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Subject: Draft minutes of the 10th session of the Monitoring Committee of the Operational Programme for the Implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the Republic of Slovenia for the 2014–2020 Period - correspondence session

Location of the session: correspondence session

Date and time of the session: 21 September 2020 – 25 September 2020

Session convened by: Dr Jože Podgoršek, State Secretary, Chair of the Monitoring Committee

The 10th session of the Monitoring Committee of the Operational Programme for the Implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund for the 2014–2020 Period (OP EMFF 2014–2020) took place as a correspondence session in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Monitoring Committee of the Operational Programme for the Implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the Republic of Slovenia for the 2014–2020 Period.

The notification of the convening of the session was sent along with materials and ballot papers to the members and deputy members of the Monitoring Committee of the OP EMFF 2014–2020 on Monday, 21 September 2020.

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia appointed the members and deputy members to the Monitoring Committee by way of a decision pursuant to paragraph six of Article 21 of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 24/05 – official consolidated text, 109/08, 38/10 – ZUKN, 8/12, 21/13, 47/13 – ZDU-1G, 65/14 and 55/17). Appointed to the Monitoring Committee were 28 members and 22 deputy members.

The agenda of the correspondence session included the following items:

- 1. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes
- 2. Approval of the Annual Report of the OP EMFF 2014–2020 for the reference year of 2019.





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In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the correspondence sessions of the Monitoring Committee constitute a quorum if the Secretariat of the Committee receives more than 50% of the ballot papers from the members and their deputies. Voting at correspondence sessions takes at least five working days. Voting starts on the day of submission of the notification of the convening of the correspondence session and ends at midnight of the fifth working day of voting. If the members and their deputies do not respond within this period, they are deemed to have agreed with the proposal.

By the time of the session, the Secretariat received 19 valid ballot papers from the members and their deputies, which constituted the quorum of the Monitoring Committee. Two ballot papers were not received within the prescribed time, while the remaining members and their deputies did not respond.

Dr Polona Pengal, a Committee member, also submitted comments to be reasonably taken into consideration by the Management Authority in the implementation of the future correspondence sessions in accordance with the adopted Rules of Procedure of the Committee. The comments are as follows:

"1. I would be glad if in the future the sessions were announced and the materials submitted at least three weeks prior to the sessions' implementation which would give the members the opportunity to review the materials before taking a position on them. 2. Given that this is a session, I would expect that the participants had the chance to also comment on the materials and/or submit proposals and not only to vote."

The following conclusions were adopted:

Conclusion No. 1: The Monitoring Committee shall adopt the minutes of its 9th session.

<u>Conclusion No. 2: The Monitoring Committee shall approve the Annual Report of the OP EMFF</u> <u>2014–2020 and authorise the Management Authority to reasonably include any possible</u> <u>comments of the European Commission and the Monitoring Committee in the Annual Report</u> <u>and to submit it by 30 September 2020 through the SFC2014 Information System to the</u> <u>European Commission and the members of the Monitoring Committee along with the minutes</u> <u>of the session.</u>

The Management Authority submitted the Annual Report to the European Commission through the SFC2014 System on 28 September 2020.

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Aleš Irgolič Chair of the Monitoring Committee

Enclosure: Annual Report of the OP EMFF 2014–2020 for the reference year of 2019





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