



## UPDATE ON CLOSURE OF THE INTERREG IVA PROGRAMME

### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This paper outlines the progress made on implementation and closure of the INTERREG IVA Programme since the last Monitoring Committee meeting on 9 December 2015.

### 2.0 INTERREG IVA - Key Programme Indicators, Risks and Challenges

- 2.1 The INTERREG IVA Programme has allocated funding to 88 projects at a combined value of €262.72m (103% commitment) inclusive of ERDF and Match Funding. The Programme was over committed to the extent of €6.69m, in agreement with the Member States.
- 2.2 Of these 88 projects, 85 projects are completed and 3 remain “open”. Activity on all projects has ceased the remaining “open” projects are awaiting final administrative closure. An update on project closure is included in section 3.
- 2.3 The current financial status of the Programme is as follows:
- The final expenditure target for the Programme is €256.03m.
  - €259.9 (ERDF + Match) of this has been declared to the EC.

### 3.0 INTERREG IVA Closure Activity

- 3.1 The MA has agreed a Closure Plan with the Audit Authority and the Certifying Authority. The key milestones for closure during 2016 / 2017 are:
- December 2015 - Final date for eligible expenditure - achieved
  - January 2016 – Article 16 work to commence on expenditure post June 2015

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- March 2016 - Final Interim claim submitted - complete
- July 2016 – Audit Authority concludes all Article 16 visits and audit
- June 2016 – Final draft closure/implementation report
- September 2016 – Forward draft Final Implementation Report and draft final claim to Audit Authority
- March 2017 – Final Implementation Report submitted on SFC database, Final Claim submitted and Final Control Report and Closure Declaration submitted. This is the absolute final date set by the Commission but all information is intended for submission in September 2016.

### 4.0 Recommendation.

The Monitoring Committee is requested to:

- **Note** the Progress in implementation and closure of the programme;