

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR IPA CBC GRANTS

of the Ministry of Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management (ARD upon accreditation), Croatia and Delegation to European Union, Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Basic act and Financing source

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

Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007 on implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

IPA Cross-Border Programme Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina 2007-2013

Multi- Annual Indicative Planning Document (MIPD) 2009-2011, Croatia

Multi- Annual Indicative Planning Document (MIPD) 2009-2011, Bosnia and Herzegovina

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities (2009-2010-2011 allocations) and expected results

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 and 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.

3. Eligibility conditions

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 for IPA 2009 allocation includes 95 municipalities in 3 regions (North-East: Bijeljina, Teočak, Ugljevik, Lopare, Tuzla, Lukavac, Celic, Brcko, Srebrenik, Petrovo, Gracanica, Doboj istok, Gradačac, Pelagicevo, Donji Zabar, Orašje, Domaljevac-Samac, Samac, Modriča, Vukosavlje, Odžak, Bosanski Brod, Derventa, Doboj, 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).

Apart from above mentioned 95 municipalities within the eligible area in Bosnia and Herzegovina, IPA **2010 and 2011** allocations include also **adjacent area in Bosnia and Herzegovina**. Adjacent area include the following 16 municipalities in Central BiH region: Doboj Jug, Kakanj, Maglaj, Tešanj, Usora, Zavidovići, Zenica, Žepče, Bugojno, Busovača, Donji Vakuf, Gornji Vakuf-Uskoplje, Novi Travnik, Travnik, Vitez and Teslić.

- **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 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 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.

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 total eligible expenditure**.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The Call for Proposals will most likely be launched in the 4th¹ quarter of 2010

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

- **Priority 1** Creation of a Common Economic Space: Croatia 1.350.000 EUR, Bosnia and Herzegovina 1.350.000 EUR
- **Priority 2** Improved Quality of Life and Social Cohesion: Croatia 1.350.000 EUR Bosnia and Herzegovina 1.350.000 EUR
- **Total:** Croatia 2,700,000 EUR, Bosnia and Herzegovina 2,700,000 EUR