

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR IPA CBC GRANTS

of the Central Finance and Contracting Agency

1. Basic act and Financing source

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programmes Croatia - Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia – Montenegro, Croatia - Serbia

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2008 and expected results

(a) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia - Bosnia & Herzegovina

Priority 1 Creation of a Common Economic Space. The overall objective is to contribute to the integration of the economy in border areas by encouraging cooperation in the field of tourism and SME support & entrepreneurship promotion. The specific objectives are 1) to develop recognisable joint tourist offers based on common environmental and cultural heritage and improve the competitiveness of the local tourism economy, 2) to foster the development of the regional economy by strengthening the SME sector and business support institutions and services.

Measure 1.1 Joint development of tourism offer. This measure will support the improvement and diversification of tourist products and services as well as the joint marketing of these products and services. The measure will mobilise the potentials within the environmental and cultural areas and contribute to the upgrading of skills of people working with tourism, agriculture and culture. Types of actions eligible could be e.g.: certification of local products, tourism promotion and marketing initiatives, preservation of cultural heritage, development of thematic (cross-border) routes etc.

Measure 1.2 Promotion of entrepreneurship. This measure will support the promotion of entrepreneurship and initiatives to increase the competitiveness and innovativeness of the SME sector. The measure will encourage schemes that create business, research or education networks across the border. Activities may include: training and education activities for SMEs, development of partnerships between SMEs and universities or joint business support institutions.

Priority 2 Improved Quality of Life and Social Cohesion. The overall objective is to enhance the quality of life in border areas by reducing damages/risks to the environment and increasing social cohesion in local communities. The specific objectives are 1) to protect and preserve the environment and encourage the sustainable use of natural resources in border regions through joint actions and awareness raising campaigns, 2) to enable access to community based services that impact on the well-being and social cohesion of local citizens and communities.

Measure 2.1 Protection of nature and environment. This measure will support initiatives that prevent the degradation of the environment and that promote sustainable use of natural resources. Examples of activities could be: joint planning documents for water supply and waste water treatment, studies on renewable energy, awareness raising activities on environmental protection and joint intervention actions in the case of flooding or fire.

Measure 2.2 Improved accessibility of community based services in the border area. This measure will focus on the well-being and social cohesion of the local communities and contribute to the improvement of cross-border relations. The measure will support the development of people-to-people actions across

the border in areas such as education, social and health care, culture and sports. It will involve local authorities, civil society and social partners and encourage the establishment of cross-border networks around social cohesion activities. These could be: joint youth initiatives, assistance to marginalised groups, easier access to health and education etc.

(b) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia – Montenegro

Priority 1 Creation of favourable environmental and socio-economic conditions in the programming area by improvement of the co-operation in the jointly selected sectors and good neighbourly relations in the eligible areas. The objectives are 1) to establish cooperation between institutions in charge of environment protection, as well as natural and cultural heritage protection, 2) to create recognizable tourist products based on the natural and cultural assets of the Programming area and re-establish social connections in cross-border area, 3) to increase and enhance cooperation between institutions, citizens and civic organizations in the areas such are tourism, education, culture and other that are in line with Programme objective.

Measure 1.1 Joint actions for environment, nature and cultural heritage protection. This measure supports the establishment of cross-border networks for joint environmental, nature and cultural protection and thereby finding solutions to common environmental problems. Such network activities could be the managing of waste (both solid waste and waster water), or finding ways to reduce land and sea pollution. It also supports joint interventions in connection with ecological threats or natural disasters such as fire which is a recurrent phenomenon in the area. The support will give preference to actions that seek to bring innovative solutions and strategies for environmental and nature protection.

Measure 1.2 Joint actions in the area of tourism and cultural space. This measure supports actions related to tourism and the cultural space. It is aimed at giving an impetus to the economic development of the programming area by supporting actions and initiatives related to the provision of services related to tourism. These services could be e.g.: education schemes for employees in the tourism sector, support to the development of new tourism products, quality certification of local products and services, joint marketing initiatives etc.

Measure 1.3 Small cross-border community development projects. This measure aims at improving cooperation between people, education institutions and civil society organisations on both sides of the border to boost community development and to improve neighbourhood relations. It will support people-to-people actions in areas such as culture, tourism and education, and pay particular attention to the inclusion of marginalised groups, the civil society and local democracy. Examples of activities: common cross-border educational programmes, co-operation between national minorities, actions supporting local democracy, creation of cross-border culture networks etc.

(c) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia - Serbia

Priority 1: Sustainable Socio-Economic Development. The overall objective is to promote the sustainable development of the cross-border region through effective use of the region's economic potential, in synergy with friendly and appropriate use of natural resources ensuring the preservation of regional biodiversity. The specific objectives are 1) to promote business cooperation, increase cross-border trade, develop labour market mobility, cross-border RDI and joint economic planning, 2) to stimulate tourism development based on the cross-border regional identity and the natural and cultural assets of the cross-border region, 3) to protect and safeguard the natural assets of the cross-border region by taking joint actions and by increasing public awareness, 4) to promote good neighbourly relations across the border between local communities.

Measure 1.1 Economic Development. This measure will stimulate regular interaction between businesses located across the cross-border region via: business-to-business networks; development of SME support

services and joint access to these; joint marketing & promotion on domestic & EU markets; enhancement of innovativeness by cooperation of SMEs with educational and R&D organisations; exchange of know-how; selected investments in business infrastructure. It will diversify economic development by the supporting the development & improvement of tourism products & services; integration of cultural heritage & environment into tourism products; and the joint marketing of these products. It will allow for increasing the knowledge of people working in tourism and culture & agriculture and the use of ICT tools for developing and marketing products and training people.

Measure 1.2 Environmental Protection. This measure will support awareness raising activities on environmental issues and joint actions to ensure that sites of high environmental and landscape value are managed so that they can sustain the pressures of tourism development without losing their value. In addition, the measure will support the development of more effective systems and approaches to emergency preparedness in relation to flood prevention and control; cross-border pollution, food safety and health issues. The measure will also support the development of joint waste management and minimisation strategies. A selected number of actions will be supported which result in the clean-up and restoration of polluted /damaged sites.

Measure 1.3 People to People. This measure will encourage contacts, communication and cooperation between local communities and local community organisations /agencies within the cross-border region, particularly in support of women and marginalised groups (unemployed youth and disabled), local democracy and the development of civil society.

3. Eligibility conditions

(a) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia - Bosnia & Herzegovina

Activities must be implemented in the Programme Area. In Croatia this includes 9 counties (Vukovarsko-Srijemska County, Brodsko-Posavska County, Sisačko-Moslavačka County, Karlovačka County, Ličko-Senjska County, Zadarska County, Šibensko-Kninska County, Splitsko-Dalmatinska County, Dubrovačko-Neretvanska) as well as 5 counties (Osječko-Baranjska County, Požeško-Slavonska County, Zagrebačka County, Bjelovarsko-Bilogorska County, Primorsko-Goranska County) as adjacent areas. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the eligible area includes 95 municipalities in 3 economic regions (North-East: Bijeljina, Teočak, Ugljevik, Lopare, Tuzla, Lukavac, Celic, Brcko, Srebrenik, Petrovo, Gracanica, Dobož istok, Gradačac, Pelagicevo, Donji Zabar, Orašje, Domaljevac-Samac, Samac, Modriča, Vukosavlje, Odžak, Bosanski Brod, Derventa, Dobož, Srebrenica, Bratunac, Milići, Han Pijesak, Vlasenica, Kladanj, Šekovići, Kalesija Osmaci, Zvornik, Banovići, Živinice, Kalesija, Sapna; North-West: Prnjavor,, Srbac, Laktasi, Celinac, Kotor Varoš, Skender Vakuf/Kneževo, Dobretići, Šipovo, Jajce, Jezero, Mrkonjić Grad, Banja Luka, Bosanska Gradiška, Bosanska Dubica, Prijedor, Oštra Luka, Sanski Most, Ključ, Ključ/Ribnik, Mrkonjić Grad/Vlasinje, Glamoč, Bosansko Grahovo, Drvar, Istočni Drvar, Petrovac-Drinić, Bosanski Petrovac, Bosanska Krupa, Krupa na Uni, Novi Grad, Bosanska Kostajnica, Bužim, Velika Kladuša, Cazin, Bihać; Herzegovina: Prozor/Rama, Konjic, Nevesinje, Gacko, Bileća, Trebinje, Ravno, Ljubinje, Berkovići, Mostar, Jablanica, Kupres, Kupres (RS), Tomislavgrad, Posušje, Široki Brijeg, Čitluk, Stolac, Neum, Čapljina, Ljubuški, Grude, Livno, Istočni Mostar).

Priority 1 Creation of a Common Economic Space. Applicants shall be non profit legal persons established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, belonging to one of the following groups: Regional and local public authorities; Public bodies (funds, institutions, agencies) established by the state or a regional/local self-government such as: research and development institutions, education and training institutions, health care institutions, institutions for protecting natural and cultural heritage, local and regional development agencies, tourist agencies and associations, etc.; Private institutes established by private law entities for meeting needs of general interest (such as educational or research institutes) as long as they operate on non-profit basis; Non-governmental organisations such as associations and foundations; Chambers of commerce, agriculture, crafts and industry, clusters registered as non-profit legal persons; Agricultural

associations and cooperatives.

Priority 2 Improved Quality of Life and Social Cohesion. Applicants shall be non profit legal persons established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, belonging to one of the following groups: Regional and local public authorities; Public bodies (funds, institutions, agencies) established by the state or a regional/local self-government such as: research and development institutions, education and training institutions, health care institutions, institutions for protecting natural and cultural heritage, local and regional development agencies, tourist agencies and associations, etc.; Private institutes established by private law entities for meeting needs of general interest (such as educational or research institutes) as long as they operate on non-profit basis; Non-governmental organisations such as associations and foundations; Chambers of commerce, agriculture, crafts and industry, clusters registered as non-profit legal persons; Agricultural associations and cooperatives; National and Regional Parks, Landscape Parks.

(b) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia – Montenegro

Activities must be implemented in the Programme Area. In Croatia this includes Dubrovnik-Neretva County as well as Split-Dalmatia County as an adjacent area. In Montenegro this includes the 7 municipalities (Herceg Novi, Kotor, Tivat, Budva, Bar, Ulcinj, Cetinje) as well as the municipalities of Nikšić, Podgorica, Danilovgrad as adjacent areas.

Measure 1.1 Joint actions for environment, nature and cultural heritage protection. Applicants shall be non profit legal entities established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, belonging to one of the following groups: Public companies in charge of communal infrastructure and waste management (Utility companies - Komunalna poduzeća), Emergency services, Local and regional self-government units, Agencies and other public bodies in charge of environmental and nature protection, Educational and Research Public Institutes, NGOs, Regional/local development agencies, etc.

Measure 1.2 Joint actions in the area of tourism and cultural space. Applicants shall be non profit legal entities established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, belonging to one of the following groups: Tourist associations /tourist boards, Regional/local development agencies, Local and regional self-government units, NGOs, Public and private educational and research institutes, Chamber of commerce/crafts, Tourism and agriculture clusters, Institutions and associations in culture, etc.

Measure 1.3 Small cross-border community development projects. Applicants shall be non profit legal persons established under public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, belonging to one of the following groups: Educational and research institutions, NGOs, Social service providers (Centres for social welfare, Health centres etc.), Local and regional self-government; local/municipal boards, Local / regional Tourism Organizations, Regional/local development agencies.

(c) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia - Serbia

Activities must be implemented in the Programme Area. In Croatia this includes Osijek-Baranja County, Vukovar- Srijem County as well as Požega-Slavonija County and Brod-Posavina County as adjacent areas. In Serbia this includes Srem district, South Bačka district, West Bačka district, and North Bačka district as well as Mačvanska district as an adjacent area.

Measure 1.1 Economic Development. Applicants shall be non profit legal persons established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, belonging to one of the following groups: Regional /local public authorities, Chambers of commerce, crafts, agriculture, industry, Clusters registered as non-profit legal entities, Public /non-profit

organisations (funds, institutions, agencies) established by the state or a regional/local self-government such as : research and development institutions, education and training institutions, health care institutions, local and regional development agencies, tourist agencies and associations, etc., Non-governmental organisations such as associations and foundations, Private institutes established by private law entities for meeting needs of general interest as long as they operate on non-profit basis, Agricultural associations and cooperatives.

Measure 1.2 Environmental Protection. Applicants shall be non profit legal persons established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, belonging to one of the following groups: Regional /local public authorities, Public /non-profit organisations including universities, colleges, secondary and elementary schools (this has been suggested at the partnership workshop), Research institutes, Non-Government Organisations dealing with environmental and nature protection, Public companies in charge of communal infrastructure and waste management, Agencies in charge of environmental and nature protection, Agencies dealing with emergency planning, Regional and local development agencies.

Measure 1.3 People to People. Applicants shall be non profit legal persons established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, belonging to one of the following groups: Local organisations, associations and foundations, Inter-communal cooperation organisations, Professional organisations, Organisations responsible for providing social and health services, Trade Unions, Public /non-profit organisations including universities, colleges, secondary and elementary schools, Cultural organisations including museums, libraries, and theatres, Local government bodies, NGOs, Regional and local development agencies.

4. Selection and award criteria

Grant award procedures shall follow the provisions of Part One, Title VI of the Financial Regulation and Part One, Title VI of its Implementing Rules.

Where appropriate, the standard templates and models facilitating the application of the above rules provided for in the “Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions” (“Practical Guide”) as published on the EuropeAid website at the date of the initiation of the procurement or grant award procedure shall be used.

5. Maximum rate of Community financing

The maximum rate of Community co-financing is 85% of eligible expenditure.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The calls for proposals will most likely be launched for:

(a) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia - Bosnia & Herzegovina (all priorities and measures)

in the 4th quarter of 2008

(b) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia – Montenegro (all priorities and measures)

in the 4th quarter of 2008

(c) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia – Serbia (all priorities and measures)

in the 4th quarter of 2008

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

(a) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia - Bosnia & Herzegovina

Priority 1 Creation of a Common Economic Space: Croatia 900,000 EUR (Bosnia & Herzegovina 900,000 EUR)

Priority 2 Improved Quality of Life and Social Cohesion: Croatia 900,000 EUR (Bosnia & Herzegovina 900,000 EUR)

Total: Croatia 1,800,000 EUR (Bosnia & Herzegovina 1,800,000 EUR)

(b) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia – Montenegro

Priority 1 Creation of favourable environmental and socio-economic conditions in the programming area by improvement of the co-operation in the jointly selected sectors and good neighbourly relations in the eligible areas: Croatia 720,000 EUR (Montenegro 900,000 EUR)

(c) IPA 2007 and 2008 Cross-Border Programme Croatia - Serbia

Priority 1 Sustainable Socio-Economic Development: Croatia 1,440,000 EUR (Serbia 1,800,000 EUR)