

ANNEX X

Model for the implementation reports for the European territorial cooperation goal

PART A - DATA REQUIRED EVERY YEAR ("LIGHT REPORTS") (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL/FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(A) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

The MED CP was submitted to the Commission, after 2 years of preparation, in September 2014. It was validated by the EC at the beginning of June 2015. Right after the validation, a kick-off event was organised in Marseille, at the end of June. Over 700 interested stakeholders participated in this event, where the new architecture of the programme was highlighted. Apart from thematic concentration in three main themes: innovation, low carbon economy, and environment, the programme proposes a new approach for the types of projects. 'Modular' projects concentrate on one type of action: studying, testing, or capitalising; but modules can also be combined to longer projects. Horizontal projects accompany a thematically oriented group of Modular projects and help them to summarize joint results and messages.

This mechanism brings out the results of the projects and programme in a way that facilitates their use in policy-making. The results of projects thus provided, feed also the top-down coordinated activity foreseen within the Governance priority of the programme.

After having communicated these novelties to the relevant public in the frame of the kick-off event, the participating programme States organized also national information days between June and October, informing about the programme and the upcoming first call for projects. The call was launched in September 2015 and closed at the beginning of November for the Modular projects. It was open from November to January 2016 for Horizontal projects. Specific reference documents such as thematic Terms of Reference and an Applicants' Manual, were developed by the JS and published for the call, in order to improve the guidance for the applicants and highlight the thematic focus of the Specific Objectives.

The online Monitoring tool Synergie CTE was used to draft and submit applications, but unfortunately the version delivered for the call was not mature enough to avoid some technical errors. However, the submission of all open applications was made possible so as not to risk the equal opportunities of applicants. The development and testing of further, more mature versions, is going on since the closure of the call.

As a result of the first two calls, 375 Modular project proposals and 14 Horizontal project applications were received. The quantity of Modular project proposals per Axis and objective is proportional to the budget allocation per axis: the Axis Innovation receiving the most proposals, seconded by the Axis environment, where sustainable tourism proposals (objective 3.1) seem to be dominating in number.

By the end of the reporting year 2015, the eligibility check was on-going, and no projects had yet been selected. The pre-selection of projects resulting from the 1st evaluation phase and proposed to be included in the full evaluation phase, is foreseen in April 2016.

The JS staff was already in place as the MA is the same institution as in the 2007-13 programming period. However, it has been enlarged for the new programme in 2015, with the creation of three new job profiles: a 'junior' Communication officer, a project officer in charge of questions linked to IPA funds, and a project officer in charge of the Axis 4: improving Mediterranean governance.

Although the drafting of the Description of management and control system started in 2015 right after the validation of the CP, the designation process of the MA has not been concluded during the reporting year.

A public tender has been launched by the MA to contract experts in order to develop a web portal of the programme: this tool will host the websites of all programmed projects, and that of the programme, making capitalisation and data production efforts more efficient. By the end of the year, the experts had not been contracted yet, the work is foreseen to start during 2016. In the meantime, a temporary website has been implemented to make all information regarding the new programming period (calls and so on) available to potential beneficiaries.

In May 2015, the Programme's new logo was adopted by the Members States and the programme's branding subsequently developed. This new logo is in line with the Interreg branding created by Interact and observed by most cooperation programmes. The project logo will also follow this integrated approach whose objective is to make territorial cooperation programmes more visible. Last but not least, the Programme communication strategy was adopted in December 2015.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

3.1. Overview of the implementation

In all of the three thematic priorities (Axis 1,2,3), the ineligibility rate due to administrative errors, was high, ca 40% after the first eligibility check. In most cases these errors are found in the Partner declarations which are compulsory annexes of the Application.

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1.1	Innovation	1 st call for Modular and Horizontal projects launched in the second half of 2015. Almost half of the Modular project applications received are on this theme, ca 48%. All key areas identified in the CP: Blue and Green growth, creative industries, and social innovation, have received proposals. The evaluation process is on-going and no projects have been selected in 2015
ID	Priority axis	<i>Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems</i>
2.1, 2.2, 2.3	Low carbon economy	1 st call for Modular and Horizontal projects launched in the second half of 2015. This priority has received ca 23% of the Modular applications, shared proportionally between the three specific objectives. The S.O 2.2 is the only one of all the S.O of the three thematic axis, not having received any proposal for Horizontal projects. The evaluation process is on-going and no projects have been selected in 2015
ID	Priority axis	<i>Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems</i>
3.1, 3.2	Environment	1 st call for Modular and Horizontal projects launched in the second half of 2015. The Priority 3 has received 29% of the Modular applications, two-thirds of these positioned on the Specific objective 3.1 (sustainable tourism). The evaluation process is on-going and no projects have been selected in 2015
ID	Priority axis	<i>Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems</i>

4.1	<i>Governance</i>	<p>The programme States have decided to carry out a 'top-down' framework project under the Governance priority. The objective of this specific project is to improve multilateral governance mechanisms in the Mediterranean. The themes of this project are chosen by the States and linked to identified Mediterranean priorities, but should also correspond the thematic priorities of the programme, in order to use efficiently the results stemming from the Modular and Horizontal projects, as material for policy-making (evidence-based approach).</p> <p>In 2015, an outline of the project has been discussed and agreed by the Monitoring Committee, and a timeline set with an objective to launch this operation in mid-2016. The drafting of the full project only started in the end of 2015 and is on-going.</p>
<i>ID</i>	<i>Priority axis</i>	<i>Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems</i>
5	<i>Technical assistance</i>	<p>The Technical assistance priority axis has been used to cover programme expenses linked to the preparation and launching of the programme, contributing namely to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff costs for the implementing team (JS) - Kick-off event - Production of programme documents and their translation <p>The budget share between the estimated implementing costs for the MA, and the identified national needs within the programme States, had been validated by the Task Force in 2014. In the 1st MC meeting in June 2015, no further elements were validated, but the MS agreed that the MA will provide the elements of the 'TA project', namely the application form, the TA guide, and the TA agreement between the States and the MA. (All the follow-up of the TA costs shall be made through the online Monitoring tool Synergie). These elements have been developed at the end of 2015 and sent to the feedback of the programme States in early 2016.</p> <p>No TA expenses have yet been claimed from the EC, the MA designation process not being finalized in the end of the reporting year.</p>

3.2. Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Data for common and programme-specific indicators by investment priority transmitted using the tables 1 to 2 below.

TABLE 1: Result indicators (by priority axis and specific objective); applies also to technical assistance priority axis

<i>Automatic from SFC</i>						ANNUAL VALUE										
ID	Indicator	Measurement Unit	Baseline Value	Baseline Year	Target Value (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Observations (if necessary)
						0	0									The CP has been approved in June 2015, the 1st Call for Proposals has been launched in September 2015. First operations will start their implementation in late 2016.

TABLE 2: Common and programme specific output indicators (by priority axis, investment priority); applies also to technical assistance priority axes).

	ID	Indicator (name of indicator)	Measure ment unit	Target value ¹ (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE									Observations (if necessary)				
					2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		23			
Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]					0	0												The CP has been approved in June 2015, the 1st Call for Proposals has been launched in September 2015. First operations will start their implementation in late 2016.
Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]					0	0												

3.3 Milestones and targets defined in the performance framework (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013) – submitted in annual implementation reports from 2017 onwards

Reporting on financial indicators, key implementation steps, output and result indicators to act as milestones and targets for the performance framework (submitted starting with the report in 2017). **N/A in 2015.**

¹ Targets are optional for technical assistance priority axes.

TABLE 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority Axis	Indicator Type (Key implementation step, financial, output or, where appropriate result indicator)	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit, where appropriate	Milestone for 2018	Final target (2023)	2014	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Observations (if necessary)	
																		The CP has been approved in June 2015, the 1st Call for Proposals has been launched in September 2015. First operations will start their implementation in late 2016.

* Member States submit cumulative values for output indicators. Values for financial indicators are cumulative. Values for the key implementation steps are cumulative if the key implementation steps are expressed by a number or percentage. If the achievement is defined in a qualitative way, the table should indicate whether they are completed or not.

3.4. Financial data (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

TABLE 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level as set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014² [Model for transmission of financial data]³ and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)

The Interreg MED Programme is a transnational programme co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Furthermore, the programme includes in its eligible territory Mediterranean States candidates or potential candidates to the EU participating with the Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance funds (IPA Funds). The management of these funds is integrated into the system of management and control of the Interreg MED Programme and is under the responsibility of the Managing Authority, as during the 2007-2013 period.

For the 2014-2020 programming period, the total budget of the programme is of € 275.905.320 (€ 224.322.525 of ERDF, € 9.355.783 of IPA Funds, € 42.227.012 of national counterpart).

The breakdown of this budget by priority axis has been done based on the assessment for the preparation of the Cooperation Programme, and taking into account the potential of each thematic in the MED area as well as other funding sources existing at European, national and regional level. In consequence, it was decided to allocate 32% of the budget to Priority Axis 1 (“Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth”), 34% to Priority Axis 2 (“Fostering low-carbon strategies and energy efficiency in specific MED territories: cities, islands and rural areas”), 20% to Priority Axis 3 (“Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources) and, finally, 8% to Priority Axis 4 (“Enhancing Mediterranean Governance”). The same breakdown was applied for ERDF and IPA Funds.

The rest of the budget was allocated to Priority Axis 5 (“Technical Assistance”).

In 2014 and 2015, no operations have been selected yet and, in consequence, no commitments have been done by the programme. Selection of operations is foreseen by the end of 2016 in the framework of the two first calls for proposals open for priority axis 1, 2 and 3. In the framework of those calls, the indicative forecasted allocation is € 84M of ERDF (€ 28M for each priority axis) and the € 3,3 M of IPA Funds (1,1M for each priority axis). The final allocation would be subject to further decisions of the Interreg MED Programme Monitoring Committee.

Regarding the “Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area” (TABLE 6 of the present document), taking to account that no operations have been programmed yet, it is not possible to envisage any amount to be used outside the Union part of the programme area. In the Application Form used during the first two calls, a question regarding this issue has been included so it would be possible to calculate this amount after the selection of operations.

² OJ L 286, 30.9.2014, p. 1.

³ Structured data required for the report on YEI which is to be submitted in April 2015 in accordance with Article 19(3) and Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013.

TABLE 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention (Article 112(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013) as set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 [Model for transmission of financial data] and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

N/A in 2015

TABLE 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area N/A in 2015

1	2	3	4	5
	<p>The amount of ERDF support* envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations (EUR)</p>	<p>Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)</p>	<p>Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority (EUR)</p>	<p>Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)</p>
<p>All or part of an operation outside the Union part of the programme area⁴</p>				

* ERDF support is fixed in the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

⁴ In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Synthesis of the findings of all evaluations of the programme that have become available during the previous financial year, including the name and reference period of the evaluation reports used.

The Ex Ante evaluation of the programme was carried out during the preparation phase in 2013-14 and has been used to draft the CP, in particular to justify the strategic framework, the intervention logic, and the choice of priorities for the programme. The Ex Ante evaluation also contained a strategic environmental assessment.

The main findings having had an impact on the drafting of the cooperation programme can be summarized as follows:

The programme strategy shows an improved focus on pooling and knowledge of results: the capitalization mechanisms are structured in the intervention logic. The result-oriented approach is clearly justified

The priorities and objectives chosen are coherent with the results of the SWOT analysis

The thematic concentration is sufficiently high for all thematic priorities, but the domain of intervention is larger in the Axis 3 and will need further focusing (which has been done with the Terms of Reference for the 1st call)

The Axis 4, Governance, was not chosen on the basis of the SWOT analysis but by a political choice of the participating States

The feasibility of chosen priorities is relatively high

Result indicators are coherent, although in some of them (Axis 2) there might be difficulties to obtain the result indicator as an immediate outcome of projects, which are financing processes.

SEA: the large majority of measures have only positive impact. Negative impacts are marginal and concentrate in the Axis 2 measures.

5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN (ARTICLE 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

The programme preparation phase was on-going until September 2014, and the validation process of the CP took eight months to be completed. The programme was only validated by the EC in June 2015. Although parallel preparations were made during 2014-15 in order to open the first call for projects as soon as possible after the validation, it was not possible to conclude the process until the selection of operations within 2015. The projects selected further to the first call, will only launch their activities during 2016 and very likely only towards the end of the year. Concerning the output and result indicators, there is a significant delay, as the values calculated in 2014 for the 2017 milestones, were based on an estimation of projects starting in the beginning of 2016. It is therefore likely that the programme will have to adjust the 2017 indicator values to the fact that there is an additional delay in launching the first projects, in regard to what was foreseen when the CP was submitted. The projects will not yet have sufficient implementing time in 2017, allowing them to match the estimation of output and result indicators.

The designation process for the MA cannot be concluded before the 2nd half of the year 2016. Which means that even if the projects had started earlier, the reimbursement of their costs would not have been possible in due time. Equally, the putting in place of the national systems in the IPA countries that participate in the programme, is hindered because of the lack of the Financing Agreement with the Commission. The Agreement draft was expected before the end of 2015 but has not been provided.

The delays of all processes linked to the call for projects, evaluation, selection, and also in providing the DMCS and all necessary legal and guidance documents for the new programme, cannot be shortened, because of the limits of human resources of the JS staff. The staff is in parallel of the implementing of the new period, responsible of the closing of the 2007-13 programming period. Until the end of 2015, over 40 payment claims of projects ending during the reporting year, were yet to be treated.

Moreover, the natural turnover of the transnational staff has created a deficit of human resources in the end part of 2015, as the recruiting delays became even longer than usually, due to the change of policy within the MA institution (approaching elections of Regional Council, held in December 2015).

b) **OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS**, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1 (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate

Apart from delays in programming, that might affect 2017 indicator values, as explained above, some preliminary estimations can be done on the basis of projects submitted during the 1st call :

- *In the first 'bottom-up' call, in most thematics, there seem to be an insufficient quantity of proposals for capitalization projects. Some thematics such as the environment protection, might not have enough proposals in regard to the output and result indicator values foreseen in 2017. It is thus necessary to highlight these aspects in the second call in order to encourage new proposals.*
- *The call for Horizontal projects did not give a sufficient offer for all the Specific objectives; there is no proposal for the obj 2.2., (energy efficiency). Supplementary action might be needed in 2016 in order to cover all objectives by a Horizontal project.*

6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (Article 50(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Article 46 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Where the managing authority decided to use financial instruments it must send to the Commission a specific report covering the financial instruments operations as an annex to the annual implementation report

N/A

8. WHERE APPROPRIATE, PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (Article 101(h) and Article 111(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

N/A

8.1. Major projects

TABLE 7: Major projects

Project	CC I	Status of MP 1. completed 2. approved 3. submitted 4. planned for notification/submission to Commission	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date (if applicable) (year, quarter)	Date of tacit agreement / approval by Commission (if applicable)	Planned start of implementation (year, quarter)	Planned completion date (year, quarter)	Priority Axis/Investment priorities	Current state of realisation – financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation - physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract ⁵ (if applicable)	Observations (if necessary)
											1. completed/in operation; 2. advanced construction; 3. construction; 4. procurement; 5. design			

⁵ In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them.

Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

8.2. Joint action plans N/A

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

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TABLE 8: Joint action plans

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP 1. completed 2. > 50% implemented 3. Started 4. approved 5. submitted 6. planned	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP 1. normal 2. pilot 3. YEI	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations (if necessary)

Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

PART B - REPORTING SUBMITTED IN YEARS 2017, 2019 AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

N/A in 2015

9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

FOR EACH PRIORITY AXIS - Assessment of the information provided above and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programme, including the contribution of the ERDF to changes in the value of result indicators, when evidence is available from evaluations

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9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

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9.3. Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

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9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Figures calculated automatically by the SFC2014 based on categorisation data.

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9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013

10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 14(4), subparagraph 2 (a), (b), (c) and (f), of REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)

11.1 Progress in implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including sustainable urban development, and community-led local development under the cooperation programme

11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF

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11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

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11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

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12. Financial information at priority axis and programme level (Articles 21(2) and 22(7) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

For the purpose of assessing progress towards the achievement of milestones and targets set for financial indicators in the years 2018 and 2023, table 4 of Part A of this Annex shall have the following two additional columns:

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Data for the purpose of the performance review and performance framework	
<p>Only for report submitted in 2019:</p> <p>Total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries and certified to the Commission by 31/12/2018</p> <p>Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013</p>	<p>Only for final implementation report: Total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries by 31/12/2023 and certified to the Commission</p> <p>Article 22(7) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013</p>

PART C - REPORTING SUBMITTED IN YEAR 2019 AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (Article 50(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN – PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

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