



**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**  
**Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works**  
**DIRECTORATE GENERAL "TERRITORIAL**  
**COOPERATION MANAGEMENT"**

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**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**  
**COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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**DECISION № 156**  
**from March 21, 2014**

**ON DESIGNATION OF AUTHORITIES FOR MANAGEMENT, CONTROL,  
AUDIT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)  
TERRITORIAL COOPERATION PROGRAMMES IN WHICH THE REPUBLIC  
OF BULGARIA PARTICIPATES FOR THE PERIOD 2014-2020**

**COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**  
**DECIDED:**

1. For each of the bilateral cross-border cooperation programmes along the external borders of the European Union between Republic of Bulgaria and Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Macedonia designates:

- a) Directorate General "Territorial Cooperation Management" at the Ministry of Regional Development for single Managing Authority;
- b) Directorate "National Fund" at the Ministry of Finance for single Certifying Authority and an authority responsible for receiving funds from the European Commission on cross-border cooperation programmes along the external borders of the European Union;
- c) The Executive Agency "Audit of EU Funds" to the Minister of Finance for the single Audit Authority and an independent audit body for conformity assessment of the units under letters "a" and "b".

2. For each of the bilateral cross-border cooperation programmes along the internal borders of the European Union between Republic of Bulgaria and Republic of Greece and between the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania, designates the Directorate General "Territorial Cooperation Management" at the Ministry of Regional Development for National Authority.

3. For the multilateral cross border cooperation programme "Black Sea Basin 2014-2020" designates the Directorate General "Territorial Cooperation Management" at the Ministry of Regional Development for National Authority and National Information Point.

4. For each of the operational programmes for transnational cooperation "Danube" and "Balkan - Mediterranean" designates the Directorate General "Territorial Cooperation Management" at the Ministry of Regional Development for National Authority and National Contact Point.

5. For each of the operational programmes for interregional cooperation "INTERREG Europe", "INTERACT III", "ESPON " and "URBACT III" designates the Directorate General „Territorial Cooperation Management " at the Ministry of Regional Development for National Authority and National Contact Point.

6. The Executive Director of Executive Agency "Audit of EU Funds" to the Minister of Finance designates the Bulgarian representatives in the groups of auditors of EU programmes for territorial cooperation.

7. In accordance with the relevant documents and procedures established by the respective EU programmes for territorial cooperation, the Minister of Regional Development designates by name the Bulgarian representatives in the Monitoring Committees and Steering Committees.

8. In accordance with the relevant documents and procedures established by the respective EU programmes for territorial cooperation, joint structures for implementation of the programmes are created, including joint secretariats, branches or regional offices of the joint secretariats and information points.

9. For each of the programmes of the EU for territorial cooperation, the Minister of Regional Development designates legal entity or physical persons for carrying out the first level control for Bulgarian beneficiaries.

10. In accordance with the relevant documents and procedures established by the respective EU programmes for territorial cooperation, the Minister of Regional Development designates physical persons as independent evaluators for project proposals.

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