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Subject: *Meeting of the Joint Working Group for preparation of CBC Programme between Republic of Bulgaria and Republic of Turkey 2021-2027.*

DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

On behalf of the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria, below are some comments and observations on documents, provided via e-mail on September 14th to the Joint Working Group for preparation of CBC Programme between Republic of Bulgaria- Republic of Turkey 2021-2027, subject to comments and approval on the Group meeting scheduled for the 24th of September.

I. Territorial Analysis of the Bulgarian- Turkey Cross border Area:

1. Objectively and in exhaustive way the main problems in the different sectors of the socio-economic development of the border region are described. The outlined challenges to the region in the context of the European Green Deal and the Covid-19 pandemic, are also commendable;

2. However, it must be stressed, that the recommendations for the areas of interventions and the ways for their implementation under the future program, presented in the final part, do not correspond to the sections of the territorial and SWOT analysis. Examples in this regard are:

- The recommended investments for micro and small enterprises support. The reason for this, as stated is to address the significantly economic and social effects on them