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# 7<sup>th</sup> Cooperation Committee Meeting BG Home Affairs Programme 10 June 2021

**Programme Operator**

International Projects Directorate - Mol

10.06.2021

# Agenda

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10:00 – 10:30 BG 09:00 – 09:30 CET	Approved modifications of the programme after the last Cooperation Committee meeting
10:30 – 11:00 BG 09:30 – 10:00 CET	Information on the planned call for proposals “Improving the national asylum and migration capacities, especially as regards provision of conditions for vulnerable migrants and in particular for unaccompanied minors”
11:00 – 11:30 BG 10:00 – 10:30 CET	Information about the implementation of pre-defined projects (state of play)
11:30 – 12:00 BG 10:30 – 11:00 CET	Updated risk management table
12:00 – 12:30 BG 11:00 – 11:30 CET	AOB. Discussions and conclusion



# Approved modifications of the programme after the last Cooperation Committee meeting

# Modifications of the Programme Agreement

Two amendments of the Programme Agreement for the Home Affairs Programme have been approved by FMO since the last Cooperation Committee meeting on September 1st, 2020

## 1. Modification applied after 21.02.2021:

- Approval of the inclusion of a new open call on “Improving the national asylum and migration capacities, especially as regards vulnerable migrants”;
- Approval of the inclusion of the new pre-defined project (PDP) 8 “Development of the cooperation in the Schengen area”

## 2. Modification applied after 25.05.2021:

- Project level co-financing requirement for NGOs is waived, allowing for a grant rate up to 100% in case of support to NGOs in order to free up resources for NGOs, and remove pressure to raise funds during the Covid-19;
- This change is based on a letter of the Chairman of FMO from 20 April 2020 whereas Programme Operators and National Focal Points were suggested measures on how to mitigate possible effects of Covid-19 on programme implementation.



**Improving the national asylum and migration capacities, especially as regards provision of conditions for vulnerable migrants and in particular for unaccompanied minors**

**Coordinated with:**

**UDI** – 23th of March

**NFP** - 5th of May

**FMO** – 28th of May

## GRANT AMOUNT AND GRANT RATE

Amount available for the call – 4 000 000 EURO (7 823 200 BGN).

The call will be launched with a budget of 3 000 000 EURO (5 867 400 BGN).

Amount for projects on the reserve list - 1 000 000 EURO (1 955 800 BGN).

Per project:

- Maximum grant amount - 1 000 000 EURO (1 955 800 BGN).
- Minimum grant amount - 200 000 EURO (391 160 BGN).

# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES (non exhaustive list)

## Component 1

- Functioning (renovation, equipment, maintenance, operational costs, etc.)of the reception facilities for vulnerable asylum seekers with focus on UAMs;
- Provision of social, health, educational and legal services to the vulnerable asylum seekers with focus on UAMs;
- Health measures provided to asylum seekers with special focus on vulnerable groups;

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES (non exhaustive list)

### Component 2

- Capacity building of national institutions, NGOs and international organizations in the field of asylum and migration;
- Development and implementation of specific procedures and standards for referral, reception, care and guardianship/representation of UAMs;
- Trainings of staff of relevant stakeholders to enhance knowledge, expertise and management skills to support and protect vulnerable asylum seekers with focus on UAMs
- Strengthening cooperation among national institutions and NGOs working with migrants and asylum seekers;
- Elaboration of proposals for further development of the policy and the legal framework in the field of asylum and migration;
- Knowledge exchange and exchange of best practice between Bulgarian and Norwegian entities, especially on the organisation of reception facilities, on case management systems and on vulnerable groups and specifically UAMs;

# INDICATORS

## Indicators for component 1

- Annual number of unaccompanied minors receiving services (social support services, language, schooling, legal aid) (target value for the whole Programme: 100)
- Number of places available in the reception centre (target value for the whole Programme: 50)
- Average annual occupancy rate in reception centre (target value for the whole Programme: 80%)

## Indicators for component 2

- Number of staff of national institutions, NGOs and international organizations trained in the field of asylum and migration (target value – minimum 150 per project proposal)
- Number of events (seminars, trainings etc.) in the field of asylum and migration (target value – minimum 10 per project proposal)
- Number of specific procedures and standards for referral, reception, care and guardianship/representation of UAMs developed and/or implemented (target value – minimum 1 per project proposal)

# State of play of pre-defined projects

**PDP 2 : Increasing the administrative capacity of the national authorities in the asylum and migration area**

**Implementation period: 20.08.2020 – 20.08.2023**

**Project Promoter: State Agency for Refugees (SAR)**

**Project Partner: National Police Immigration Service (NPIS)**

**Chief Directorate Border Police (CDBP) , Migration Directorate (MD) by Ministry of Interior**

**Main activities under the project**

- Increasing the professional knowledge and skills of SAR staff (study visits (8)/ internships (12) in Norway /EU countries, specialized trainings (14), language trainings
- Elaboration of Phrasebook/Manual/Video clips to deal with unaccompanied minors and vulnerable groups
- Development of functional analysis of SAR
- Construction works, delivery of furniture/equipment for seminars rooms (4) in SAR premises
- Seminars (10) for CDBP officers in counteracting trafficking in human beings and working with representatives of vulnerable groups
- Trainings (3) and study visits (2) for MD officers.

**Current state of play**

- Delay due to COVID-19 situation. Joint activities postponed.
- Revision of training schedule. Some trainings will be moved online (*language trainings*) .
- Elaboration of Technical specifications for public procurement is ongoing

**PDP 3 : Improving the capacity of General Directorate Combating Organized Crime for more effective investigation of organized and transnational crime.**

**Implementation period: 28.02.2020 – 28.02.2024**

**Project Promoter: General Directorate Combating Organized Crime**

**Projects Partners: National Criminal Investigation Service and Oslo Police District of Kingdom of Norway**

**Main activities under the project**

- Study visits, workshops and trainings in Norway, EU Member States and in BG (3 activities)
- Procurement of equipment for GDCOC (2 activities)
- Renovation of premises (2 activities )

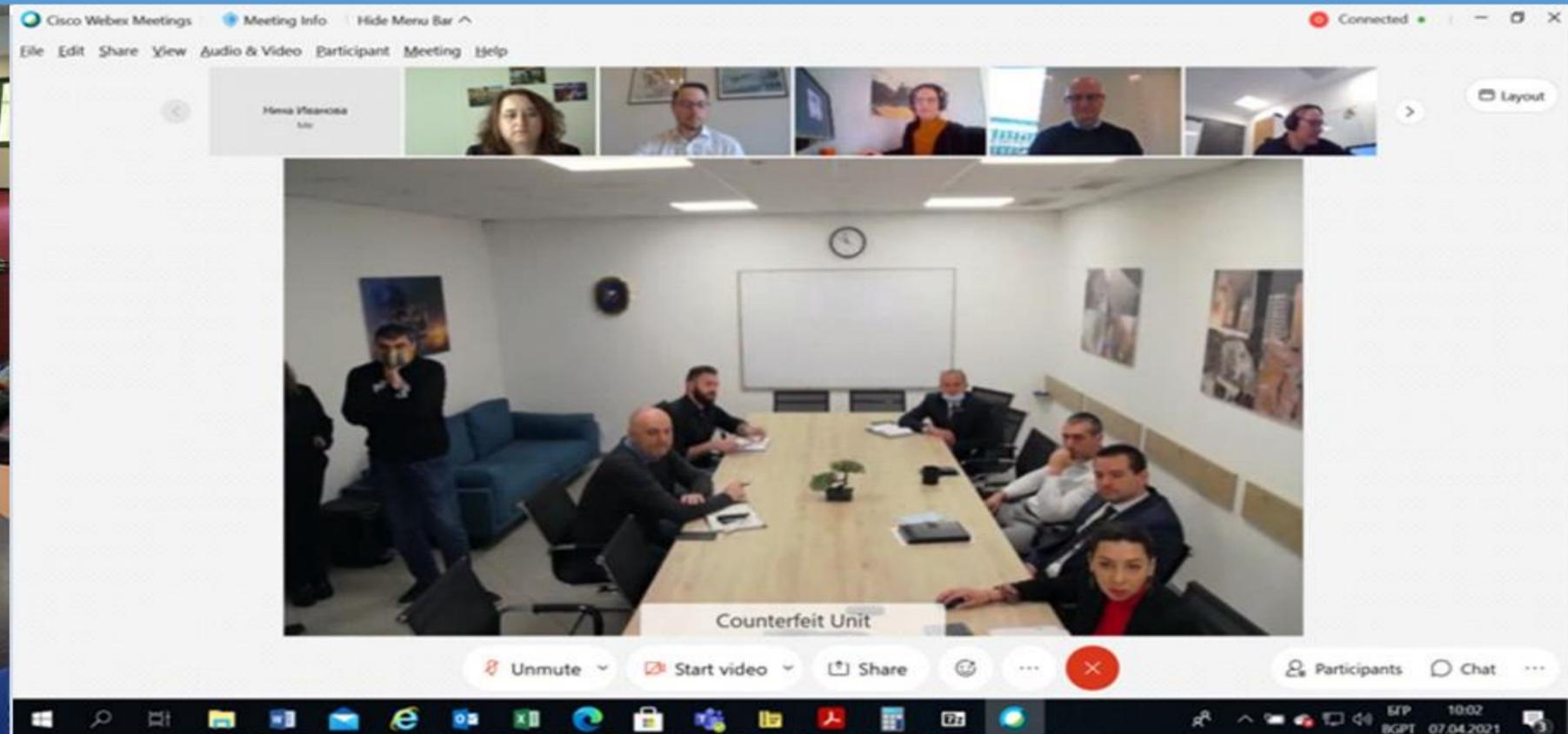
**Current state of play**

- A seminar of trafficking in human beings was held in May 2021
- Due to COVID-19 the join activities were postponed.
- The project schedule was revised.
- Public Procurement Procedures are going to be launched
  - \* IT equipment
  - \* specialized equipment
  - \* renovation activities

## PDP 3 : Improving the capacity of General Directorate Combating Organized Crime for more effective investigation of organized and transnational crime.

### Events:

- a seminar of trafficking in human beings held in the period May 26-28;
- an opening conference in the project



**PDP 4 : Extension of the Communication Infrastructure of the Ministry of Interior**

**Implementation period: 14.10.2019 – 14.10.2021**

**Project Promoter: Information and Communication Directorate**

**Main activities under the project**

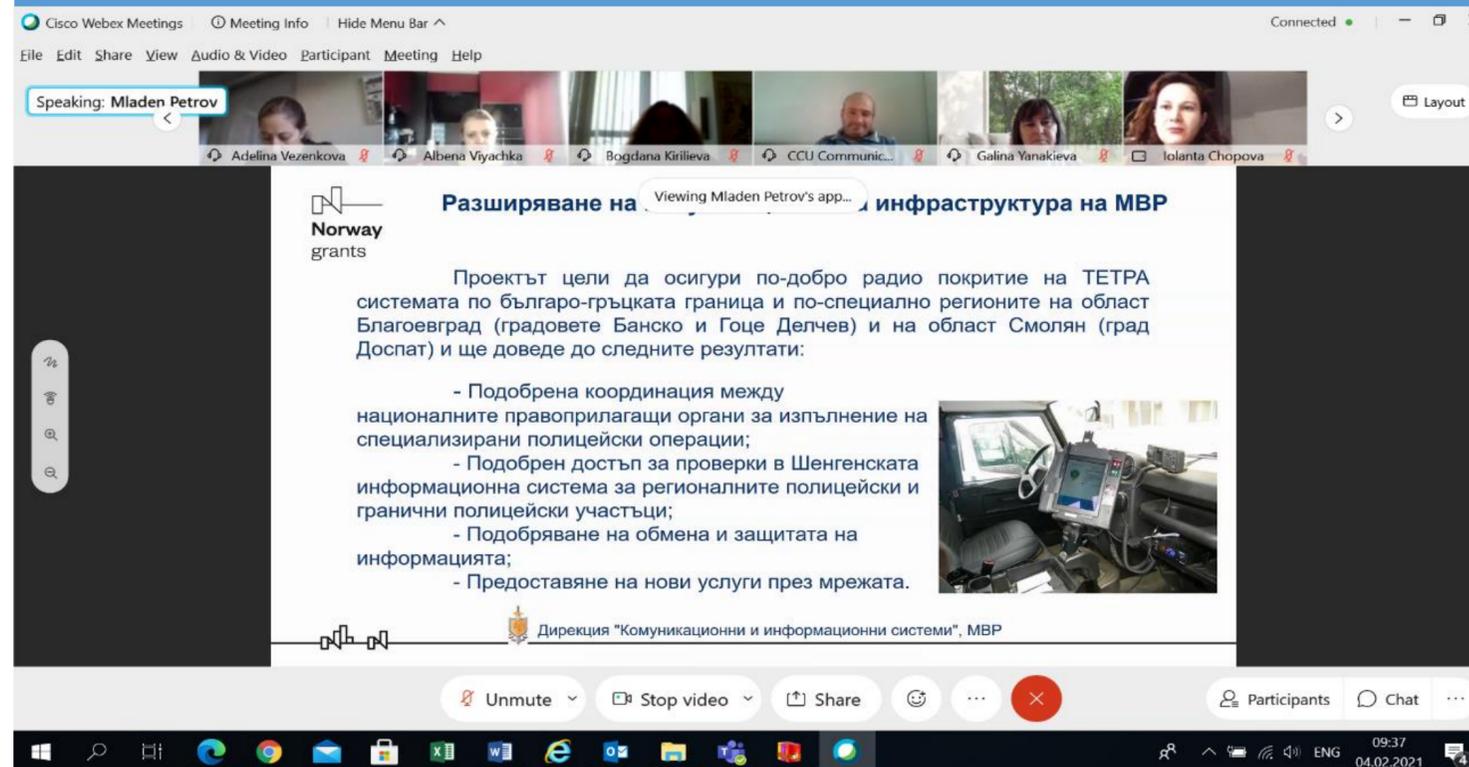
- Delivery, installation, integration and testing of communication equipment and software (six new TETRA base station in Blagoevgrad and Smolyan District)
- Training of the MoI technical staff for operation and maintenance of communication infrastructure

**Current state of play**

Supply contract under implementation (performed on schedule)  
The sites for the new TETRA base station located  
Delivery and installation ongoing  
Extension of digital radio coverage of Ministry of Interior in Bulgarian-Greek border is expected  
Dedicated project webpage:  
<https://www.mvr.bg/rkimvrnfm/>

# PDP 4: Extension of the Communication Infrastructure of the Ministry of Interior

## Event: Online conference for introducing the project (February 4, 2021)



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Speaking: **Mladen Petrov**

Adelina Vezenkova Alben Viyachka Bogdana Kirilieva CCU Communic... Galina Yanakieva Iolanta Chopova

**Разширяване на инфраструктура на МВР**

Проектът цели да осигури по-добро радио покритие на ТЕТРА системата по българо-гръцката граница и по-специално регионите на област Благоевград (градовете Банско и Гоце Делчев) и на област Смолян (град Доспат) и ще доведе до следните резултати:

- Подобрена координация между националните правоприлагащи органи за изпълнение на специализирани полицейски операции;
- Подобен достъп за проверки в Шенгенската информационна система за регионалните полицейски и гранични полицейски участъци;
- Подобряване на обмена и защитата на информацията;
- Предоставяне на нови услуги през мрежата.

Дирекция "Комуникационни и информационни системи", МВР

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**PDP 5 : Enhancement of the International Police Cooperation and prevention of International Criminal Activities**  
**Implementation period: 15.10.2019 -15.10.2023**  
**Project Promoter: International Operational Cooperation Directorate (IOCD) - Ministry of Interior (MOI)**

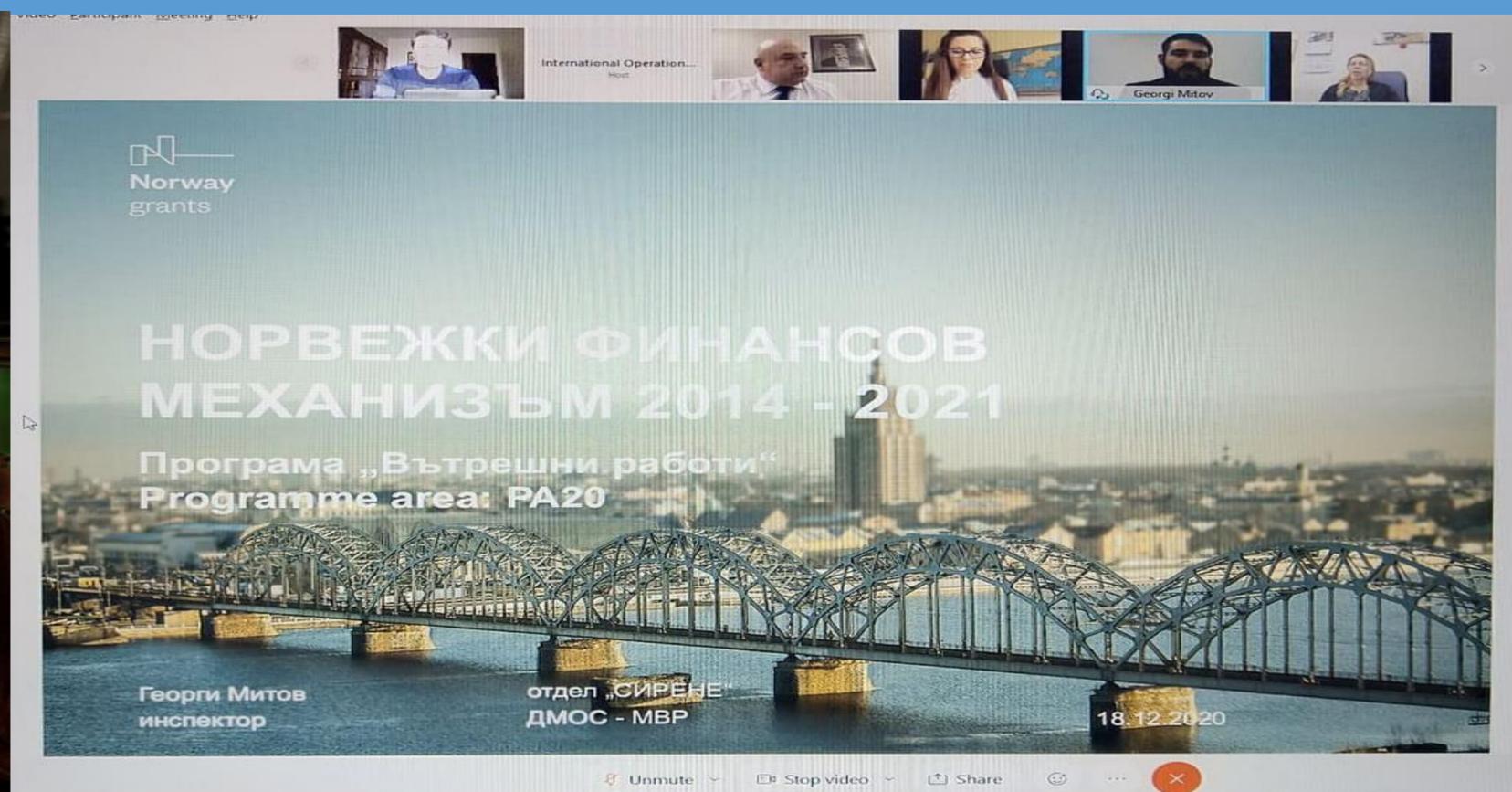
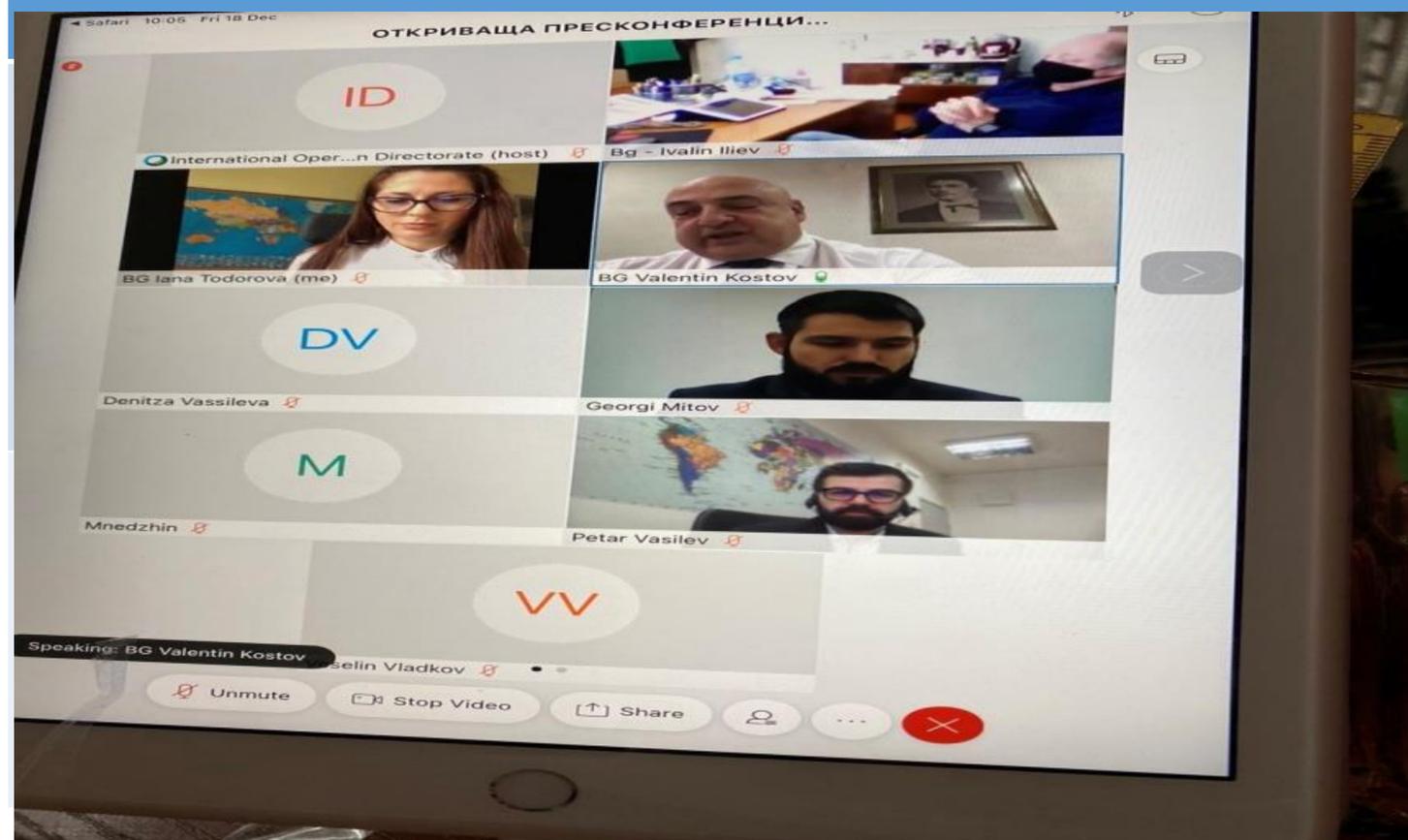
**Main activities under the project**

- Specialized trainings of MOI officials for project management and for international police cooperation (2 activities)
- Foreign language training and bilateral training between Bulgarian and Greek police officers (2activities)
- Delivery of presentation and IT equipment for the IOCD officials

**Current state of play**

- Due to COVID-19 situation there is a delay in the implementation of the activities.
- The schedule for executing of the activities has been changed in order to overcome the generated delay.
- Public Procurement Procedures are planning to launch.
- Communication was made with colleagues from Greece about the upcoming bilateral training. The proposed period of the training is yet to be confirmed by Greece (May-July 2022).

**PDP 5 : Enhancement of International Police Cooperation and prevention of International Criminal Activities**  
**Implementation period: 15.10.2019 -15.10.2023**  
**Event:** On December 2020 the project was officially started with an online opening conference.



**PDP 6** : Improving the capacity of police and judicial activity dealing with material evidence in pre-trial investigation process

**Implementation period:** 36 months (as of December, 18 2019)

**Project Promoter:** General Directorate National Police

**Project Partners:** 10 Regional Directorates of Mol

**Main activities under the project**

1. Delivery of 10 fully equipped mobile forensic laboratories;
2. Trainings for police officers;
3. Renovation of premises for material evidence storage and delivery of equipment;
4. Development of an automated system for registration and tracking of seized evidence.

**Current state of play**

1. Procurement procedure has been completed and contract signature under each of the lots – vehicles, equipment and 3D scanners.
2. Launch of procedures for trainings organization, translation and interpretation and supply of airplane tickets is forthcoming. To overcome delay the Promoter considers the holding seminars on-line.
3. Out of the ten procurement procedures one is completed and a contract has been signed, three are ongoing and six are to be launched.
4. The Promotor has submitted a request for modification – additional experts to develop terms of reference and budget modification (increase of funds).

**PDP 7: Development of Expert Forensic Examinations and Activities at Research Institute of Forensic Sciences (RIFS-Mol) and Technical Upgrade and Expansion of the Possibilities of Five Basic Regional Forensic Laboratories**

**Implementation period:** 25.10.2019 - 25.10.2022

**Project Promoter:** National Institute of Forensics

**Project Partner:** National Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS) (Kripos)

**Main activities under the project**

- Procurement of equipment for Forensic Laboratories (4 activities)
- Study visits, workshops and trainings in Norway and in BG (13 activities)
- Development and dissemination of a Handbook on Forensic Science

**Current state of play**

- Signed supply contract for equipment for fingerprint detection and development (on 22.04.2021) – 180 days execution period
- Public Procurement Procedures launched
  - \* equipment for drugs analysis
  - \* microscopic technics and equipment for document examination
- Due to COVID-19 situation delay in the implementation. Joint activities postponed.
- The schedule under revision depending on COVID-19 restrictions.
- Generally the online approach not applicable.
- Training for Handwriting investigation upcoming (digital training)

**PDP 9:** Capacity building of the police officers working in multi-ethnic environment, including Roma communities and prevention of ill-treatment by the police

**Implementation period:** 07.10.2020-07.10.2023

**Project Promoter:** Academy of Mol

**Project Partner:** OSCE

**Main activities under the project**

- Needs assessment
- Trainings, baseline assessment, workshop (4 activities)
- Providing the necessary conditions for effective training and Setting up specialized cabinets (2 activities)
- Development of training materials and e-learning platform (2 activities)

**Current state of play**

- Implemented online in March 2021
- Trainings are on-going
- Public Procurement Procedures under preparation: logistics, IT equipment, repair of halls, delivery of furniture
- First information event in July

**PDP 10** : Improvement of the efficiency of the police activity in the field of domestic and gender-based violence (DGBV)

**Implementation period:** 05.11.2019 – 05.11.2022

**Project Promoter:** General Directorate National Police

**Main activities under the project**

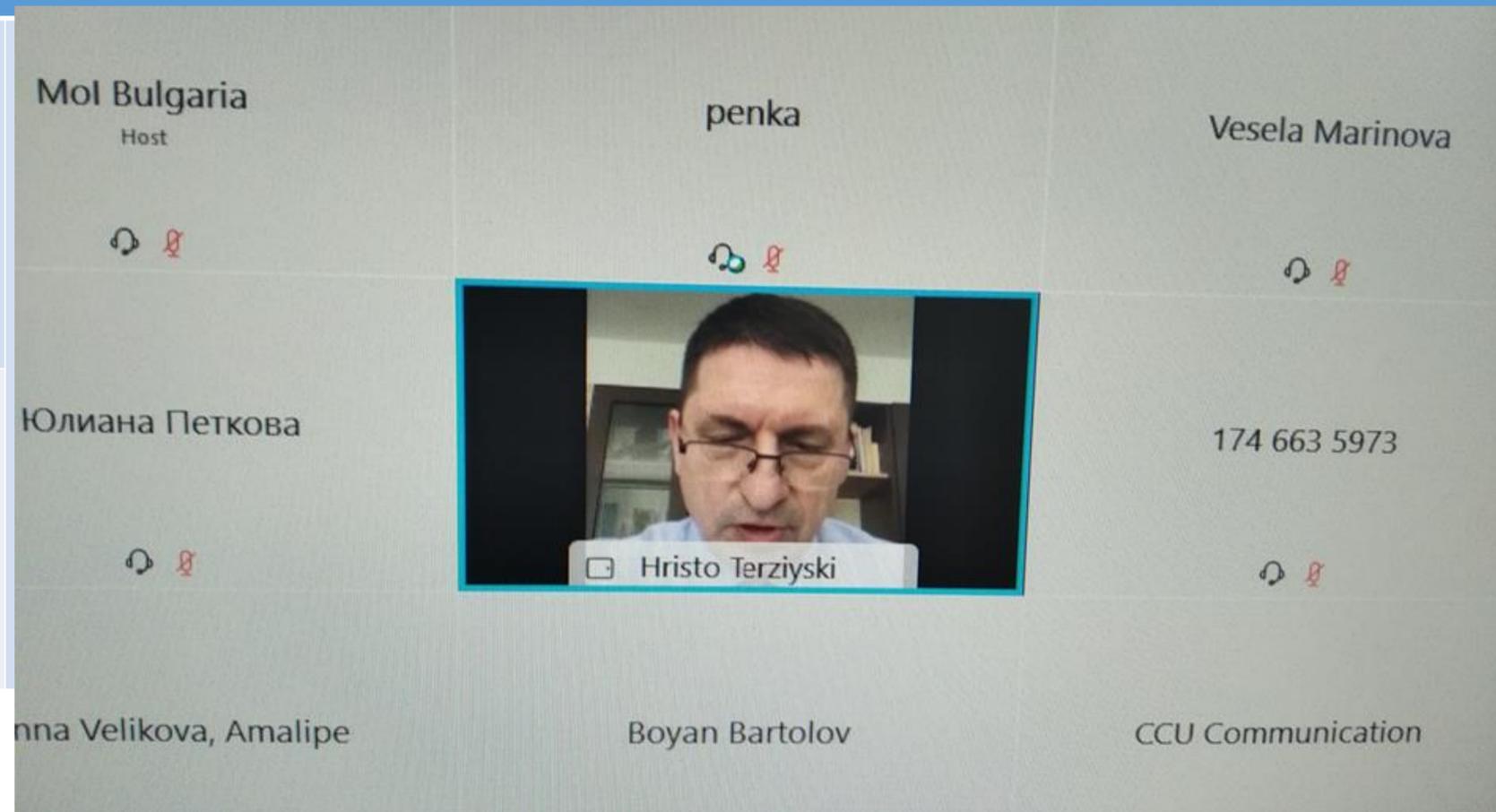
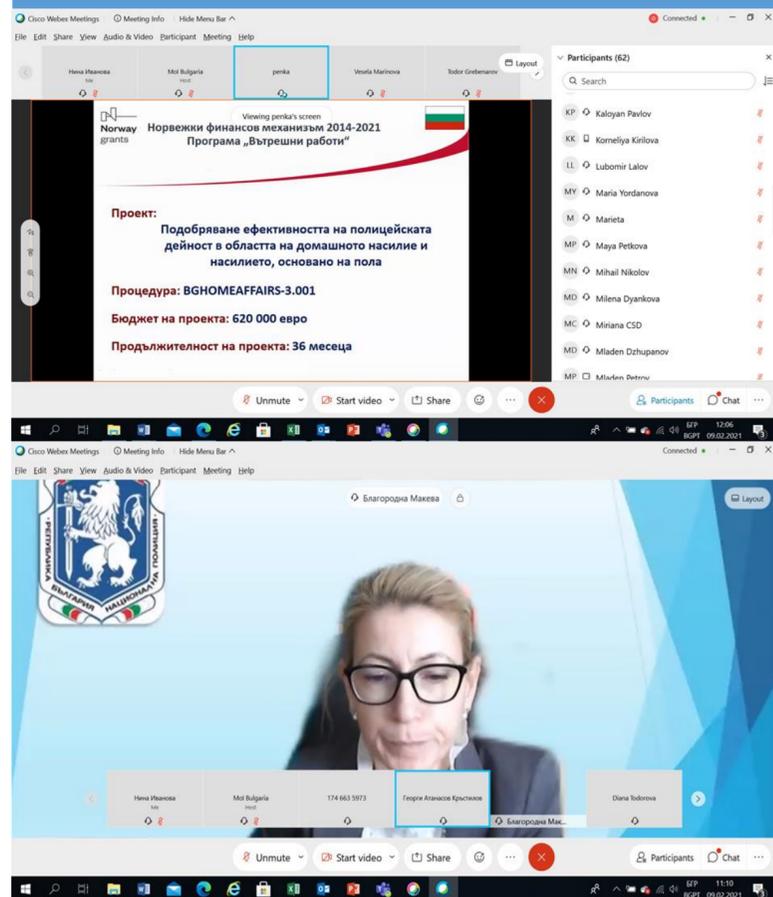
- Exchange of information and development of algorithm of risk assessment on recognition of DGBV cases – 2 activities
- Software and hardware delivery for Automated Information System “DGBV”
- Training of police officials – 5 activities

**Current state of play**

- The development of an algorithm for risk assessment on recognition of DGBV cases is ongoing;
- Analysis of information received by different stakeholders done;
- Delay in the implementation due to COVID-19;
- The project timetable was revised;
- The first training is forthcoming.

# PDP 10: Improvement of the efficiency of the police activity in the field of domestic and gender-based violence

## Event: Opening conference



**PDP 11: Improvement of the coordination and dialogue between Police and Roma society**

**Implementation period:** 18.12.2019 - 18.12.2022

**Project Promoter:** General Directorate National Police - Ministry of Interior

**Project Partners:** 10 Regional Directorates of Mol

**Main activities under the project**

- Study on needs of training and exchange of experience with other EU Member States;
- Training of police officers on prevention and detection of radicalism, violent extremism and hate speech against Roma communities;
- Improving the conditions for reception of citizens in areas with predominant Roma population.
- Conducting information and awareness campaigns, joint local forums with children and their parents and a competition for best student's essay.

**Current state of play**

- Contractor chosen for the activity “Study on needs of training and gaps in the knowledge of national Institutions and organizations”. Signing of contract forthcoming.
- Documentations for procurement procedures are in preparation stage;
- Opening preconference was held online on 09.02.2021 ;
- Web site of the project was developed;
- Due to COVID-19 situation delay in the implementation. Proposal for amendment of the budget, implementation plan and the managing team of the project.



# PDP 11: Improvement of the coordination and dialogue between Police and Roma society

## Event: Opening press conference

The image is a screenshot of a computer screen. On the left, a Zoom meeting window is open, displaying a slide with the following text: "Норвежки финансов механизъм 2014-2021 г. Програма „Вътрешни работи“", "Проект: ПОДОБРЯВАНЕ КООРДИНАЦИЯТА И ДИАЛОГА МЕЖДУ ПОЛИЦИЯТА И РОМСКОТО ОБЩЕСТВО", "Процедура: BGNOMEAFFAIRS-3.002", "Бюджет на проекта: 650 000 евро", and "Продължителност на проекта: 36 месеца". On the right, a web browser window shows the website "https://ro-norwaygrants.gdnp.eu/?lang=en". The website features a blue-tinted background image of a woman holding a baby. The text on the website reads "PROJECT TITLE 'Improvement of the coordination and dialogue between police and roma society'" and includes a "READ MORE" button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 3:24 PM on 6/7/2021.

<https://ro-norwaygrants.gdnp.eu/>

**PDP 12:** Awareness raising of local communities in areas with significant share of Roma population on asylum and migration issues

**Implementation period:** 30.04.2020 - 30.04.2024

**Project Promoter:** International Organization for Migration-Mission for Bulgaria

**Main activities under the project**

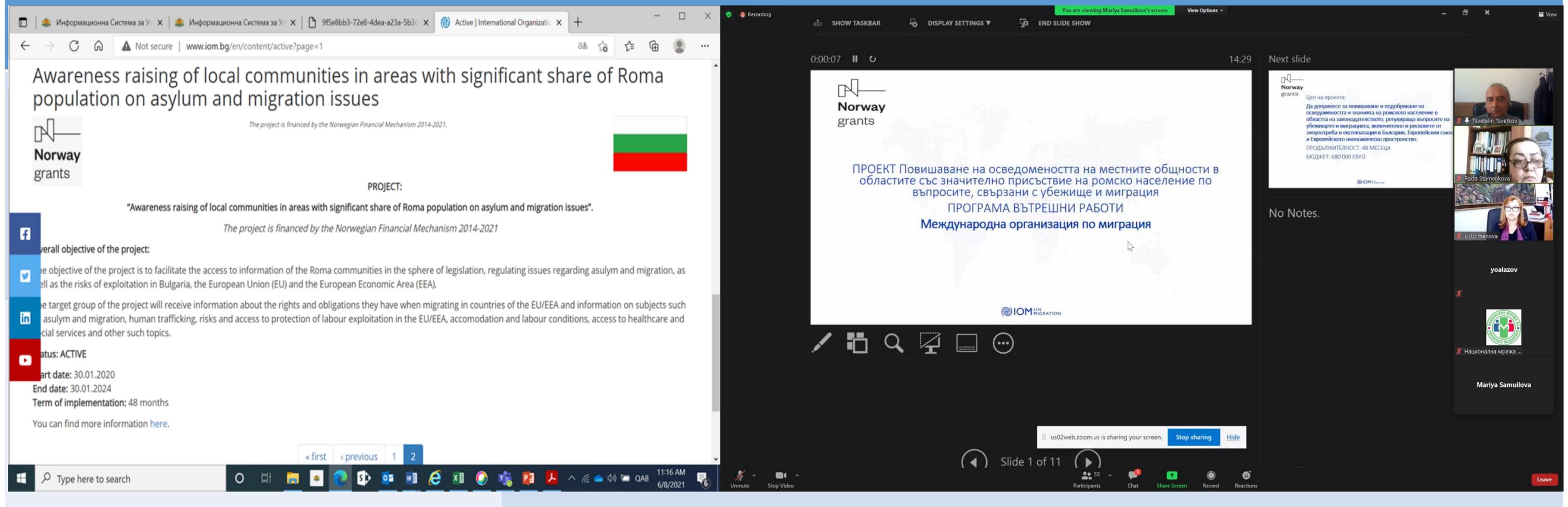
1. Development of an in-depth analysis/assessment of the situation of the Roma population, in particular with regard to issues related to migration;
2. Organizing awareness-raising campaigns among Roma communities on the legal aspects, rights and responsibilities of asylum-seekers and undocumented migrants in Bulgaria;
3. Organization of information sessions, discussions, seminars and other awareness-raising events;

**Current state of play**

- Signed contract for implementation of the main activities of the project.
- Signed contracts for providing logistics and for interpretation at workshops and conferences;
- The implementation of the all activities has started;
- Opening event was held online on 20.05.2021.

# PDP 12: Awareness raising of local communities in areas with significant share of Roma population on asylum and migration issues

## Event: Opening event



The screenshot displays a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a browser window shows the project page for "Awareness raising of local communities in areas with significant share of Roma population on asylum and migration issues". The page includes the Norway grants logo, a Bulgarian flag, and project details: "PROJECT: 'Awareness raising of local communities in areas with significant share of Roma population on asylum and migration issues'". It also lists the overall objective, target group, and dates (start: 30.01.2020, end: 30.01.2024, term: 48 months).

The main Zoom window shows a presentation slide with the Norway grants logo and the following text in Bulgarian: "ПРОЕКТ Повишаване на осведомеността на местните общности в областите със значително присъствие на ромско население по въпросите, свързани с убежище и миграция ПРОГРАМА ВЪТРЕШНИ РАБОТИ Международна организация по миграция". The slide also features a world map and the IOM logo.

On the right side of the Zoom window, there is a "Next slide" preview with text in Bulgarian: "Цел на проекта: Да допринесе за повишаване и подобряване на осведомеността и знанието на ромското население в областта на законодателството, регулиращ въпросите на убежището и миграцията, включително и рисковете от злоупотреба и експлоатация в България, Европейския съюз и Европейското икономическо пространство. ПРОДЪЛЖИТЕЛНОСТ: 48 МЕСЕЦА БЮДЖЕТ: 680 000 ЕВРО". Below the preview, there are video thumbnails for participants: Tsvetelin Tsvetkov, Rada Stamenkova, s.stoimenova, yoalazov, and Mariya Samuilova. The Zoom control bar at the bottom shows "Slide 1 of 11", "Participants 55", "Chat", "Share Screen", "Record", "Reactions", and "Leave".

**PDP 13: Prevention and Counter to Corruption**

**Implementation period:** 17.01.2020-17.01.2023

**Project Promoter:** Internal Security Directorate - Ministry of Interior

**Project Partner:** General Directorate National Police

**Main activities under the project**

1. Development of methodology/ tools for anti-corruption, trainings, seminars, and exchange of experience;
2. Development of information collection system and “Whistle blower mechanism”;
3. Purchasing specialized equipment and increasing the capacity of GDNP to prevent and counteract corruption.

**Current state of play**

1. Logistics of events and interpretation are contracted, promotional materials have been delivered;
2. Public procurement procedures are being prepared and are expected to be published soon;
3. Specialized equipment delivered according to contract, public procurement procedures are being prepared.

## PDP 13: Prevention and Counter to Corruption Specialized equipment and promotional materials



**PDP 14: Enhanced capacities of Bulgarian authorities to recover and manage criminal assets**

**Implementation period: 22.07.2020 – 22.07.2023**

**Project Promoter: COMMISSION FOR ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ILLEGAL ASSETS FORFEITURE**

**Main activities under the project**

- Specialized trainings (2 activities)
- Creating a regional platform for the recovery of criminal assets
- Information and Technical support
- Development and implementation of a specialized information system for the secured property in CACIAF

**Current state of play**

- Specialized trainings upcoming
  - \* Analysis of foreign institutions performed
  - \* A research of Bulgarian universities done
  - \* PPPs under preparation: events, logistics, airline tickets, translation, equipment, TEMPEST, TETRA
- Communication with BAMIN is on-going
- Development of a specialized information system: January 2022

# Financial Implementation

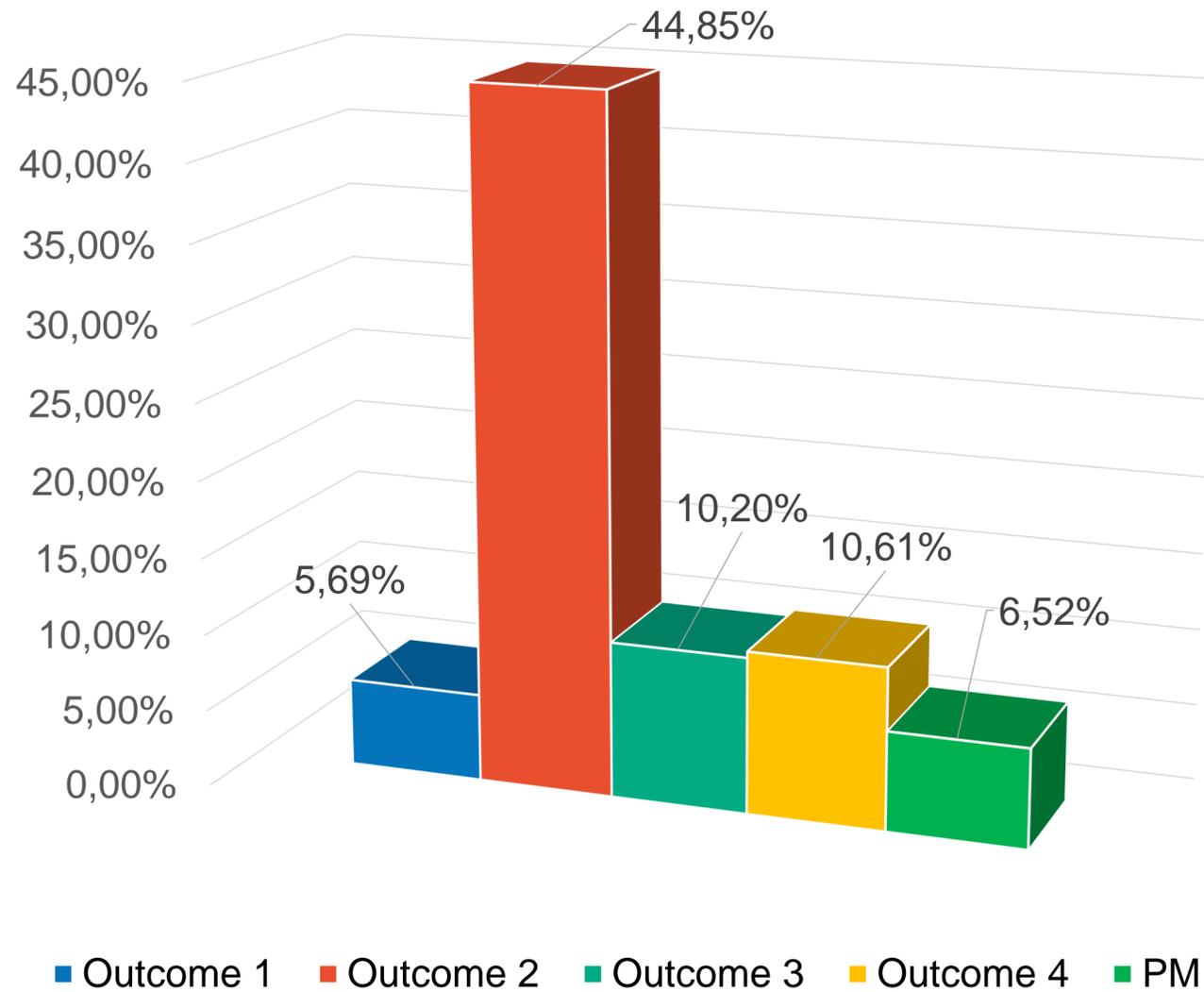
# Financial Implementation

Predefined projects in process of implementation				
Outcome	PDP	Beneficiary	PDP budget:	Payments to day
1	2	State Agency for Refugees at the Council of Ministers	1 438 443,01 €	431 532,90 €
2	3	General Directorate for Combating Organised Crime (GDCOC)	4 000 000,00 €	1 200 000,00 €
2	4	Communication and Information Systems Directorate	1 400 000,00 €	420 000,00 €
2	5	International Operational Police Cooperation	290 000,00 €	86 999,69 €
2	6	General Directorate National Police	3 680 000,00 €	1 103 999,90
2	7	Research Institute of Forensic Sciences	1 973 220,43 €	604 430,78 €
3	9	The Academy of the Ministry of Interior	630 000,00 €	189 000,00 €
3	10	General Directorate National Police	620 000,00 €	185 999,59 €
3	11	General Directorate National Police	650 000,00 €	195 000,00 €
3	12	International Organisation for Migration	679 795,58 €	203 938,67 €
4	13	Internal Security Directorate of the Mol	1 933 389,91 €	580 016,98 €
4	14	Commission for Combating Corruption and Illegal Assets Forfeiture	749 775,69 €	225 597,67 €
	PM	International Project Directorate	1 649 491,00 €	270 972,82 €

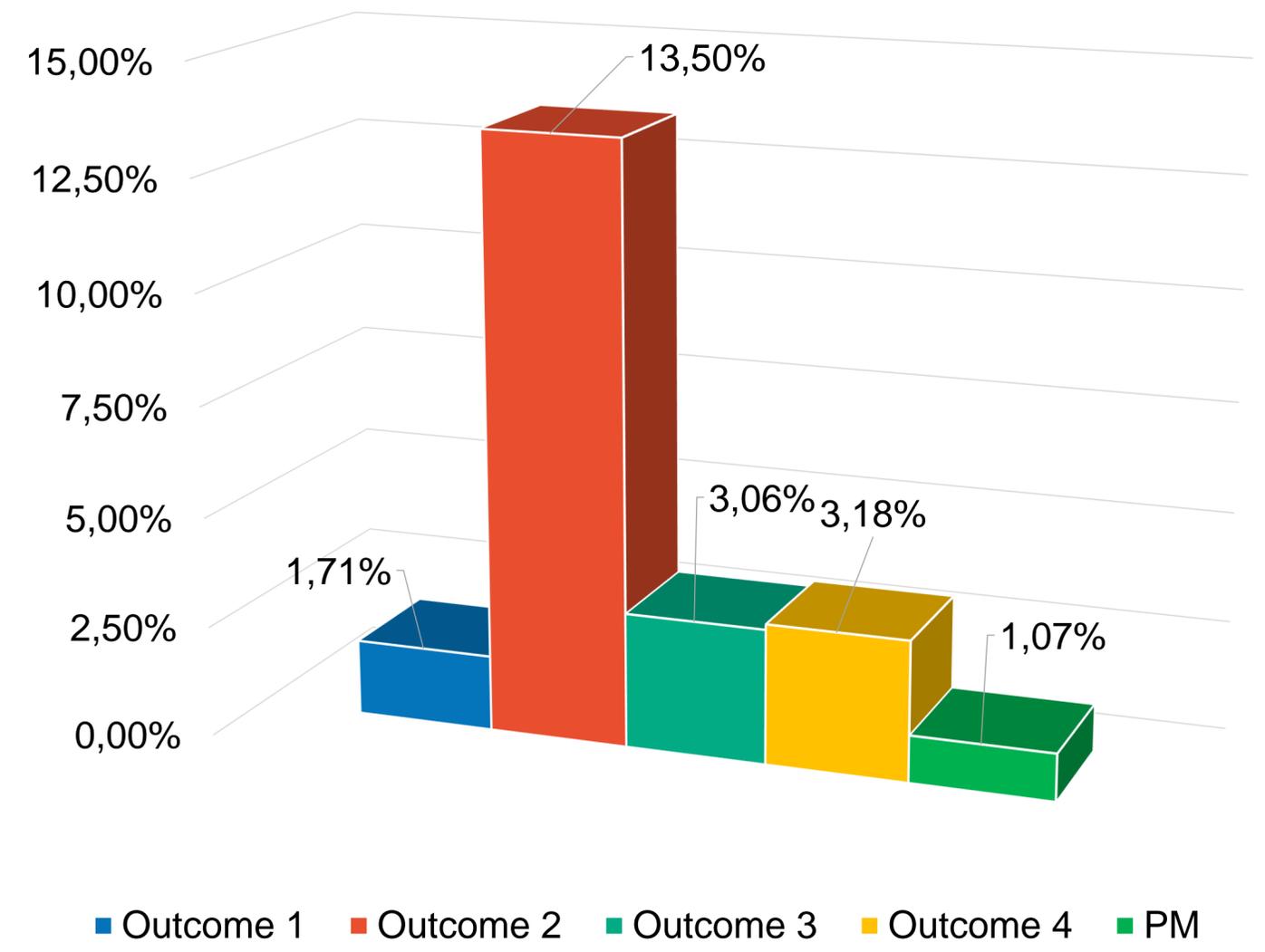
# Financial Implementation

- Percentage of funds agreed and payed under the Programme

Percentage of funds agreed under the Programme



Percentage of funds payed under the Programme





# Procurement

## PROCUREMENT

### **Total number of public procurements – 118**

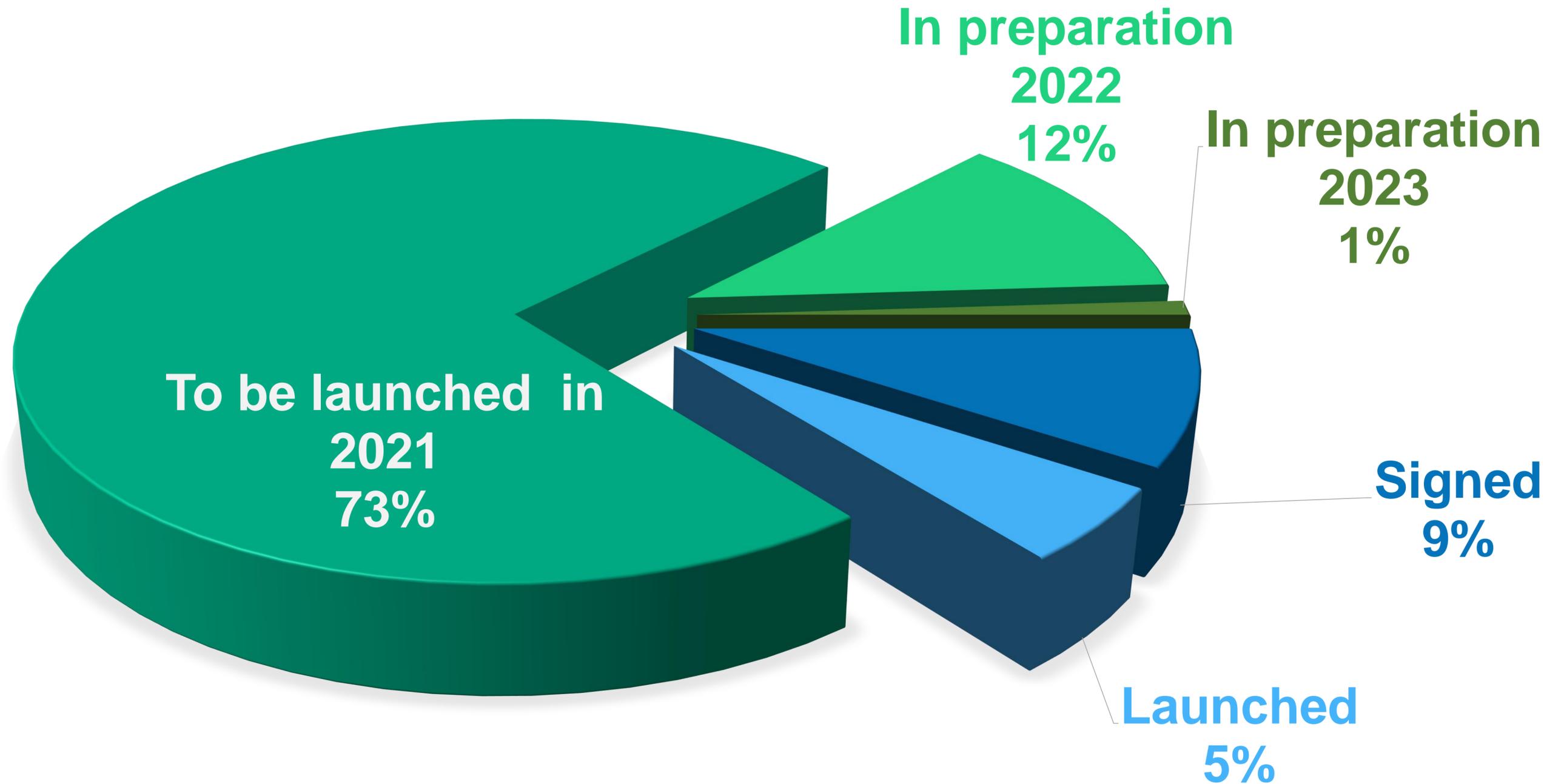
- ✓ signed contracts – 11
- ✓ currently published public procurements – 6
- ✓ public procurements in preparation – 101
  - Ex-ante controls performed – 29

**Direct awards – 37**

# PROCUREMENT

	Total Procedures	Procedures with signed contracts	Launched procedures	<i>Under preparation</i>					Direct awards
				Total under preparation	Ex-ante controls performed	2021	2022	2023	
PDP2	9	0	0	9		6	2	1	3
PDP3	14	1	0	13	2	8	5		3
PDP4	1	1		0					1
PDP5	6	0		6	0	5	1	0	0
PDP6	25	0	1	24	7	23	1		5
PDP7	9	3	3	3	1	3			1
PDP9	5	0	0	5	0	4	1		3
PDP10	5	0	0	5	3	5			6
PDP11	17	1		16	10	15	1		10
PDP12	3	1		2	2	2			2
PDP13	14	4	2	8	3	7	1		
PDP14	10	0	0	10	1	8	2	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>

# PROCUREMENT



# Updated risk management table

# Changes in the risk management table

As agreed in the last Cooperation Committee meeting and in accordance with the approved minutes, PO made the following changes:

1. “Lack of communication between the responsible units” - as proposed by UDI the risk was revised to “lack of regular, up to date and timely communication between the responsible units”;
2. The score of the likelihood of the risk “Delay in the implementation of the Programme may represent a risk for the successful achievement of its objectives” was 2 (unlikely) and updated to 3 (likely) due to some minor delays following the Covid-19 situation;
3. The risk scores of the risk “Delays in implementation of projects, incl. public procurement procedures due to COVID-19 situation” were: 4 (almost certain) for likelihood and 2 (moderate) for consequence. However, there are no significant delays in project implementation so the risk score was decreased to 3 (likely);
4. New risks related to the new open call and the new PDP 8 were added.



# Thank you for your attention!

## See you next time in person ;)

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