

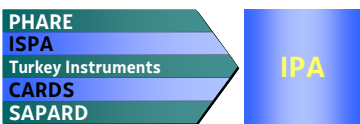
IPA ADRIATIC CROSS BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME 2007-2013

- TECHNICAL INFORMATION -

MANAGING AUTHORITY

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LEGAL BASIS

<p>Council Regulation (EC) No. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 which establishes an instrument of Pre-Accession Assistance –(IPA)</p>	<p>Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007</p>	<p>In addition</p>	<p>Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999</p>
<p>It replaces the previously existing legal basis in the pre-Accession area. As such it constitutes a framework regulation</p> 	<p>It is the implementing Regulation of the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1085/2006</p>		<p>In particular art. 21 provide the contribution from the ERDF to the cross-border programmes under the instrument of pre-accession (IPA) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 1085/2006</p>

PROGRAMME AREA (PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES)

With respect to the previous programming period 2000-2006, two new Member States, Slovenia and Greece will participate to the Programme. Concerning Serbia, due to lack of coastal area, and taking into account its previous legibility, it has been granted a phasing out participation until 2012, limited to joint projects in institutional cooperation.

The programme area is composed by NUTS 3 level regions (or equivalent regions) of the following Member States and Candidate/Potential Candidate Countries:

ITALY	Pescara, Teramo, Chieti, Ferrara, Forlì-Cesena, Rimini, Ravenna, Trieste, Gorizia, Udine, Pesaro-Urbino, Ancona, Macerata, Ascoli Piceno, Campobasso, Foggia, Bari, Brindisi, Lecce, Venezia, Rovigo, Padova
SLOVENIA	Obalno-kraška
GRECEE	Kerkyra, Thesprotia
CROATIA	Dubrovnik-Neretva, Istra; Lika-Senj; Primorje-Gorski kotar; Šibenik-Knin; Split-Dalmatia and Zadar
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Bileća, Čapljina, Čitluk, Gacko, Grude, Jablanica, Konjic, Kupres, Livno, Ljubinje, Ljubuški, Mostar, Neum, Nevesinje, Posušje, Prozor/Rama, Ravno, Široki Brijeg, Stolac, Berkovići, Tomislavgrad, Trebinje and Istočni Mostar
MONTENEGRO	Bar, Budva, Cetinje, Danilovgrad, Herceg Novi, Kotor, Nikšić, Podgorica, Tivat, Ulcinj
ALBANIA	Fier, Durrës, Lezhë, Shkodër, Tiranë, Vlorë
SERBIA	Whole territory (phasing out)

Territorial Derogation:

ITALY	Isernia, L'Aquila, Pordenone, Taranto
SLOVENIA	Notranjsko-kraška regija, Goriška regija
CROATIA	Karlovac County
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Sarajevo Economic Region, North-West Economic Region, Central Bih Economic Region
MONTENEGRO	Pljevlja, Bijelo Polje, Berane, Rožaje, Plav, Andrijevica, Kolašin, Mojkovac, Savnik, Žabljak, Plužine

PROGRAMME STRATEGY:

PRIORITIES		MEASURES		EXPECTED BENEFICIARIES
1	<i>ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION</i>	1.1	Research and Innovation	Research Institution, Universities, Enterprises, Public Organisation
		1.2	Financial support for innovative SMEs	SMEs and joint SMEs, Public Bodies, Development Agencies
		1.3	Social, health and innovative SME'S	Voluntary Organisations, Local and Public Authorities
		1.4	Institutional cooperation	Public Bodies, Business Support Organisations and Agencies, NGOs
2	NATURAL, CULTURAL RESOURCES AND RISK PREVENTION	2.1	Protection and enhancement of the marine and coastal environment	Public Bodies, Research Centres
		2.2	Natural, cultural resources management and coastal environment	Public Authorities, NGOs, SMEs
		2.3	Energy saving and renewable energy resources	SMEs, Public Authorities
		2.4	Sustainable Tourism	Tourism Board and Organisations, Public and Private Bodies
3	ACCESSIBILITY AND NETWORKS	3.1	Physical infrastructure	Public and Public Equivalent Authorities (ports and airports authorities)
		3.2	Sustainable Mobility System	Public Authorities, Public / Private Companies
		3.3	Communication Networks	Public Authorities, NGOs

TYPES AND CHARACTERISTIC OF PROJECTS

Only joint projects involving at least one Member States (MS – Italy, Slovenia, Greece) partner and one from a Candidate Countries/Potential Candidate Countries (CC/PCC – Croatia/Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Serbia) are eligible for co-financing. Projects involving only MS partners or only CC/PCC partners are not admissible.

Specific rules applicable to projects submitted by **Greece/Albania** partners and by **Slovenia/Croatia** partners only

The operations involving only beneficiaries from the following areas:

- ☞ the Obalno–kraška region in Slovenia
- ☞ and the Istarska županija and/or the Primorsko–goranska županija counties in Croatia,
- or
- ☞ the Thesprotia and/or the Corfu prefectures in Greece
- ☞ and the Vlore region (districts of Vlore and Saranda) in Albania,

shall not be eligible under the Programme.

Such operations shall be eligible under the Slovenia–Croatia and under the Greece–Albania IPA CBC programmes respectively.

In order to be eligible for financing under the Programme, operations involving beneficiaries from the Slovenia–Croatia regions and the Greece–Albania regions mentioned in 6.b), must also include:

- ☞ at least a beneficiary from the eligible regions of Italy or Greece (case of operations involving beneficiaries from Slovenia–Croatia regions) or Slovenia (Case of operations involving beneficiaries from Greece–Albania regions);
- or
- ☞ at least a beneficiary from any of other eligible areas in the (potential) Candidate countries other than the areas of Croatia or Albania referred to in point b) above.

In compliance with Art. 95 of the IPA Implementing Regulation, as a general rule, the Programme shall finance joint operations through **open calls for proposals** covering the whole eligible area.

In order to avoid the fragmentation of the operations and maximize the effects of the Programme, the participating countries may identify joint projects outside calls for proposals. In that event, the joint project shall be specifically mentioned in the Programme or, if it is coherent with its priorities or measures, shall be identified any time after the adoption of the Programme through two approaches: a *top down* approach, where the JMC identifies Strategic projects, or a *bottom up* approach where local actors propose specific projects proposals.

These are complex projects involving partnership with particular characteristics, concerning several sectors and requiring lengthy periods for their creation, technical support actions and particular coordination.

They will be identified on the basis of their cost and specific thematic approach, effectiveness and long-term results in the territories concerned and in respect of the Programme's objectives.

Further explanations about project typologies will be developed in the Implementing Manual to be issued following the Programme's approval.

Each project which will include the participation of an "economic operator" (Directive 2004/18/ec of the European Parliament) as a beneficiary, will have to guarantee the respect of the competition rules and State Aid rules. The implementing rules and future call for proposal will specify the limits of the aids.

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