

# 9<sup>th</sup> Regional CBC Consultative Forum

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## The IPA 2014-2020 CBC programme Serbia – Bosnia and Herzegovina



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## 2014-2020: 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals - State of play

- Announced 14/11/2019 – deadline 21/02/2020

Thematic priorities	Specific objectives	Allocation €
TP1: Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border	SO 1.1: Enhancing the employability of the labour force, and increasing the employment opportunities	2.100.000,00
TP2: Protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management	SO 2.1: Improving sustainable environmental planning and promotion of biodiversity	1.374.761,62
	SO 2.2: Improving the management system for emergency interventions	1.300.000,00
Total		4.774.761,62

# 2014-2020: 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals - State of play

- 64 applications received
- 13 projects contracted
- Contracted amount: € 3,461,734.48
- Decommissioned: € 105,217.19

## Main challenges:

- Initial delay with the publication of the 1<sup>st</sup> CfP also affected the 2<sup>nd</sup> CfP, which was published in 2019 instead of 2018, as originally planned
- Delay in approval of interim and final reports and grant contract addendums

## Corrective actions:

- CFCU as Contracting authority (CA) has taken several steps in order to speed up the process of controls and therefore the process of payments, such as spreading out the start of implementation of contracts under CBC programmes.
- The CA continues to propose a simplification of the programme level control procedures with Control Bodies in partner countries in order to speed up the implementation of the CBC programmes.

## 2014-2020: 3<sup>rd</sup> call for proposals - State of play

- Announced 09/03/2022 – deadline 07/06/2022

Thematic priorities	Specific objectives	Allocation €
TP1: Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border	SO 1.2: Fostering social and economic inclusion	1,000,000.00
TP3: Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	SO 3.1: Increasing the contribution of tourism to the socio-economic development of the programme area	2,207,809.95
Total		3,207,809.95

## 2014-2020: 3<sup>rd</sup> call for proposals - State of play

- 57 applications received
- 5 projects contracted by 31/12/2022
- Contracting is still in progress - 4 additional projects are expected to be contracted

### Challenges:

- The publication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> CfP was planned for 2021 and was supposed to include allocations from 2018 (leftover from the 2<sup>nd</sup> CfP), 2019 and 2020
- The 2020 Financing Agreement was not signed in time which resulted both in the postponement of the Call and the loss of EUR 1.8 million

## Examples of good CBC practice

- Title: **Establishing the system of sustainable bulky waste management on the territories of the cities of Užice and Tuzla - Bulky Waste Less/BWL**
- Project partners: PUC Regional Waste Management Centre Duboko, PUC Komunalac and the Centre for Ecology and Energy from Tuzla
- Duration: 1 March 2021 – 30 October 2022
- Budget: € 576,664.52
- Main activities carried out:
  - 40 containers for receiving and transporting this type of waste were purchased.
  - Special machines for working with bulky waste were also procured (2 crushers for grinding and 2 grabs).
  - Pilot recycling yards were established at landfill locations in two cities.
  - The training of all stakeholders so that the newly established systems could be adequately applied.

## Examples of good CBC practice

- Results:
  - 1,000 tons of bulky waste was collected which was shredded and further processed within 10 months
  - Territories of two cities without wild landfills of bulky waste
  - Two major benefits from treating bulky waste: extracting usable raw materials and more rational use of landfill space
- With the end of BWL, the cycle of three cross-border cooperation projects was completed. Projects were realized in the previous 9 years (SWL-School Waste Less, SUBREC-Suburban recycling, BWL-Bulky Waste Less), within the unique consortium of JKP Duboko, JKP Komunalac, and CEE Tuzla.



# Technical Assistance

- The final IPA II TA grant for the programmes SRB– MNE and SRB–BiH will be implemented in the period of 12 months from 1/12/2022 until 30/11/2023.
- The value of this contract is € 960,000 (SRB-BiH € 600,000 and SRB-MNE € 360,000)

## Main challenges:

- Impact of the pandemic on activities related to large social gatherings
- Procurement of the official vehicle – formal limitations
- Inflation and limited wages
  - Locked wages
  - Locked amounts of daily allowances for staff in Serbia
  - Type of contract for the JTS staff in Serbia (service contract)
    - huge amounts of taxes
    - insolvency of commercial banks



## Topics for discussion

- Improving the quality of applications
- Speed-up the contracting process