

Measure I.1:

Improving the productivity and competitiveness of the areas' economic, rural, cultural and environmental resources.

Measure I.2:

Cross-border initiatives targeting the exchange of people and ideas to enhance the professional and civic society co-operation.

Priority II: Technical Assistance

The objective of this Priority axis is to provide effective and efficient implementation of the Programme and timely informing and preparation of potential applicants for successful use of the available Programme funds, and includes only covering of the costs of work of the Joint Technical Secretariat.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Programme is implemented through launching Calls for Proposals. Calls for Proposals are advertised through the mass media (electronic and printed media), as well as the web sites of the European Union, the Programme and the Operating Structures of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro and Serbian Government European Integration Office). It is expected that the 3rd Call for Proposals will be launched at the first half of the year 2015 and funds from IPA 2012 and 2013 allocations amounting to 2.16 million € made available this way for eligible beneficiaries.

Who may apply?

In order to be eligible for a grant, the applicants, co-applicants and affiliated entities must:

- be legal persons **and**
- be non-profit-making **and**
- be specific types of organisations such as:
 - local governments and their institutions,
 - associations of municipalities,
 - development agencies, business support organizations and social partners,
 - tourism and cultural organizations/associations,
 - non-governmental organizations, public and private bodies supporting the workforce,
 - vocational and technical training institutions,
 - national authorities/institutions or state agencies,
 - bodies and organisations (including NGOs) for nature protection,
 - public bodies responsible for water management,
 - fire/emergency services,
 - schools, colleges, media, universities and research centres, **and**

- be established⁴ in the Republic of Serbia when applying for the allocation for Serbia and be established in Montenegro when applying for the allocation for Montenegro⁵ **and**
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

Programming area

The Programming area consists of eligible and adjacent areas where project activities are implemented. In the adjacent areas the funds which may be available for activities are limited to 20% of the total allocation for the Programme.

WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAMME?

For the purpose of making communication and Programme implementation more efficient, Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) has been established in Prijepolje, with Antenna office in Bijelo Polje. Function of the JTS is to ensure efficient Programme implementation across the Programme area and providing technical assistance to potential applicants and grant beneficiaries.

⁴ To be determined on the basis of the organisation's statutes, which should demonstrate that it has been established by an instrument governed by the national law of the country concerned and that its head office is located in an eligible country. In this respect, any legal entity whose statutes have been established in another country cannot be considered an eligible local organisation, even if the statutes are registered locally or a 'Memorandum of Understanding' has been concluded.

⁵ According to provisions of Article 96(3) of the IPA Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 80/2010, "lead beneficiaries shall be established in the respective participating beneficiary country".

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Serbia-Montenegro

CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMME SERBIA - MONTENEGRO

in the framework of
the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)
Component II for the period 2007-2013



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PROGRAMMING AREA:

Eligible municipalities	Eligible area
Pljevlja, Bijelo Polje, Berane, Petnjica, Rožaje, Plav, Gusinje, Andrijevica, Kolašin, Mojkovac, Žabljak, Plužine, Šavnik, Nikšić	Zlatiborski district Raški district
Adjacent municipalities ¹	Adjacent area ²
Podgorica, Danilovgrad, Cetinje	Moravički district

BUDGET

For 2012-2013 budget period amount of committed funds for this Programme is 2.16 million €, and will be awarded in the form of grant, where applicants provide, in the form of co-financing, minimum 15% of the total budget of the proposed project from its own sources, or assets that are not from the budget of the European Community or European Development Fund. Each project involves two contracts on the grant (grants users from both countries sign a donation agreement with the respective Delegation of the European Union).

Amounts of grant by the measures ³	
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Measure I.2: Cross-border initiatives targeting the exchange of people and ideas to enhance the professional and civic society cooperation.	Minimum i maximum amounts of EU grant per contract 60.000 – 250.000 €

¹ In justified cases, the funds which may be available for activities that will be implemented in the adjacent municipalities are limited to 20% of the total allocation for Montenegro.

² In justified cases, the funds which may be available for activities that will be implemented in the adjacent municipalities are limited to 20% of the total allocation for Serbia.

³ Minimum and maximum amounts of grants presented are for reference only. Actual amounts could be different for a specific Call for Proposals, which is defined in Guidelines for Applicants.

WHAT IS IPA?

In January 2007, new financial instrument of the European Union - IPA (*Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance*) entered into force. This instrument replaces the existing instruments and now has five components:

- I Transition Assistance and Institution Building
- II **Cross-border Co-operation**
- III Regional Development
- IV Human Resources Development
- V Rural Development

Countries that are potential candidates for EU membership can use only first two components of IPA, while candidate countries can use available funds from all five components. Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia, although candidate countries, can also use funds only from the first two components of IPA until they are accredited for decentralized management, at which moment other IPA components will be made available to them.

Cross-border program Serbia - Montenegro is implemented within the component II of IPA - Cross-Border Co-operation.



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WHAT IS CROSS-BORDER CO-OPERATION?

In order to reduce the existing differences in the level of economic development of cross-border regions, as well as to improve comprehensive cultural, social and scientific cooperation between local and regional communities, Cross-border Co-operation component of IPA was introduced. Including representatives from both sides of the border, which together participate in different steps of the Programme implementing process, good neighborly relations are developed.

The final results should be reflected through the economic prosperity of border regions, political stability and security in the region as well as easier and faster process of the European integration.

STRATEGIC AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME?

Strategic objective:

To bring together the people, communities and economies of the border area to jointly participate in the development of a cooperative area, using its human, natural, cultural and economic resources and advantages.

Specific objectives:

1. Strengthening the incentives for SME development in the border areas;
2. Development of tourism as a key sector of the border economy;
3. Promoting cross-border trade cooperation and accessibility to markets;
4. (Re-) Establishing cross border links between business and trade support organizations to promote joint cooperative initiatives;
5. Maintaining the high quality of the border area environment as an economic resource by cooperating in joint protection and exploitation initiatives;
6. Strengthening cross-border 'people-to-people' interaction to reinforce ethnic, educational and cultural and sporting links and to share in joint areas of common interest.

Priorities of the Programme

The strategic objective of the Programme is achieved through the implementation of the activities within the projects, which are in accordance with set of priorities and measures of the Programme:

Priority I:

Socio - economic cohesion through joint actions to improve physical, business, social and institutional infrastructure and capacity.