

Annex to MC decision no. 18/22.03.2024

## Amendment to the Applicant's Guide for the Targeted call for operations of strategic importance (OSI) in the context of Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme

The Applicant's Guide for the Targeted call for operations of strategic importance (OSI) was approved by MC Decision no 7/03.05.2023 and amended through the MC Decisions no 9/26.07.2023 and 13/6.11.2023.

According to the Applicant's Guide, the submission deadlines of the operations of strategic importance was set distinctly for each operation. Thus, for DANUBE RISK is set for 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2024 at 12:00 PM EET.

Only DISMAR and STREAM 2 operations of strategic importance were submitted in the set deadline. Currently, DISMAR OSI is in the pre-contracting stage and STREAM 2 under assessment.

During the development process of the DANUBE RISK, the partners requested additional time for developing the application. In this regard, considering the request of the lead applicant of Danube Risk to extend the submission deadline of this OSI with 3 months, the following amendment of the Applicant's Guide is proposed:

Applicant's guide Call 1 - OSI (amended version according to MC Decision no 13/6.11.2023)	Revised form for applicant's guide Call 1 - OSI	Justification
<ul> <li>Page 45 - The call deadlines for submitting the applications in Jems are:</li> <li>DISMAR and STREAM 2: 11 of September 2023 at 12:00 PM EET</li> <li>Danube Risk: 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024, at 12:00 PM EET (noon)</li> <li>Rail connectivity: 3rd of January 2024 at 12:00 PM EET</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Replace by the following:</li> <li>The call deadlines for submitting the applications in Jems are: <ul> <li>Rail connectivity-deadline 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2024, 12.00 (PM)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Danube Risk- deadline 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2024, 13.00 o'clock</li> <li>DISMAR and STREAM 2 - deadline 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2023, 12.00 (PM)</li> </ul>	The lead partner of Danube Risk operation requested to extend the deadline for submitting the application until 1 <sup>st</sup> of July 2024, 13.00 o'clock, justified by the need of additional time for finalizing the application.