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

Within IPA III, Montenegro is the lead country for the implementation of 2 IPA CBC programmes under indirect management:

»» Programme Montenegro – Albania 2021-2027

»» Programme Montenegro – Kosovo 2021 - 2027



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Implementation of 2021-2027 CBC programmes: Contribution to the Economic Investment Plan (I)

CBC Programmes would contribute to EIP through:

- Developing innovative and competitive new models for tourism providers/SMEs by promoting local products in the cross-border area
- Support SMEs for the development of local bio/organic products, agri-food eco-friendly products, branding, and internationalization to attract tourism
- Support the use of innovation and ICT to increase quality of service provision and enhance tourism competitiveness
- Investments in small and critical infrastructure and systems (e.g.: targeted irrigation systems) and other practical solutions



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Implementation of 2021-2027 CBC programmes: Contribution to the Economic Investment Plan (II)

CBC Programmes would contribute to EIP through:

- Investment in cultural and national natural heritage to better integrate it into sustainable tourism offers/services
- Joint promotion of natural and cultural heritage sites
- Support and promotion of intangible cultural heritage (history, tradition, recipes, etc.)
- Development of innovative solutions (online digital tours, mapping, etc.)



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Implementation of 2021-2027 CBC programmes: Contribution to the Economic Investment Plan (III)

CBC Programmes would contribute to EIP through:

- »» Training and development of entrepreneurial skills to increase the self-dependence of youth and vulnerable groups in the CB area
- »» Training and skill development to prepare young people for new/emerging markets and sectors such as circular economy in the cross-border area
- »» Investment in equipment to support entrepreneurship and business development for young entrepreneurs

Implementation of 2021-2027 CBC programmes: Contribution to the Green Agenda (I)

This Programme will contribute to the following areas of Green Agenda:

- Decarbonisation and climate resilience**
- Moving to a circular economy**
- Building sustainable agriculture and food systems**
- Protection & restoration of biodiversity**



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Implementation of 2021-2027 CBC programmes: Contribution to the Green Agenda (II)

This Programme will make the contribution to the following areas of Green Agenda:

- »» The programme will also emphasize environmentally friendly actions with specific selection criteria and specific focus during the assessment on the operation's environmental impact
- »» The applicants should meet the requirements related to protection of the environment, public health, cultural heritage, and avoid impacts on the existing / planned ecological network (Emerald Network) sites

Thank you for your attention!