

## **KNOWLEDGE TEST**

**1.- In accordance with the provisions of article 2 (Definitions) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) 'third country' means a country which is not a Member State and does not receive support from the Interreg funds or which contributes to the general budget of the Union ('Union budget') by external assigned revenue.

B) 'third country' means a country which is a Member State and does not receive support from the Interreg funds or which contributes to the general budget of the Union ('Union budget') by external assigned revenue.

C) 'third country' means a country which is not a Member State and receive support from the Interreg funds or which contributes to the general budget of the Union ('Union budget') by external assigned revenue.

D) 'third country' means a country which is a Member State and receive support from the Interreg funds or which contributes to the general budget of the Union ('Union budget') by external assigned revenue.

**2.- In accordance with the provisions of article 5.3 (Geographical coverage for transnational cooperation) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) Transnational cooperation programmes may cover the following territories, among others whether or not they are supported from the Union budget: (a) regions in Montenegro, Norway and Switzerland as well as Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco and San Marino.

B) Transnational cooperation programmes may cover the following territories, among others, whether or not they are supported from the Union budget: (a) regions in Montenegro, Norway and Switzerland as well as Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Turkey and San Marino.

C) Transnational cooperation programmes may cover the following territories, among others whether or not they are supported from the Union budget: (a) regions in Montenegro, Norway and Switzerland as well as Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco and Turkey.

D) Transnational cooperation programmes may cover the following territories, among others whether or not they are supported from the Union budget: (a) regions in Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom as well as Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco and San Marino.

**3.- In accordance with the provisions of article 4.1 (Geographical coverage for cross-border cooperation) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) For cross-border cooperation, the regions to be supported by the ERDF shall be the NUTS level 2 regions of the Union along all internal and external land borders with third countries or partner countries and all NUTS level 3 regions of the Union along maritime borders separated by a maximum of 250 km of sea, without prejudice to potential adjustments needed to ensure the coherence and continuity of cooperation programme areas and where cross-border interaction may effectively take place.

B) For cross-border cooperation, the regions to be supported by the ERDF shall be the NUTS level 3 regions of the Union along all internal and external land borders with third countries or partner countries and all NUTS level 3 regions of the Union along maritime borders separated by a maximum of 150 km of sea, without prejudice to potential adjustments needed to ensure the coherence and continuity of cooperation programme areas and where cross-border interaction may effectively take place.

C) For cross-border cooperation, the regions to be supported by the ERDF shall be the NUTS level 3 regions of the Union along all internal and external land borders with third countries or partner countries and all NUTS level 2 regions of the Union along maritime borders separated by a maximum of 150 km of sea, without prejudice to potential adjustments needed to ensure the coherence and continuity of cooperation programme areas and where cross-border interaction may effectively take place.

D) For cross-border cooperation, the regions to be supported by the ERDF shall be the NUTS level 2 regions of the Union along all internal and external land borders with third countries or partner countries and all NUTS level 2 regions of the Union along maritime borders separated by a maximum of 250 km of sea, without prejudice to potential adjustments needed to ensure the coherence and continuity of cooperation programme areas and where cross-border interaction may effectively take place.

**4.- In accordance with the provisions of article 6.1 (Geographical coverage for interregional cooperation) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) For interregional cooperation, the entire territory of the Union, excluding the outermost regions, shall be supported by the ERDF.
- B) For interregional cooperation, the entire territory of the Union, including the outermost regions, shall be supported by the ESF+.
- C) For interregional cooperation, the entire territory of the Union, including the outermost regions, shall be supported by the ERDF.
- D) For interregional cooperation, not the entire territory of the Union shall be supported by the ESF+, but only the outermost regions.

**5.- In accordance with the provisions of article 12.1 (Return of resources and discontinuation) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) If for 2022 or 2023 an external cross-border programme has not been submitted to the Commission by 31 March of the year concerned, the annual contribution from the ERDF to that programme that has not been re-allocated to another programme submitted under the same category of internal cross-border Interreg programs, shall be allocated to the external cross-border Interreg programmes in which the Member State concerned participates.
- B) If for 2022 or 2023 an external cross-border programme has not been submitted to the Commission by 31 March of the year concerned, the annual contribution from the ERDF to that programme that has not been re-allocated to another programme submitted under the same category of external cross-border Interreg programmes, shall be allocated to the transnational cooperation programmes in which the Member State concerned participates.
- C) If for 2022 or 2023 an external cross-border programme has not been submitted to the Commission by 31 March of the year concerned, the annual contribution from the ERDF to that programme that has not been re-allocated to another programme submitted under the same category of external cross-border Interreg programmes, shall be allocated to the outermost regions cooperation programmes in which the Member State concerned participates.
- D) If for 2022 or 2023 an external cross-border programme has not been submitted to the Commission by 31 March of the year concerned, the annual contribution from the ERDF to that programme that has not been re-allocated to another programme submitted under the same category of external cross-border Interreg programmes shall be allocated to the internal cross-border Interreg programmes in which the Member State concerned participates.

**6.- In accordance with the provisions of article 9.4 (ERDF resources for Interreg programmes) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) Each Member State may transfer up to 10% of its financial allocation for each of the strands A, B and D from one of those strands to one or more of the others.
- B) Each Member State may transfer up to 15% of its financial allocation for each of the strands A, B and D from one of those strands to one or more of the others.
- C) Each Member State may transfer up to 20% of its financial allocation for each of the strands A, B and D from one of those strands to one or more of the others.
- D) Each Member State may transfer up to 25% of its financial allocation for each of the strands A, B and D from one of those strands to one or more of the others.

**7.- In accordance with the provisions of article 15.2 (Thematic concentration) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) Up to 20 % of the ERDF contribution and, where applicable, of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations to each Interreg A, B and D programme may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better cooperation governance' and up to 5 % may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a more competitive and intelligent Europe'.
- B) Up to 20 % of the ERDF contribution and, where applicable, of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations to each Interreg A, B and D programme may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better cooperation governance' and up to 5 % may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a safer and more secure Europe'.
- C) Up to 5 % of the ERDF contribution and, where applicable, of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations to each Interreg A, B and D programme may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better cooperation governance' and up to 20 % may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a safer and more secure Europe'.
- D) Up to 5 % of the ERDF contribution and, where applicable, of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations to each Interreg A, B and D programme may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a better cooperation governance' and up to 20 % may be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of 'a more competitive and intelligent Europe'.

**8.- In accordance with the provisions of article 13.1 (Co-financing rates) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than 80 %.
- B) The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not less than 80 %.
- C) The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not higher than 70 %.
- D) The co-financing rate at the level of each Interreg programme shall be not less than 70 %.

**9.- In accordance with the provisions of article 15.3 (Thematic concentration) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) Where an Interreg A programme supports a macro-regional strategy or a sea-basin strategy, at least 80 % of the ERDF contribution and, where applicable, part of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance shall contribute to the objectives of that strategy.
- B) Where an Interreg A programme supports a macro-regional strategy or a sea-basin strategy, at least 70 % of the ESF+ contribution and, where applicable, part of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance shall contribute to the objectives of that strategy.
- C) Where an Interreg B programme supports a macro-regional strategy or a sea-basin strategy, at least 80 % of the ERDF contribution and, where applicable, part of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance shall contribute to the objectives of that strategy.
- D) Where an Interreg B programme supports a macro-regional strategy or a sea-basin strategy, at least 70 % of the ESF+ contribution and, where applicable, part of the external financing instruments of the Union allocations under priorities other than for technical assistance shall contribute to the objectives of that strategy.

**10.- In accordance with the provisions of article 16.1 (Preparation and submission of Interreg programmes) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) shall be implemented through Interreg programmes under shared management with the exception of Interreg A programmes, which may be implemented as a whole or partially under indirect management in agreement with the Member State or Member States concerned after consulting stakeholders.

B) The European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) shall be implemented through Interreg programmes under shared management with the exception of Interreg D programmes, which may be implemented as a whole or partially under indirect management in agreement with the Member State or Member States concerned after consulting stakeholders.

C) The European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) shall be implemented through Interreg programmes under shared management with the exception of Interreg C programmes, which may be implemented as a whole or partially under indirect management in agreement with the Member State or Member States concerned after consulting stakeholders.

D) The European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) shall be implemented through Interreg programmes under shared management with the exception of Interreg B programmes, which may be implemented as a whole or partially under indirect management in agreement with the Member State or Member States concerned after consulting stakeholders.

**11.- In accordance with the provisions of article 17.3 (Content of Interreg programmes ) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) When a Member State submits the programme, it shall ensure that the programme is accompanied for information purposes by a map.

B) When a Member State submits the programme, it shall ensure that the programme is accompanied for information purposes by a financing plan.

C) When a Member State submits the programme, it shall ensure that the programme is accompanied for information purposes by an indicative breakdown of the programmed resources by type of intervention.

D) When a Member State submits the programme, it shall ensure that the programme is accompanied for information purposes by a list of planned operations of strategic importance and a timetable.

**12.- In accordance with the provisions of article 18.4 (Approval of Interreg programmes) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) The Commission shall adopt a decision by means of an implementing act approving each Interreg programme not later than five months after the date of the first submission of that programme by the Member State hosting the prospective managing authority.
- B) The Commission shall adopt a decision by means of an implementing act approving each Interreg programme not later than three months after the date of the first submission of that programme by the Member State hosting the prospective managing authority.
- C) The Commission shall adopt a decision by means of an implementing act approving each Interreg programme not later than two months after the date of the first submission of that programme by the Member State hosting the prospective managing authority.
- D) The Commission shall adopt a decision by means of an implementing act approving each Interreg programme not later than one month after the date of the first submission of that programme by the Member State hosting the prospective managing authority.

**13.- In accordance with the provisions of article 19.5 (Amendment of Interreg programmes) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) Following the consultation of and the approval by the monitoring committee and in compliance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, the managing authority may transfer during the programming period an amount of up to 10 % of the initial allocation of a priority and no more than 2 % of the programme budget to another priority of the same Interreg programme.
- B) Following the consultation of and the approval by the monitoring committee and in compliance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, the managing authority may transfer during the programming period an amount of up to 15 % of the initial allocation of a priority and no more than 5 % of the programme budget to another priority of the same Interreg programme.
- C) Following the consultation of and the approval by the monitoring committee and in compliance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, the managing authority may transfer during the programming period an amount of up to 10 % of the initial allocation of a priority and no more than 5 % of the programme budget to another priority of the same Interreg programme.
- D) Following the consultation of and the approval by the monitoring committee and in compliance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, the managing authority may transfer during the programming period an amount of up to 20% of the initial allocation of a priority.

**14.- In accordance with the provisions of article 20 (Integrated territorial development) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) For Interreg programmes, the relevant territorial authorities or bodies responsible for drawing up territorial or local development strategies as listed in Article 30 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 or involved in the selection of operations to be supported under those strategies as referred to in Article 29(5) of that Regulation, or for both, shall represent at least three participating countries.

B) For Interreg programmes, the relevant territorial authorities or bodies responsible for drawing up territorial or local development strategies as listed in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 or involved in the selection of operations to be supported under those strategies as referred to in Article 29(5) of that Regulation, or for both, shall represent at least four participating countries.

C) For Interreg programmes, the relevant territorial authorities or bodies responsible for drawing up territorial or local development strategies as listed in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 or involved in the selection of operations to be supported under those strategies as referred to in Article 29(5) of that Regulation, or for both, shall represent at least two participating countries, of which at least one is a Member State.

D) For Interreg programmes, the relevant territorial authorities or bodies responsible for drawing up territorial or local development strategies as listed in Article 28 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 or involved in the selection of operations to be supported under those strategies as referred to in Article 29(5) of that Regulation, or for both, shall represent at least two Member States.

**15.- In accordance with the provisions of article 23.1 (Partnership within Interreg operations) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) Operations selected under the Interreg Europe and URBACT programmes shall involve partners from at least two participating countries.

B) Operations selected under Interreg A, B and D programmes shall involve partners from at least four participating countries or OCTs, at least one of which shall be a beneficiary from a Member State.

C) Beneficiaries receiving support from Interreg funds and partners participating in the operation but not receiving any financial support under those funds (jointly referred to as ‘partners’) does not constitute an Interreg operation partnership.

D) Operations selected under Interreg A, B and D programmes shall involve partners from at least two participating countries or OCTs, at least one of which shall be a beneficiary from a Member State.



**16.- In accordance with the provisions of article 25 (Small project funds) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The total contribution from the ERDF or, where applicable, an external financing instrument of the Union, to small project funds within an Interreg programme shall not exceed 15 % of the total allocation of the Interreg programme.

B) The total contribution from the ERDF or, where applicable, an external financing instrument of the Union, to small project funds within an Interreg programme shall not exceed 20 % of the total allocation of the Interreg programme.

C) The selection of small projects shall constitute a delegation of tasks from the managing authority to an intermediate body as referred to in Article 71(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

D) Where the public contribution to a small project does not exceed EUR 150. 000 the contribution from the ERDF or, where applicable, an external financing instrument of the Union shall take the form of unit costs or lump sums or flat rate financing, except for projects for which the support constitutes State aid.

**17.- In accordance with the provisions of article 26 (Tasks of the lead partner) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) A partner from a third country participating in an Interreg operation may not be designated as a lead partner.

B) A partner from a partner country participating in an Interreg operation may not be designated as a lead partner.

C) The lead partner will not assume responsibility for ensuring implementation of the entire Interreg operation.

D) The lead partner shall lay down the arrangements with the other partners in an agreement comprising provisions that, inter alia, guarantee the sound financial management of the respective Union funds allocated to the Interreg operation, including the arrangements for recovering amounts unduly paid.

**18.- In accordance with the provisions of article 28 (Monitoring committee) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The Member States and, where applicable, the third countries, partner countries and OCTs participating in that programme shall set up, in agreement with the managing authority, a committee to monitor implementation of the respective Interreg programme ('monitoring committee') within five months of the date of notification to the Member States of the Commission decision approving an Interreg programme pursuant to Article 18.

B) The Member States and, where applicable, the third countries, partner countries and OCTs participating in that programme shall set up, in agreement with the managing authority, a committee to monitor implementation of the respective Interreg programme ('monitoring committee') within three months of the date of notification to the Member States of the Commission decision approving an Interreg programme pursuant to Article 18.

C) The monitoring committee shall meet at least twice a year and shall review all issues that affect the programme's progress towards achieving its objectives.

D) It is not necessary for each monitoring committee to adopt its own rules of procedure.

**19.- In accordance with the provisions of article 31 (Review) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) A review may be organised by the Council to examine the performance of Interreg programmes. The review may be carried out in writing.

B) At the request of the Council, the managing authority shall, within two months, provide the Council with concise information on the elements listed in Article 30. That information shall be based on the most recent data available to the Member States and, where applicable, third countries, partner countries and OCTs.

C) The outcome of the review shall be recorded in agreed minutes.

D) The managing authority shall follow-up issues raised by the Council and inform the Council, within four months of the date of the review, of the measures taken.

**20.- In accordance with the provisions of article 33.1 (Final performance report) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) Each managing authority shall submit to the Council a final performance report on the respective Interreg programme by 15 February 2031.
- B) Each managing authority shall submit to the Commission a final performance report on the respective Interreg programme by 28 February 2031.
- C) Each managing authority shall submit to the Member States a final performance report on the respective Interreg programme by 28 February 2031.
- D) Each managing authority shall submit to the Commission a final performance report on the respective Interreg programme by 15 February 2031.

**21.- In accordance with the provisions of article 34.3 (Indicators for Interreg programmes) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) For output indicators, baselines shall be set at zero. The milestones set for 2024 and targets set for 2029 shall be cumulative.
- B) For output indicators, baselines shall not be set at zero. The milestones set for 2023 and targets set for 2029 shall be cumulative.
- C) For output indicators, baselines shall be set at zero. The milestones set for 2023 and targets set for 2029 shall not be cumulative.
- D) For output indicators, baselines shall not be set at zero. The milestones set for 2024 and targets set for 2029 shall be cumulative.

**22.- In accordance with the provisions of article 36.5 (Responsibilities of managing authorities and partners with regard to transparency and communication) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) For small project funds and financial instruments, the beneficiary shall ensure by means of the contractual terms that final recipients comply with the requirements to communicate publicly on the Interreg operation.

B) For small project funds and financial instruments, the beneficiary shall not ensure by means of the contractual terms that final recipients comply with the requirements to communicate publicly on the Interreg operation.

C) For financial instruments, the final recipient shall acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Commission, in particular when programming the actions and their results, by providing coherent, effective and targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

D) For financial instruments, the final recipient shall not acknowledge the origin and ensure the visibility of the Commission funding, in particular when promoting the actions and their results, by providing coherent, effective and targeted information to multiple audiences, including the media and the public.

**23.- In accordance with the provisions of article 43.2 (Equipment costs) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) Costs for the purchase of second-hand equipment are not eligible.

B) Costs for the purchase of second-hand equipment may be eligible subject to the following condition, among others: no other assistance has been received for it from the Interreg funds or from the funds listed in point (a) of Article 1(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

C) Costs for the purchase of second-hand equipment may be eligible subject to the following condition: only if its price does exceed the generally accepted price on the market in question.

D) Costs for the purchase of second-hand equipment may be eligible subject to the following condition: it has not the technical characteristics necessary for the operation and complies with applicable norms and standards.

**24.- In accordance with the provisions of article 59.2 (Conclusion of financing agreements under shared management) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) Any financing agreement shall be concluded by 31 December of the year when the first budget commitment was made and shall be considered to be concluded on the date when the last party has signed it.

B) Any financing agreement shall be concluded by 31 December of the year following the year when the first budget commitment was made and shall be considered to be concluded on the date when the last party has signed it.

C) Any financing agreement shall be concluded by 31 November of the year following the year when the first budget commitment was made and shall be considered to be concluded on the date when the last party has signed it.

D) Any financing agreement shall be concluded by 31 November of the year when the first budget commitment was made and shall be considered to be concluded on the date when the last party has signed it.

**25.- In accordance with the provisions of article 46.2 (Functions of the managing authority) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The joint secretariat shall assist the monitoring committee in carrying out its functions. The joint secretariat shall also provide information to potential beneficiaries about funding opportunities under Interreg programmes and shall assist beneficiaries and partners in the implementation of operations.

B) The joint secretariat shall assist the monitoring committee in carrying out its functions. The joint secretariat shall also provide information to potential beneficiaries about funding opportunities under Interreg programmes and shall assist beneficiaries in the implementation of operations.

C) The joint secretariat shall assist the managing authority and the monitoring committee in carrying out their respective functions. The joint secretariat shall also provide information to potential beneficiaries about funding opportunities under Interreg programmes and shall assist beneficiaries and partners in the implementation of operations.

D) The joint secretariat shall assist the managing authority in carrying out its functions. The joint secretariat shall also provide information to potential beneficiaries about funding opportunities under Interreg programmes and shall assist beneficiaries and partners in the implementation of operations.

**26.- In accordance with the provisions of article 49.8 (Audit of operations) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) Where the global residual error rate referred to in paragraph 7 is more than 2,5 % of the expenditure declared for the Interreg programmes included in the population from which the common sample was selected, the Commission shall determine whether it is necessary to request the audit authority of a specific Interreg programme or a group of Interreg programmes most affected to carry out additional audit work in order to further evaluate the error rate and assess the required corrective measures for the Interreg programmes affected by the irregularities detected.

B) Where the global residual error rate referred to in paragraph 7 is more than 3 % of the expenditure declared for the Interreg programmes included in the population from which the common sample was selected, the Commission shall determine whether it is necessary to request the audit authority of a specific Interreg programme or a group of Interreg programmes most affected to carry out additional audit work in order to further evaluate the error rate and assess the required corrective measures for the Interreg programmes affected by the irregularities detected.

C) Where the global residual error rate referred to in paragraph 7 is more than 4 % of the expenditure declared for the Interreg programmes included in the population from which the common sample was selected, the Commission shall determine whether it is necessary to request the audit authority of a specific Interreg programme or a group of Interreg programmes most affected to carry out additional audit work in order to further evaluate the error rate and assess the required corrective measures for the Interreg programmes affected by the irregularities detected.

D) Where the global residual error rate referred to in paragraph 7 is more than 2 % of the expenditure declared for the Interreg programmes included in the population from which the common sample was selected, the Commission shall determine whether it is necessary to request the audit authority of a specific Interreg programme or a group of Interreg programmes most affected to carry out additional audit work in order to further evaluate the error rate and assess the required corrective measures for the Interreg programmes affected by the irregularities detected.

**27.- In accordance with the provisions of article 52.2 (Recoveries) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The Member States, third countries, partner countries or OCTs participating in a given Interreg programme may decide that the lead or sole partner and the programme's managing authority are not obliged to recover an amount unduly paid that does not exceed EUR 250, interest included, in contribution from any of the Interreg funds to an operation in an accounting year.

B) The Member States, third countries, partner countries or OCTs participating in a given Interreg programme may decide that the lead or sole partner and the programme's managing authority are not obliged to recover an amount unduly paid that does not exceed EUR 250, not including interest, in contribution from any of the Interreg funds to an operation in an accounting year.

C) The Member States, third countries, partner countries or OCTs participating in a given Interreg programme may decide that the lead or sole partner and the programme's managing authority are not obliged to recover an amount unduly paid that does not exceed EUR 150, not including interest, in contribution from any of the Interreg funds to an operation in an accounting year.

D) The Member States, third countries, partner countries or OCTs participating in a given Interreg program may decide that the main or sole partner and the programme's managing authority are obliged to recover an amount unduly paid, even if it does not exceed EUR 250, not including interest, in contribution of any of the Interreg funds to an operation in an accounting year

**28.- In accordance with the provisions of article 58.1 (Procurement) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) where the beneficiary is located in a Member State and is a contracting authority or a contracting entity within the meaning of the Union law applicable to public procurement procedures, it shall apply national laws, regulations and administrative provision.

B) where the beneficiary is located in a Member State and is a contracting authority or a contracting entity within the meaning of the Union law applicable to public procurement procedures, it shall apply national and European laws, regulations and administrative provision.

C) where the beneficiary is located in a Member State and is a contracting authority or a contracting entity within the meaning of the Union law applicable to public procurement procedures, it shall apply European laws, regulations and administrative provision.

D) where the beneficiary is located in a Member State and is not a contracting authority or a contracting entity within the meaning of the Union law applicable to public procurement procedures, it shall apply national laws, regulations and administrative provision.

**29.- In accordance with the provisions of article 57.1 (Large infrastructure projects of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) Interreg programmes under this Chapter may support large infrastructure projects meaning operations comprising a set of works, activities or services intended to fulfil an indivisible function of a precise nature pursuing clearly identified objectives of common interest for the purposes of implementing investments delivering a cross-border impact and benefits and where a budget share of a total cost of at least EUR 2 500 000 is allocated to acquisition of infrastructure.

B) Interreg programmes under this Chapter may support large infrastructure projects meaning operations comprising a set of works, activities or services intended to fulfil an indivisible function of a precise nature pursuing clearly identified objectives of common interest for the purposes of implementing investments delivering a cross-border impact and benefits and where a budget share of a total cost of at least EUR 1 500 000 is allocated to the acquisition, construction or modernisation of infrastructure.

C) Interreg programmes under this Chapter may support large infrastructure projects meaning operations comprising a set of works, activities or services intended to fulfil an indivisible function of a precise nature pursuing clearly identified objectives of common interest for the purposes of implementing investments delivering a cross-border impact and benefits and where a budget share of a total cost of less than EUR 2 500 000 is allocated to the acquisition, construction or modernisation of infrastructure.

D) Interreg programmes under this Chapter may support large infrastructure projects meaning operations comprising a set of works, activities or services intended to fulfil an indivisible function of a precise nature pursuing clearly identified objectives of common interest for the purposes of implementing investments delivering a cross-border impact and benefits and where a budget share of a total cost of at least EUR 2 500 000 is allocated to the acquisition, construction or modernisation of infrastructure.

**30.- In accordance with the provisions of article 62.2 (Exercise of the delegation) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 16(6) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from 31 July 2021.

B) The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 16(6) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from 1 December 2021.

C) The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 16(6) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from 1 July 2021.

D) The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 16(6) shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time from 1 July 2022.



**31.- In accordance with the provisions of article 51 (Payments and pre-financing) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The Commission shall pay a pre-financing based on the total support from each Interreg fund, as set out in the decision approving each Interreg programme pursuant to Article 18, subject to available funds, in yearly instalments as follows and before 1 July of the years 2022 to 2026, or, in the year of the approving decision, not later than 60 days after that decision is adopted:  
2021/2022: 1%.

2023/2024/2025/2026: 3%

B) The Commission shall pay a pre-financing based on the total support from each Interreg fund, as set out in the decision approving each Interreg programme pursuant to Article 18, subject to available funds, in yearly instalments as follows and before 1 July of the years 2022 to 2026, or, in the year of the approving decision, not later than 60 days after that decision is adopted:  
2021/2022: 1%.

2023/2024: 2%

2025/2026: 3%

C) The Commission shall pay a pre-financing based on the total support from each Interreg fund, as set out in the decision approving each Interreg programme pursuant to Article 18, subject to available funds, in yearly instalments as follows and before 1 July of the years 2022 to 2026, or, in the year of the approving decision, not later than 60 days after that decision is adopted:  
2021/2022: 2%.

2023/2024/2025/2026: 3%

D) The Commission shall pay a pre-financing based on the total support from each Interreg fund, as set out in the decision approving each Interreg programme pursuant to Article 18, subject to available funds, in yearly instalments as follows and before 1 July of the years 2022 to 2026, or, in the year of the approving decision, not later than 60 days after that decision is adopted:  
2021/2022: 2%.

2023/2024: 3%

2025/2026: 4%

**32.- In accordance with the provisions of article 48.5 (Functions of the audit authority) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The audit authority shall draw up and submit to the Commission, each year by 15 March following the end of the accounting year, an annual audit opinion in accordance with Article 63(7) of the Financial Regulation using the template set out in Annex XIX to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and based on all audit work carried out.

B) The audit authority shall draw up and submit to the Commission, each year by 15 February following the end of the accounting year, an annual audit opinion in accordance with Article 63(7) of the Financial Regulation using the template set out in Annex XIX to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and based on all audit work carried out.

C) The audit authority shall draw up and submit to the Commission, each year by 1 February following the end of the accounting year, an annual audit opinion in accordance with Article 63(7) of the Financial Regulation using the template set out in Annex XIX to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and based on all audit work carried out.

D) The audit authority shall draw up and submit to the Commission, each year by 30 March following the end of the accounting year, an annual audit opinion in accordance with Article 63(7) of the Financial Regulation using the template set out in Annex XIX to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and based on all audit work carried out.

**33.- In accordance with the provisions of recital 78 of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The resources for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) should be allocated to Member States on the basis of the allocation methodology which takes into account in particular population density in border areas.

B) The resources for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) should be allocated to Member States on the basis of the allocation methodology which takes into account in particular unemployment in border areas.

C) The resources for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) should be allocated to Member States on the basis of the allocation methodology which takes into account in particular wealth in border areas.

D) The resources for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) should be allocated to Member States on the basis of the allocation methodology which takes into account in particular ageing in border areas.

**34.- In accordance with the provisions of article 48.1 (Communication officers and networks) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) Each Member State shall identify a communication coordinator for visibility, transparency and communication activities in relation to the support from the Funds, excluding programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) where that Member State hosts the managing authority.

B) Each Member State shall identify a communication coordinator for visibility, transparency and communication activities in relation to the support from the Funds, including programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) where that Member State hosts the managing authority.

C) Each Member State shall identify a communication coordinator for visibility, transparency and communication activities in relation to the support from the Funds, taking the best decision about programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) where that Member State hosts the managing authority.

D) Each Member State shall identify a communication coordinator for visibility, transparency and communication activities in relation to the support from the Funds, without considering programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) where that Member State hosts the audit authority.

**35.- In accordance with the provisions of article 2 (Definitions) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) 'operation of strategic importance' means an operation which provides a poor contribution to the achievement of the objectives of a programme.

B) 'operation of strategic importance' means an operation which provides a significant contribution to the achievement of the objectives of a programme but which it is not subject to particular monitoring and communication measures.

C) 'operation of strategic importance' means an operation which provides a significant contribution to the achievement of the objectives of a programme and which is subject to particular monitoring and communication measures.

D) 'operation of strategic importance' means an operation which total cost is more than 50.000.000€.

**36.- In accordance with the provisions of article 93.1 (Common rules for payments) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) Without prejudice to Article 15(5) and (6) and subject to available funding, the Commission shall make interim payments within 30 days of the date on which a payment application is received by the Commission.

B) Without prejudice to Article 15(5) and (6) and subject to available funding, the Commission shall make interim payments within 40 days of the date on which a payment application is received by the Commission.

C) Without prejudice to Article 15(5) and (6) and subject to available funding, the Commission shall make interim payments within 60 days of the date on which a payment application is received by the Commission.

D) Without prejudice to Article 15(5) and (6) and subject to available funding, the Commission shall make interim payments within 90 days of the date on which a payment application is received by the Commission.

**37.- In accordance with the provisions of article 36.1 (Technical assistance of Member States) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) At the initiative of a Member State, the Funds may support actions, which may concern previous and subsequent programming periods.

B) At the initiative of a Member State, the Funds may support actions, which shall not concern previous and subsequent programming periods.

C) At the initiative of a Member State, the Funds may support actions, which are not necessary for the effective administration and use of those Funds.

D) At the initiative of a Member State, the Funds may support actions excluding preparation, training, management, monitoring, evaluation, visibility and communication.

**38.- In accordance with the provisions of article 5.1 (Policy objectives) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFAF shall support the following policy objective: a more competitive and smarter Europe.

B) The ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFAF shall support the following policy objective: a more military Europe.

C) The ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFAF shall support the following policy objective: a more rural Europe.

D) The ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFAF shall support the following policy objective: a more stronger Europe.

**39.- In accordance with the provisions of article 12.4 (Processing and protection of personal data) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Which of the following answers is correct?**

A) The Managing Authority shall adopt a decision by means of an implementing act approving the Partnership Agreement.

B) The Commission shall adopt a decision by means of an implementing act approving the Partnership Agreement.

C) The Monitoring Committee shall adopt a decision by means of an implementing act approving the Partnership Agreement.

D) The Member State shall adopt a decision by means of an implementing act approving the Partnership Agreement.

**40.- In accordance with the provisions of article 36.6 (Technical assistance of Member States) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) Common rules for technical assistance for Interreg programmes set out in CPR shall apply.
- B) Rules for technical assistance do not apply.
- C) Specific rules for technical assistance for Interreg programmes shall be set out in the ERDF Regulation.
- D) Specific rules for technical assistance for Interreg programmes shall be set out in the Interreg Regulation.

### **RESERVE QUESTIONS**

**41.- In accordance with the provisions of article 15.4 (Thematic concentration) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) All of the policy objectives set out in the Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and the Interreg-specific objective of ‘a better cooperation governance’ may be selected for Interreg INTERACT y ESPON programme. For the Interreg Europa y URBACT programmes, the total ERDF contribution and, where applicable, the external financing instruments of the Union allocations shall be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of ‘a Europe closer to citizens’.
- B) All of the policy objectives set out in the Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and the Interreg-specific objective of ‘a better cooperation governance’ may be selected for Interreg INTERACT y ESPON programme. For the Interreg Europa y URBACT programmes, the total ERDF contribution and, where applicable, the external financing instruments of the Union allocations shall be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of ‘a safer and more secure Europe’.
- C) All of the policy objectives set out in the Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and the Interreg-specific objective of ‘a better cooperation governance’ may be selected for Interreg Europe and URBACT programmes. For the INTERACT and ESPON programme, the total ERDF contribution and, where applicable, the external financing instruments of the Union allocations shall be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of ‘a more competitive and intelligent Europe’.
- D) All of the policy objectives set out in the Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 and the Interreg-specific objective of ‘a better cooperation governance’ may be selected for Interreg Europe and URBACT programmes. For the INTERACT and ESPON programme, the total ERDF contribution and, where applicable, the external financing instruments of the Union allocations shall be allocated to the Interreg-specific objective of ‘a better cooperation governance’.

**42.- In accordance with the provisions of article 29 (Composition of the monitoring committee) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) The composition of the monitoring committee of each Interreg programme shall be agreed solely by the Member States.
- B) The composition of the monitoring committee of each Interreg programme shall be agreed by the Member States and, where applicable, by the third countries, partner countries and OCTs participating in that programme.
- C) The managing authority shall publish a list of the members of the monitoring committee on the Official Journal of the European Union referred to in Article 36(2).
- D) Representatives of the Council of Europe shall participate in the work of the monitoring committee in an advisory capacity.

**43.- In accordance with the provisions of article 38 (General provisions on eligibility of cost categories) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1059 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) The following costs are eligible: fines, financial penalties and expenditure on legal disputes and litigation.
- B) The following costs are not eligible: fines, financial penalties and expenditure on legal disputes and litigation.
- C) The following costs are eligible: costs of gifts, and costs related to fluctuation of foreign exchange rate.
- D) The following costs are eligible: costs related to fluctuation of foreign exchange rate.

**44.- In accordance with the provisions of article 91.1 (Payment applications) of REGULATION (EU) 2021/1060 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of June 24, 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. Which of the following answers is correct?**

- A) The last payment application submitted by 31 July shall be deemed to be the final payment application for the accounting year that has ended 31 Decembre.
- B) The last payment application submitted by 1 July shall be deemed to be the final payment application for the accounting year that has ended 30 June.
- C) The last payment application submitted by 1 July shall be deemed to be the final payment application for the accounting year that has ended 31 Decembre.
- D) The last payment application submitted by 31 July shall be deemed to be the final payment application for the accounting year that has ended 30 June.