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The 2014-2020 IPA BiH MNE CBC Programme

Territorial cooperation programmes in which BiH participates

In the 2014-2020 budget period, Bosnia and Herzegovina participates in three transnational cooperation programmes, as well as in three cross-border cooperation programmes.



The Interreg Mediterranean Transnational Cooperation Programme



The Adriatic-Ionian Transnational Cooperation Programme (ADRION)



The Danube Transnational Programme



The Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme
Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro



The IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Serbia-
Bosnia and Herzegovina



The IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Bosnia
and Herzegovina-Montenegro

2014-2020: 2nd call for proposals

State of play

Contracting resulted in **12 grant contracts**:

- ✓ 6 within LOT 1 (improve management and energy efficiency of local water supply, wastewater and solid waste systems, and the protection of environment)
- ✓ 6 within LOT 2 (tourism - natural and cultural heritage).
- ✓ **11** contracts successfully finalised and **1** will be finalised in May 2023.



2014-2020: 3rd call for proposals

State of play

- **Restricted call** (2019-2020 allocations) published in December 2020 with full applications received in summer 2021.
- **JMC meeting** was organized online in **November 2021**. At this occasion JMC provided the Advisory Opinion on applications proposed for funding.
- In April 2022, 5 grant contracts signed:
 - ✓ 2 within LOT 1 (Enhanced access to the labour market and the environment for new employment generation)
 - ✓ 3 within LOT 2 (Improved risk prevention and management and climate change mitigation and adaptation).



Examples of good CBC practice

Cycling routes to improve natural and cultural heritage of Herzegovina and Montenegro - CYCLING RURAL

Implementation period: 01 October 2019 – 30 September 2021 (24 months)
Project budget: € 485,793.81

The main outcome of the Action *“Developed and promoted cycling and outdoor tourism offer in specific rural areas of cross border regions and its integration into tourism offer of both countries as well as in overall tourism offer of Adriatic Hinterland”* is fully achieved.

[Cycling Rural Hercegovina Crna Gora - YouTube](#)



Examples of good CBC practice

From the Medieval Fortresses in Herzegovina to the Austro-Hungarian Fortresses in Montenegro / FORT-NET

Implementation period: 01 October 2019 – 30 September 2021 (24 months)

Project budget: € 470,079.65

The project addressed the **common cross-border challenge** of integrating cultural assets located on the edges of urban centres and in rural areas in the sustainable cultural tourism offer of the target area.

Improved the **quality and diversification of cultural heritage-based tourism** by improving access and visitor infrastructure and cultural assets, but also by developing and promoting new joint products and building the capacity of various public and private stakeholders responsible for developing sustainable cultural tourism.

[Projekt FORT-NET - YouTube](#)



Technical Assistance

- Second contract for TA under IPA II – **TAGC 2017** ended in August 2022 with a budget consumption of **95.49%**. FR accepted and grant closed.
- Third contract for TA under IPA II – **TAGC 2020** is scheduled to end in August 2023. The expected budget consumption may reach **97.08%**.
- Main challenge: to perform all planned activities needed for the IPA II Programme with **insufficient budget** (prices increased and budget remained the same).
- **1st JMC for IPA III** held in April in Sarajevo – TP *Tourism and cultural and natural heritage* selected for 1st CfP.
- **Promotional events** planned, **CN training** for IPA III 1st CfP, announcement of IPA III **1st CfP**, **Final Conference** for IPA II – all in **May - June 2023**.
- Budget preparation for **IPA III** – 7 years projection drafted



Topics for discussion

- *Possibility of additional funding for the Programme (due to high increase of the prices in the participating countries market).*

