

**Ref: Managing Authority's Instruction no.66/02.03.2015 regarding the necessary measures for the closure of the Romania - Bulgaria Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007 - 2013**

Dear Beneficiaries,

The Managing Authority issued the Instruction no.66/02.03.2015 regarding the necessary measures for the closure of the Romania - Bulgaria Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007 - 2013:

1. For projects with deadline for submission of the **final reimbursement claim** after 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016:
  - If addendum requests are submitted until **1<sup>st</sup> of July 2015**, the addendums shall also update the deadline for submitting the last reimbursement claim no later than the **31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016**;
  - If addendum requests are submitted after **1<sup>st</sup> of July 2015**, the Programme bodies will initiate addenda which will stipulate that the final deadline for submission of the final reimbursement claim is **31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016**;
2. Every addendum with request for prolongation of the project implementation period will be analyzed in perspective with the above mentioned and the final date for submission of the final reimbursement claim should not exceed **31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016**;
3. The final date for eligibility of expenditures (including payment) under Romania - Bulgaria Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013 according to the EC Regulation 1083/2006 art.56 "Eligibility of expenditures" point (1) is **31<sup>st</sup> of December 2015**. All expenditure made and paid after the respective date **cannot be requested for reimbursement**;  
(EC Regulation 1083/2006 art.56 "Eligibility of expenditures" point (1) "Expenditure, including for major projects, shall be eligible for a contribution from the Funds if it has actually been paid between the date of submission of the operational programmes to the Commission or from 1 January 2007, whichever is earlier, and **31<sup>st</sup> of December 2015**.")
4. **15<sup>th</sup> of February 2016** represents the final date for project partners to request First Level Control verifications from the FLC structures in Romania and Bulgaria;
5. **31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016** represents last date for Lead partners to submit the final reimbursement claim to JTS;
6. The following categories of expenditures (which by their nature may incur after the finalization of the project implementation period), if not paid until **31<sup>st</sup> of December 2015** will be considered as non-eligible and will be supported by the beneficiaries;
  - a) Acquisition of independent audit services;
  - b) Expenditures related to drafting the final reimbursement claim;
  - c) Expenditures related to drafting the final progress report;
  - d) Administrative and project management expenditures related to drafting the abovementioned reports;
  - e) Bank charges for transnational financial transactions;
  - f) Staff costs for December 2015.

# OVERVIEW

**31.12.2015**

Final date until the project partners can pay expenditures made within the projects in order to be considered eligible under Romania - Bulgaria Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013



**15.02.2016**

Final date until the project partners may request **First Level Control verifications**



**31.03.2016**

Final date for projects to submit the final reimbursement claim to JTS