

INFORMATION NOTE

“CB RAILWAY” PROJECT

According to an **Information note** dated 13/09/2021, kindly provided by the Head of the B2 Unit *"Management - Monitoring of the Programmes implemented in the Mediterranean and the Adriatic"* / Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes, and far as the implementation of the **CB Railway project** (*i.e. Initiative for improving cross border transport through rail connection between Krystallopigi and Pogradec, implemented within the framework of the Transnational Cooperation Programme "Greece-Albania 2014-2020"*) is concerned:

The project was approved by the Programme Monitoring Committee during its 3rd meeting held on July 14, 2017, in Korytsa, Albania.

The proposal was submitted under the 2nd call of the programme (open call for joint projects).

The approved implementation schedule is from 01/06/2018 to 30/09/2022 (after an extension was granted).

The partnership structure is as follows:

Corporate Scheme	Partner	Budget
Lead Partner	ERGOSE S.A.	267.286,40 €
Partner 2	Albanian Ministry of Infrastructure & Energy	287.420,80 €
Partner 3	OSE S.A.	290.990,85 €

The primary focus of both OSE and of the Albanian Ministry, respectively, is to:

- Analyze demand for international transport flows,
- carry out a forecast study in order to predict future movements of persons and goods for each of the main alternative scenarios,
- investigate investment requirements,
- report on the activities of the domestic round table, accompanied by the part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the strategic development of the rail link's inland section,
- carry out an investigative study to explore the most viable alternative layout for each of the main development options for the new rail link,
- conduct a study analyzing investment options as well as an environmental assessment and evaluation study.

With regard to the project's economic progress, the following applies:

Partner	Approved budget	Verified expenditure (€)	Additional expenditure uploaded to the Monitoring Information System (MIS) (€)
ERGOSE S.A.	267.286,40 €	0 €	23.450,00 €
Albanian Ministry of Infrastructure & Energy	287.420,80 €	96.464,79 €	0 €
OSE S.A.	290.990,85 €	253.650,01 €	0 €

Overview of expected actions:

1. ERGOSE SA

- Signing of the verifier contract.
- Activation of the financial object (payments, expenditure verification)

2. Albanian Ministry of Infrastructure & Energy

Almost all actions have already been contracted (except for publicity ones) and the level of expenditure is expected to reach 83%.

3. OSE SA

The contracting and implementation of actions has proceeded smoothly. The physical scope is almost complete.