



# *The Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance*

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Main features in  
Programming Component II  
Cross-border Co-operation

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# *IPA (Component II) CBC*

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## *Three strands:*

- *CBC at borders between MS and candidates/potential candidates (i.e. EU external borders)*
- *CBC at borders among candidates/potential candidates (i.e. Western Balkan "internal" borders)*
- *Participation, as appropriate, of candidates/potential candidates in ERDF transnational programmes (e.g. the successor of CADSES)*



# General provisions (IR)

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- *NIPAC is responsible for coordinating the participation of the beneficiary country in all programmes under Component II. It may delegate this function to a CBC coordinator (Art. 22.(2).b, Art. 32.(1) IPA IR)*
- *For each cross-border programme each participating beneficiary country shall establish an operating structure for the part of the programme concerning the respective country (Art. 32(2) and 139(1)) (exception: programmes with MS implemented in shared management)*
- *Joint cross-border programmes are established by the authorities of the countries participating in the programme*
- *Programmes are by and large implemented through single open Call for proposals*
- *Pre-identification of projects in the cross-border programme or by joint monitoring Cttee also possible*



# *Allocation of funds*

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*IPA Comp. II funds allocated to each country (MIFF) include:*

- *Allocations per border to cover CBC with MSs*
- *A financial envelope to cover:*
  - a) CBC with adjacent CC/PCC*
  - b) Participation in ERDF and ENPI programmes*



# *CBC programmes with MS*

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- *Single legal base: IPA regulatory framework applies to both sides of the border*
- *Single budget: with funds from ERDF and IPA*
- *Single management structures: at 'cruising speed' implementation in shared management under the responsibility of a single Managing Authority located in one of the participating M.S.*
- *Transitional arrangements when conditions for implementation in shared management are not yet met*



# *CBC programmes with MS*

## *Eligible regions*

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- *Same eligibility rules as under the Structural Funds' territorial cooperation objective*
- *NUTS level III regions (or equivalent) along land and maritime borders between Member States and adjacent CC/PCC*
- *List of eligible regions adopted through a Commission decision after the entry into force of IPA Impl. Regulation*



# *CBC programmes with MS Programme approval*

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- *Cross-border programme submitted to, and negotiated with, the Commission (REGIO and ELARG)*
- *Programme adoption:*
  - *'cruising speed': one single multi-annual Commission decision + financing agreement (DG REGIO)*
  - *'transitional phase': one multi-annual Commission decision for the part of the programme concerning the MS(s) (DG REGIO) + one annual decision for the part of the programme concerning the candidates/potential candidates + financing agreement (DG ELARG)*



# *CBC programmes among CC/PCC*

## *Main features*

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- *National authorities and the Commission to decide the set-up of programmes (bilateral, multilateral) and the allocation of funds (2007-10)*
- *CARDS CBIB TA project to assist in this process*
- *CARDS funds (e.g. Regional programme - CBC budget) should be used to support national authorities (operating structures) and assist in the preparation and the start up of programmes*



# *CBC programmes among CC/PCC Eligible regions*

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- *NUTS III or equivalent areas along the borders between CC/PCC.*
- *ELARG/ECDs to establish the list of eligible areas in consultation with national authorities. Requests for wide territorial eligibility will be rejected*
- *The list of eligible regions will be included in the cross-border programme*



# *CBC programmes among CC/PCC Programme preparation*

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- *Joint multi-annual cross-border programmes to be prepared by authorities of participating countries.*
- *Participating countries establish a Task force to prepare the cross-border programme. TA provided by CARDS. Commission participates as observer*
- *Programme content: Art. 94 IPA IR.  
It includes priorities, measures and implementing provisions*
- *One financial table per country*



# *CBC programmes among CC/PCC Implementing modalities (1)*

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- 1. Joint monitoring/steering committee establishes the Call for proposals/Guidelines for applicants*
- 2. As applicable, ECDs endorse the CFP/Guidelines for applicants prior to their publication*
- 3. Joint monitoring/steering committee evaluates and select the projects. ECDs participate in an advisory capacity*



## *CBC programmes among CC/PCC Implementing modalities (2)*

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- 4. As applicable, ECDs endorse the evaluation report (list of projects)*
- 5. The ECD (centralised mngt) or the Implementing Agency (decentralised mngt) in each participating country issues the grant contract to the beneficiary from the relevant country*



# *CBC programmes among CC/PCC Programme approval*

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- *Cross-border programme submitted to, and negotiated with, the Commission (ELARG)*
- *Programme adoption:  
annual Commission decision followed by Financing agreement*
- *The programme is attached to the decision/FA  
(it is an integral part of them)*



# *Participation in ERDF transnational and ENPI Sea basins programmes*

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

- *Building on the ERDF transnational Neighbourhood Programmes (e.g. CADSES), IPA Component II can financially support the participation of CC/PCC in the relevant ERDF transnational or ENPI Sea basins programmes, as appropriate*
- *The entire territory of Western Balkans is eligible to the future South-East Europe ERDF transnational programme (successor of CADSES)*



# Transnational cooperation areas 2007 - 2013

## South East Europe



-  EU27 cooperation areas
-  Other cooperation areas
-  East-Central Europe EU27 areas
-  East-Central Europe non-EU27 areas
-  CADSES 2004-2006



# *Participation in ERDF and ENPI programmes*

## *Programming*

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- *As under the current NPs, a Financing Proposal per country shall be prepared by ELARG country teams with the agreed allocation of funds for the participation in the relevant ERDF/ENPI programme*
- *FP adopted through annual Commission decision + FA*
- *ERDF (and to a certain extent ENPI) programmes are implemented in shared management with the Managing Authorities located in one of the participating MS*
- *CC/PCC authorities will be member of the joint monitoring/steering committee of the ERDF/ENPI programmes. ECDs shall participate in those committee in an advisory capacity*
- *Programmes are implemented through CFP*



# *Next steps*

## *CBC programmes among CC/PCC*

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- *Each beneficiary designates the responsible authorities tasked with drafting the CBC Programme*
- *Operating structures are designated*
- *Multi-annual CBC programmes are drafted jointly by participating IPA beneficiary with assistance from CBIB TA (agree on priorities, allocation of funds)*
- *Programmes submitted to Commission (target: end June 2007)*
- *Commission adopts CBC programmes (target: end December 2007)*



## *Next steps CBC programmes with MS*

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*Seminars for CBC programmes with MS will take place in:*

- Italy (tentative last week of January) for the Adriatic programme (GR,IT,SI and HR,BiH,MNE, AL, SRB)*
- Sofia (tentative beginning of March) for programmes between BG, GR, CY and AL, FYROM, TR*



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*Thank you for your attention!*

