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INSTRUCTION NR. 5 of 14 of April 2021

TO: Beneficiaries of the Joint Operational Programme Romania - Ukraine 2014-2020

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## HAVING REGARD TO

Article 1.12 of the Grant contract, for the sound implementation of the contract and of the Programme, the MA, either directly or through the Joint Technical Secretariat, may issue mandatory instructions for the beneficiaries in line with the contract,

and taking into consideration the need to modify the Instruction no. 2 from October 2020 modified by the Instruction no. 3 from November 2020 in order to allow the Ukrainian beneficiaries to reduce their financial losses due to the fluctuations of the exchange rate,

MANAGING AUTHORITY HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING

## **INSTRUCTION FOR BENEFICIARIES**

**Article 1.** Section 2 *General Framework* - of the Instruction no 2 from October 2020 is supplemented as follows:

After paragraph 11, a new paragraph 11.1 was introduced:

11.1 Partial financial reports may be issued by the Ukrainian beneficiaries) during the reporting period and submitted for verification to the Controller. The partial financial



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reports shall be submitted in original currency and in euro. Conversion into euro shall be made by each Ukrainian beneficiary using the monthly accounting exchange rate of the European Commission of the month during which the expenditure was submitted to verification.

## After paragraph 12, new paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2 were introduced:

- 12.1 The Ukrainian beneficiaries that used the provisions of point 11.1 above, will prepare and submit to the Controller their own Financial report, only in euro, covering the entire reporting period, by summing up all the previous *partial financial reports*. In this respect, for the Financial report, the columns related to original currency of the sheet *Expenditures* (L- Total amount in original currency, M-Reported expenditure in original currency, N-Currency and O-Exchange rate) shall not be filled in.
- 12.2 The Ukrainian Controller shall verify all the *partial financial reports*, as well as the Financial report. The Controller decides whether to proceed with the verification of the *partial financial reports* upon receipt, or to verify all the *partial financial reports* once he receives from the beneficiary also the Financial report for the entire reporting period. Following the verification, the Controller will issue only one individual expenditure and revenue verification report, related to the Financial report, in euro, reflecting his findings on the entire reporting period.
- Article 2. Annex 1 Template of Service Contract is revised so that to include the provisions mentioned at article 1, above. The revised template is annexed to the present Instruction. Those Beneficiaries that has already been concluded a service contract with the Controller, may sign an addendum to the contract, in order to add the paragraphs 7.1.2, 7.1.3 and 7.2.1 of the Article 7 Responsibilities.
- **Article 3.** The use of provisions of Article 1 of the present Instruction is optional, and is addressed only to those Ukrainian beneficiaries who anticipate significant financial losses as a result of the exchange rate.
- **Article 4.** This instruction will be communicated by the Joint Technical Secretariat to the beneficiaries via email and will be published on the Programme's website.
- **Article 5.** The instruction enters into force at the date of its signature.