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# **The IPA III CBC programmes in relation to EU-IPA beneficiaries common policy: The Economic Investment Plan & Green Agenda**

Kosovo is involved in 3 IPA-IPA CBC programmes:

**Kosovo - North Macedonia ( Lead beneficiary- direct management)**

Montenegro - Kosovo (Partner beneficiary-indirect management)

Albania - Kosovo (Partner beneficiary - direct management)

# Implementation of the 2021-2027 CBC programme

## KS-MK: Contribution to the Economic Investment Plan

### Thematic Cluster 4: Business Environment and Competitiveness

#### Thematic Priority 8: Competitiveness

- Innovation, upgrading and diversification of tourism products and offers in the CB area
- Support new products at local and international level
- Tourism businesses embrace innovative green and digital technologies
- Improvement of tourism facilities
- Increased labour market participation, especially of young people and women, disadvantaged groups and minorities

### Challenges

- Most of the CB area has an agro-industrial profile
- High unemployment rate especially among women
- Limited workforce skills can hinder the tourism sector development
- Insufficient commitment by the local government in supporting local tourism sector
- Lack of close cooperation of the formal education and VET schools to expand curricula within the tourism sector

# Implementation of 2021-2027 CBC programmes: Contribution to the Green Agenda

Thematic Cluster 2: Greener and improved resource efficiency

Thematic Priority 2: Environment protection

- Prevention and mitigation of human made hazards and natural disasters
- Preparation and implementation of long-term climate change adaptation strategies
- Renewable energy sources towards clean energy transition
- Support the region in developing circular economy
- Support modernization of water monitoring infrastructure and wastewater collection and treatment
- Promote environmentally friendly and organic farming

## Challenges

- The administrative capacity of local authorities responsible for environmental assessments and strategic planning
- Lack of compliance with environmental obligations by local authorities
- Striking a balance among the necessary investments, the needs for capacity building (civil servants and target groups), and raising awareness campaigns (given the limited amount of funds)