UNDP Conference Room

Chair:

Narine Sahakyan, Deputy Resident Representative

Members:

Anita Kodzoman, Head of Energy, Environment and DRR Unit

Harald Schenker, Chief Technical Advisor, Governance Unit

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Dejan Dokuzovski, Project Manager

Biljana Nastovska, Gender Specialist

Presentation of the project:

The Governance team presented the project - the aim, its objectives, main outputs, and the implementation strategy. The overall objective of the project is to assist the country and its institutions in consolidation of the country's local self-government system and its capacity to ensure inclusive governance and growth. The Project also aims to shift the policy focus to providing equitable access to improved local services for all citizens, through the creation of an enabling legal and institutional environment.

The project will be implemented through the following three components:

1. Consolidation and effective implementation of transferred competencies and resources
2. Facilitation of transfer and successful execution of additional competencies and resources, aimed at ensuring smart, comprehensive and sustainable local development
3. Continuation of the fiscal decentralization through upgrading local capacity to secure the revenues needed for priority public investments through interventions in the fiscal decentralization policy

By the end of the project, the following results are expected:

- Increased effectiveness of decentralization policies, more efficient coordination, monitoring and evaluation of decentralization policies, through capacity development of national and local authorities and CSOs.
- More inclusive local development planning and programming
- More equitable local service delivery and more accountable public finance management and control



- Improved capacity of municipalities to obtain alternative sources of finances and attracting investments
- Improved solutions for alternative provision of local services through inter-municipal cooperation, concessions, public private partnerships and other types of partnerships.

The project is financed through the IPA 2 with an amount of EUR 2,352,951 to be implemented in the period 2017 – 2020 (total duration of 30 months, exact period will depend from the date of signature of the project document)

Discussion:

The following points were raised and discussed at the meeting:

- Project Document template – provided that the project proposal has been developed much earlier (this project is being negotiated with the Ministry of Local Self-Government and the Delegation of the European Union's office in Skopje since 2012), and EU required template has been used, PAC members advised the team to use the new project document template and prepare full Results framework and Multi-year annual work plan, as soon as the negotiations with EU are finished and the content of the project document has been finalized.
- The PAC members requested the project team to complete the quality assurance design and appraisal form in the system and attach completed form to the project document.
- SESP assessment has been undertaken and the signed-in form will be attached in annex to the minutes from the PAC meeting, and uploaded at the project's quality assurance online page.

Conclusions and next steps:

- PAC members recommend approval of the project: Supporting consolidation of the local self-government system in its capacities to ensure inclusive governance and growth once the above-mentioned comments are integrated in the document following the completion of the negotiation with the donor, recommend signature of the document.
- PAC members found the justification of the project team valid and endorsed the recommendation for Direct Implementation Modality. The Office will request approval of DIM for this project.

Signed, on behalf of all PAC members, by the PAC Chair:

Narine Sahakyan, Deputy Resident Representative

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