



PROGRAMME MANUAL

ANNEX TO ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE FACTSHEET: SPECIFIC PROVISIONS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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This factsheet is an annex to the factsheet “ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE” of the Programme Manual of the Interreg MED Programme. It aims to outline the specific provisions on how to proceed with issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The present provisions concern all types of projects, included Technical Assistance.

Eligibility of expenditure related to cancelled/postponed activities due to COVID-19 and health restrictions

Costs related to cancelled activities (travel or event) due to COVID-19 epidemic and health restrictions would be considered eligible, and can therefore be claimed under the Interreg MED projects, if the activity has not taken place:

- due to travels restrictions established by regional/national authorities or at the level of the partner organisation,
- due to a cancellation of the event by the hosting organisation related to the pandemic context
- due to justified medical conditions (fear of travelling¹, symptoms or confirmation of the illness) of the person who was to travel.

Kindly be reminded that most airlines and hotels allowed reimbursement of expenses or change of dates due to the epidemic even on bookings that were neither refundable nor exchangeable.

In any case, costs already reimbursed by other means (insurances, airlines, etc) cannot be claimed to the Programme. Accordingly, FLC should request concerned partners to provide any proof that the claimed costs were not recoverable or refunded by whatever means, including exceptional measures due to the nature of the disease.

In practice, if a partner could recover costs (regardless whether the costs are actually recovered or not), such costs cannot be claimed to the Programme, totally or partially.

In the case of postponed activities, costs related to such activities shall be eligible under the same conditions as costs related to cancelled activities.

Please, contact your project officer at the JS for further information or assistance.

Eligibility of expenditure related to screening tests for COVID-19

The costs of tests for the virological screening of COVID-19 which will be carried out by the MED beneficiaries (staff members of the partner organisation or external experts) in the framework of an activity linked to the implementation of their project, are eligible as long as they remain at the expense of the staff member or his/her employer and are not refundable by other means

¹ This option can be accepted only when national rules/regulations accepts it. In case of doubt, kindly contact your National Authority.

(social security, insurance company,...). The first level controller must therefore ensure that there is a link between the test and the implementation of the project and that the staff member/expert cannot be reimbursed for the test.

In practice, if a partner could recover costs (regardless whether the costs are actually recovered or not), such costs cannot be claimed to the Programme, totally or partially.

This rule is applicable for tests carried out as from 1 March 2020.