

CBIB

The European Union's CARDS Regional Programme

Training of the National Authorities

Introduction to IPA and IPA CBC

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Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

An integrated Pre-accession Instrument to assist *candidate* and *potential candidate* countries.

Candidate countries: Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey

Potential Candidate countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia (including Kosovo under UNSCR 1244) and Albania



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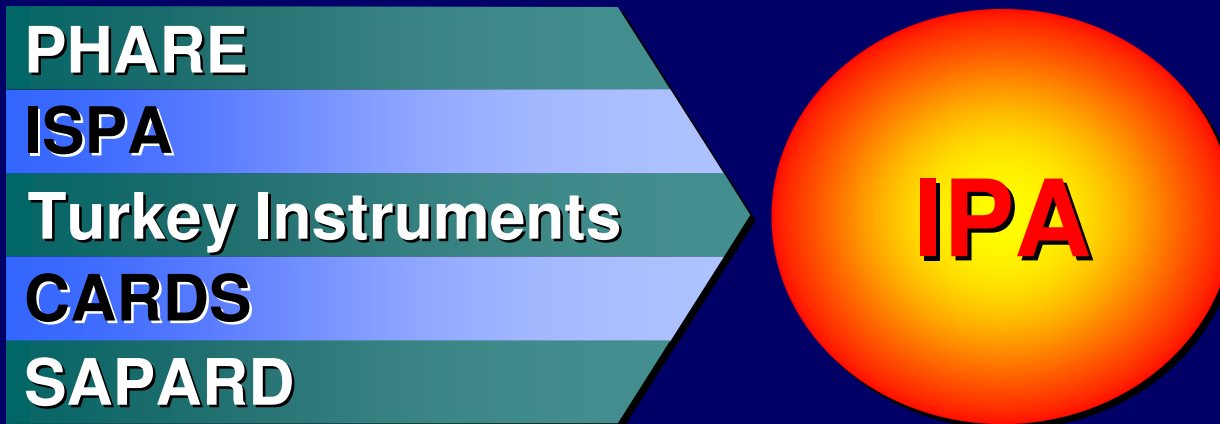
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IPA Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance

Until January 2007: INTERREG, PHARE, CARDS,
SAPARD, and Turkey Instruments.

NOW - ONE SINGLE LEGAL BASE



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Differentiation under IPA

Potential Candidate countries

- Support for participation in the Stabilisation and Association process all the way to their future accession.
- Access to **first 2 IPA components** - eligibility for components III, IV and V-type measures under component I



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Differentiation under IPA

Candidate countries

Access to all 5 IPA components to help countries to:

- Adopt and implement the *acquis*
- Implement EU funds on accession



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Structure of IPA V Components

Comp. I

Transition Assistance and
Institution Building

Comp. II

Cross-Border Cooperation

Comp. III

Regional Development

Comp. IV

Human Resources
Development

Comp. V

Rural Development



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IPA Component II Cross Border Cooperation Global Objectives

The main objectives are:

- Strengthening good neighbouring relations through joint local initiatives in border areas
- Economic and social development of border areas

But also...

- Preparing the beneficiary countries to implement Structural Funds Territorial co-operation objectives



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IPA Component II

Eligible borders

All borders of the six Western Balkan countries are eligible for the IPA Component II funds.



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Eligible borders

Two situations, involving different management structures and implementing modalities:

- CBC at borders between Member States and Candidates /Potential Candidates
- CBC at borders among Candidates/ Potential Candidates
- This training focuses on CBC among candidates / potential candidates



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Cross-border programme Example

**Total cross-border region
19 969 km²**

**FYRoM 10 473 km² (52.5%)
Albania 9 496 km² (47.5%)**

**Total population in
cross-border region
1 524 674**

**FYRoM 766 820 (50.3%)
Albania 757 854 (49.7%)**



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Priorities and measures

Example

PRIORITY I

Fostering a cross-border economic, environmental and social development

Measure I.1:

Economic development with an emphasis on tourism promotion

Measure I.2:

Sustainable environmental development with an emphasis on protection, promotion and management of natural resources and ecosystems

Measure I.3:

Social cohesion and cultural exchange through people-to-people and institution-to-institution actions

PRIORITY II

Technical Assistance



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Beneficiaries Example

Measure I.1: Economic development with an emphasis on tourism promotion

Beneficiaries will include (*this list is not exclusive*):

- Local and regional authorities;
- Local bodies of local administration legal setup;
- Country and regional agencies (responsible at central, regional and municipal level);
- Regional employment agencies;
- Non-governmental or non-profit making organizations, associations and foundations (NGOs and NPOs), such as business support organizations, local enterprise agencies, development agencies, chambers of commerce, tourism agencies, ICT development agencies, educational, training and R&D institutions, producer associations, labour unions;
- State and public agencies and organizations;
- Public enterprises;
- **SMEs;**

Priority I



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Indicative financial allocations 2007-2009 Example

Priority	former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia			Albania			TOTAL EUR
	Community funding	National funding	Total funding	Community funding	National funding	Total funding	
2007							
Priority I: Fostering cross-border economic, environmental and social development	1.980.000	349.412	2.329.412	990.000	180.000	1.170.000	3.499.412
Priority II: Technical Assistance	220.000	38.824	258.824	110.000	20.000	130.000	388.824
Total	2.200.000	388.236	2.588.236	1.100.000	200.000	1.300.000	3.888.236
2008							
Priority I: Fostering cross-border economic, environmental and social development	900.000	158.824	1.058.824	675.000	119.150	794.150	1.852.974
Priority II: Technical Assistance	100.000	17.647	117.647	75.000	13.250	88.250	205.897
Total	1.000.000	176.471	1.176.471	750.000	132.400	882.400	2.058.871
2009							
Priority I: Fostering cross-border economic, environmental and social development	900.000	158.824	1.058.824	765.000	135.000	900.000	1.958.824
Priority II: Technical Assistance	100.000	17.647	117.647	85.000	15.000	100.000	217.647
Total	1.000.000	176.471	1.176.471	850.000	150.000	1.000.000	2.176.471
TOTAL	4.200.000	741.178	4.941.178	2.700.000	482.400	3.182.400	8.123.578



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Example - Next steps

Approval of the programme document by EC	end of 2007
Signing of the framework agreement and adoption of the annual Commission decision	end of 2007/beginning of 2008
Establishment of the Joint Technical Secretariat	second semester of 2008 (tentative date)
First call for proposals (CfP)	third semester of 2008 (tentative date)



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