





CBC during pandemic From Challenges to Opportunities

Based on Covid-19 Project Updates in PROMAS, the follow-up, and the EC Day Registration questionnaires



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Long story short: show must go on!

- All funded projects on-going.
- Projects expect to achieve their objectives.
- internal and external communication works relatively well.
- Adjustment needs of project plans and budgets are recognized relatively well.
- Sectors like border management, travel industry and tourism, internationalization of products and services are still very sensitive to the Covid-19 situation.



Administration

- Project administration working mainly as planned.
- Some delays in documents deliveries during first months of pandemic:
 - problems with getting original signatures due to remote work
 - changed administrative procedures in organizations
- Covid-19 circumstances have required additional administrative resources.



Activities

- Most projects need changes to workplan.
- Some plans for extension of project duration.
- © Cumulative impacts of pandemic to be reviewed during 2021-2022.
- Typical delays in project implementation:
 - postponed events and meetings
 - delayed procurement processes
 - delayed material and equipment deliveries
 - cancelled travelling



Communication and cooperation

- New CBC best practices in pipeline.
- Internal communication empowered in many projects.
- © Good examples of high activity and successful online events.
- ② Publications in mass-media and in social media more or less at pre-pandemic level.
- Face-to-face interaction at relatively low level.
- Very limited possibilities to carry out public events.



Budget

- Cost-efficiency has increased in many projects.
- Savings of travel expences moved to for example developing online tools and activities, and communication.
- Modification of activities and extension of implementation period lead to budget changes.
- Grant contract addendums are already initiated.



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EFFECTIVE REMOTE PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Clear communication and collaboration
- 2. Data centralization
- 3. Efficient monitoring
- 4. Functional online tools





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SELECT AND FOCUS WITH ONLINE TOOLS

- 1. Ensure availability of used tools for all parties, for example Zoom, Teams, Skype/Lync and WhatsApp in use
- 2. Agree on joint practices for document and personal data security aspects, and remember participant-lists
- 3. Consider benefits of increased cost-efficiency and how to build on it



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DEVELOPMENT IS CONTINUING PROCESS

- 1. Be open to widen your target groups
- 2. Work actively to involve and inspire more people
- 3. Keep focus on approved and granted objectives and seek for added values









We are looking forward to meeting you all in person!