

IPA CBC Adriatic Crossborder Programme

Training of the National Authorities

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INTERREG IIIA Adriatic Crossborder Programme 2000-2006



- Budget: 101 M Euro
- Eligible Area: NUTS III Italy and whole territory of PCC/CC
- Structures: Administrative bodies: MA, JTS, PA
Decision-making bodies: JMC, JSC
- Full financial and legal responsibility of LP

- But:
 - Start up of the Programme only in 2003;
 - Complexities of a multilateral crossborder Programme arise;
 - Unequal benefits for PP due to only ERDF funds availability.

- However:
 - Longstanding and structured cooperation among local actors begins to be established;
 - 65 Projects being financed (ERDF funds) at this stage.





Adriatic New Neighbourhood Programme 2004-2006



- 2003: EC launches the Neighbourhood Programmes to be build on INTERREG experience and on external funds applying to non MS bordering with MS;
- 2004: INTERREG IIIA ACP amended in Adriatic New Neighbourhood Programme;
- Joint Management Structures: ECD/EAR of CC/PCC become observer members of JSC as Contracting Authorities for CARDS/PHARE funds;
- Budget: 52 M Euro (40 M INTERREG, 6 M CARDS, 6 M PHARE - Croatian funds);
- Established cooperation linkages in the framework of INTERREG IIIA ACP receive a revitalization due to allocation of CARDS/PHARE funds to CC/PCC partners;
- Additional 107 joint projects being financed from the ANNP. Implementation continues until June 2008.



Reflections Adriatic New Neighbourhood Programme



Legal and organizational framework: Two set of rules applying to MS and to non MS.

Problems encountered:

- Long contracting procedures in the PCC/CC once the JSC selects the projects;
- Parallel implementation on both sides of the border not always coordinated (budget to be spent separately - ERDF in MS, CARDS/PHARE in PCC/CC) gave birth to administrative complexities and often to separate benefits);
- Separate financial and legal responsibility of Italian LP and PCC/CC LP.

Needs emerged:

- TA for project generation and management in the PCC/CC;
- Information and Animation for Potential Beneficiaries in the PCC/CC, especially the local authorities;
- Development of a qualitative project partnership;
- A stronger coordination among the relevant stakeholders;



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- **Eligible Area**

- NUTS III level of the MS: Italy, Slovenia, Greece;
- NUTS III level and Equivalent NUTS III of the CC/PCC: Albania, BiH, Croatia, Montenegro;
- Entire territory of Serbia in phasing out;
- Derogations.

- **Management approach: Integrated approach**

- Single legal base: IPA regulatory framework applies to both sides of the border (Regulation (EC) n. 1085/2006, IPA Implementing Regulation (EC) 718/2007);
- Single budget: One single pot to be spent in the entire eligible Area - Budget of the Programme 290 M Euro;
- Single management structures: Implementation through shared management (MA - Abruzzo Region, JMC, JSC, JTS, CA, AA).



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- **Project Level**

Crossborder projects can be:

- CfP projects (bottom-up approach);
- Strategic projects (bottom-up approach and/or top-down approach).

Crossborder projects:

- Must include partners from at least one MS and one PCC/CC;
- Lead Partner Principle becomes mandatory, devolved financial and legal responsibility (PP are liable for their own actions and related expenditure).

- **Next steps:**

- Approval of the Programme by EC expected by March-April 2008;
- Implementation Manual and CfP under preparation by Programme Partners;
- Establishment of joint and decentralized management structures expected by second half of 2008.



Thank you for your attention!

For further information:

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