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## **Item 2**

# *Projects monitoring and mid-term review*

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### MID-TERM REVIEW

From an operational point of view, the mid-term review is focused on the verification of the achievement of the **following targets** at the end of the first half of the project life-time:

**1. Project budget spending performance vs forecast expenditures is at least of:**

- ✓ 75% - ISO 1 strategic projects
- ✓ 80% - Standard projects

**2. Project output indicators achievement vs the expected project output indicators for the concerned periods for at least:**

- ✓ 75% - ISO 1 strategic projects
- ✓ 100% - standard projects

**3. Respect of work plan implementation schedule.**

### MID -TERM REVIEW introduced to:

- ✓ Speed up project budget spending
- ✓ Keep funded projects motivated to respect implementation timeplan
- ✓ Avoid slow project starting phase as experienced with 2014-2020 ADRION projects



- **Mid-term review** is envisaged after:
  - ✓ *first 36 months of project implementation (6<sup>th</sup> reporting period) - ISO 1 strategic projects;*
  - ✓ *first 18 months of project implementation (3<sup>rd</sup> reporting period) - Standard projects.*
  
- To allow the processing of the **most updated project state of play**, the MA/JS, via communication dated 6/2/2026, asked to:
  - ✓ 1<sup>o</sup> call projects to exceptionally submit a complete project report (both content and finance) instead of a Only finance one (use of art. 5.10 of the Subsidy Contract);
  - ✓ ISO1 strategic projects to regularly submit only complete (both content and finance) project reports to secure more timely data collection and monitoring given the strategic relevance.
  - ✓ *Jems contracting* sessions have been updated accordingly.

### Chapter 7 of the Implementation Manual – Monitoring of performance and mid-term review

- ✓ *The aim of the mid-term review is to check that project implementation is on track at a certain phase of the process and has not significantly deviated from the approved objectives and project milestones and targets.*
- ✓ *The project review will take place at the end of the first half of the project life-time, i.e.: after three reporting periods (e.g. after month 18, for a project lasting 36 months).*

### Subsidy contract Article 5.10 - Reporting obligations and payment

*The MA via the JS may request clarifications to the LP any time; the LP shall provide the requested information and/or the requested document within the set deadline.*

## Next reporting deadline: overview



| <i>Rep. Period 3 (1st call projects) and 6 (ISO 1 projects)</i> |  | Expected number of project reports (content and finance) |              |              |              |              |              |          |              |
|---|--|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| <i>Reporting periods</i>  | <i>Project report - submission deadlines</i> | S.O.<br>1.1.   | S.O.<br>2.1. | S.O.<br>2.2. | S.O.<br>2.3. | S.O.<br>2.4. | S.O.<br>3.1. | ISO 1    | <i>total</i> |
| 01/05/2025- 31/10/2025  | <b>31/01/2026*</b>                           | 1  |              |              | 1            |              |              |          | 2            |
| 01/06/2025 - 30/11/2025   | <b>28/02/2026*</b>                           |  | 1            |              |              |              |              |          | 1            |
| 01/07/2025 - 31/12/2025   | <b>31/03/2026</b>                            | 2  | 4            |              |              |              | 1            |          | 7            |
| 01/08/2025 - 31/01/2026   | <b>30/04/2026</b>                            |  |              | 1            | 1            |              |              |          | 2            |
| 01/09/2025 - 28/02/2026   | <b>31/05/2026</b>                            | 16   | 9            | 7            | 11           | 7            | 5            | 3        | 58           |
| <b>total</b>  |  | <b>19</b>  | <b>14</b>    | <b>8</b>     | <b>13</b>    | <b>7</b>     | <b>6</b>     | <b>3</b> | <b>70</b>    |

\*Exceptional **postponment granted to 31/03/2026** (ref. communication ex art 5.10 SC)



- **1° call projects currently performing better than projects of the previous programming period:**
  - ✓ *The average spending performance rate for the first 2 reporting periods is **60%** of the forecasted budget, whereas such performance was achieved by 2014-2020ADRION 1° call projects only at the 4° reporting period.*
  
- **2014-2020ADRION experience shows that mitigation measures improved final absorption:**
  - ✓ *ADRION projects achieved the average final financial absorption rate of 95% of the project budget thanks to programme support (e.g.: prorogation of project duration; dedicated 4° follow up call; capitalization activities).*
  
- **Methodology proposal will be submitted after closure of the monitoring process.**