



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

IPA Cross-border Co-operation Programmes between CC/PCC

Preparation and next steps

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Some reminders

Key elements:

- Partnership
- Multi-annual nature
- Proportionality principle
- Management structures
- Ownership !



CBC programmes Required elements

- Task Force/Drafting Team
- Allocation of funds per programme
- Eligible areas
- Adjacent areas (where relevant)
- Ensure clear division of responsibilities
- Ensure clear timetable for process
- Appointment of Operational Structures
- Decision on Joint Technical Secretariat (+ branch office, as appropriate)



Preparation of the Programme

- Task force/Drafting team with the support of CBIB
 - Need for ownership by the wider partnership: meetings with local stakeholders to discuss draft programme
 - Final programme proposal to be approved by national authorities
 - Submission to the Commission by 31 May 2007
 - No ex-ante evaluation for CBC programmes between CC/PCC (proportionality principle)
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Approval Process

June 2007: Commission internal assessment and negotiation with authorities of participating countries. Programme may need amendments

July: Final text undergo Commission inter-service consultation

August: Translation

October: Programme submitted to IPA Committee

Nov-December: Commission decision approving prgm

Early 2008: Financing Agreements signed.

Implementation can start



Programme Contents (1)

Art. 94 IPA IR

RECCOMENDED OUTLINE

Four Sections:

- I. Summary of programming process
Eligible areas + Adjacent (if any)
Analysis of situation and SWOT
 - II. Co-operation strategy
Priorities and Measures
 - III. Financing plan
 - IV. Implementing provisions
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Programme Contents (2)

Section I

- Summary of the programme and of programming process (can also be an Introductory chapter before Section I)
 - Eligible areas including a map (adjacent areas, if any must be differentiated)
 - Analysis (economic, social, environmental) must cover the whole programme area (adjacent areas can be differentiated). SWOT is the usual method
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Programme Contents (3)

Section II

- **Co-operation Strategy**
 - ◆ what has to be achieved?
 - **Priorities and Measures**
 - ◆ what topics will actually be supported?
 - ◆ which Measures to implement those priorities?
 - ◆ one Priority (2-3 Measures) recommended
 - + TA Priority
 - ◆ output and result indicators
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Programme Contents (4)

Section III

- **Financial Provisions**

- ◆ one multi-annual (2007-10) financial table per country
 - ◆ indicative allocation per priority and per year
 - ◆ financial tables updated every year (one additional year added) in the context of the yearly financing decision
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Programme Contents (4)

Section IV

- **Implementing provisions: as provide in the IPA Implementing Regulation**
 - ◆ Programme structures
 - ◆ Implementing rules
 - ◆ Monitoring and reporting
 - ◆ Financial management
 - ◆ Etc.
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Programme Contents

- Programme is multi-annual and strategic.
Therefore, limited length: 35 pages
(+Annexes)
 - Realistic approach to number and scope of
Priorities and Measures
 - Principle of proportionality linked to
financial allocation
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Role of the Commission + EAR

- Commission + EAR to be pro-active throughout the programming exercise
 - Happy to comment on draft texts at any stage - earlier the better!
 - Task managers in ECD, EAR and ELARG geographical units available to provide advice and suggestions at all times
 - Intention is to ensure a final draft programme close to all requirements (avoid lengthy negotiations)
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Technical Assistance

- Funds available out of the CARDS Regional AP 2005 and 2006
 - Allocations per country. Contracting authority: ECD or EAR
 - Funds will assist the start-up phase of programme implementation. They could be used for, e.g.:
 - ◆ TA to national authorities
 - ◆ Set up of JTS
 - ◆ Operational costs (participation in and organisation of meetings of - e.g. - monitoring Cttee, publicity and information, evaluation, etc)
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Joint Technical Secretariat

- Strictly technical/executive body (no decision making power)
 - Pragmatic approach: each CC/PCC should have at least one JTS located in its territory
 - JTS internationally staffed. Costs of JTS covered by TA funds
 - JTS branch offices: when needed (watch out costs). It is not independent from JTS
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Project paperwork

- All call documents and contractual papers must be ready at the moment of approval
 - Allows for an immediate launch of the call for proposals
 - Should be combined with effective publicity exercise, information events, partner search forums
- activities to be carried out after submission of the programme (2nd semester 2007)
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