



The Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance

**IPA II:
CBC between IPA countries
2014 - 2020**

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IPA II CBC: Main Changes

- ✓ Single Allocation per Programme
- ✓ Single Contracting Authority:
 - ✓ All participating countries entrusted with budget implementation tasks → decision on CA when preparing the programme
 - ✓ Only 1 country entrusted with budget implementation tasks → CA the accredited structure of that country
 - ✓ All countries centralised → CA one of the EU DL
- ✓ Single Grant Agreement (with Single Lead Beneficiary)



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Contracting Authority: Location

2007-2013 Programmes (lead Delegation)	Contracting Authority 2014-2020
CBC Serbia- BiH (DL Serbia)	Serbia
CBC Serbia- Montenegro (DL Serbia)	Serbia
CBC Montenegro- BiH (DL BiH)	Montenegro
CBC Montenegro- Albania (DL Albania)	Montenegro
CBC Macedonia-Albania (DL Macedonia)	EC (Macedonia)
CBC Macedonia-Kosovo (no lead DL established)	EC (Kosovo)
CBC Albania- Kosovo (DL Albania)	EC (Albania)
CBC Montenegro- Kosovo (DL Montenegro)	Montenegro



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IPA II CBC Structures

INDIRECT (IM)

- ✓ NIPACs/CBC co-ordinators, and the relevant OS/CBC body country with no CA
- ✓ Contracting Authority-Accredited OS
- ✓ NF (NAO), AA, etc
- ✓ JMC
- ✓ JTS (+ branch office)

DIRECT (DM)

- ✓ NIPACs/CBC co-ordinators, and relevant OS/CBC bodies
- ✓ Contracting Authority – EC DL
- ✓ JMC
- ✓ JTS (+ branch office)

IPA II CBC Structures: Tasks

NIPACs/CBC Coordinator

- ✓ NIPACs jointly main counterparts of the EC
- ✓ Could delegate tasks to a CBC Coordinator (in IM HoOS)

Relevant CBC body(ies)

- ✓ Responsible for programme preparation
- ✓ Nominate members to the JMC
- ✓ Set up JTS
- ✓ In DM: additional tasks - prepare the annual final reports on the programme, information and publicity plan, etc

IPA II CBC Structures: Tasks

Contracting Authority: **Delegation or Operating Structure**

- ✓ Selection of operations- grant or procurement
- ✓ Nomination of the evaluation committee:
 - ✓ DM: DL decision
 - ✓ IM: 1 more evaluator from country without CA
- ✓ Signature of the grant contract with lead beneficiary (CfP)
- ✓ Monitoring and control at project/contract level:
 - ✓ DM: monitoring arrangements to be agreed between the 2 DL
 - ✓ IM: monitoring on the other side of the border will need to be regulated (FA and/or MoU like REGIO)

IPA II CBC Structures: Tasks

Contracting Authority: If the OS...also responsible for

- ✓ Verification legality regularity of the expenditure on both sides of the border – FLC
- ✓ Receive funds from the NF and payments to the lead beneficiary
- ✓ Prepare the annual/final reports on implementation
- ✓ Prepare the information and publicity plan

IPA II CBC Structures: Tasks

Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) :

Main change > No role of JMC in grant/contract selection

- ✓ Strategic definition programme, establishing programme priorities
- ✓ Decision on CfP priorities
- ✓ Programme level monitoring
- ✓ Approval of annual/final reports
- ✓ Approval Information and publicity plans
- ✓ Approval JTS work plan
- ✓ Chair: Country where the CA is not located (IM) or rotating (DM)

IPA II CBC Structures: Tasks

Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) : No major changes

- ✓ Set up by the participating countries, with staff from both countries, funded through TA
- ✓ Specific list of task to be decided jointly by the participating countries when preparing the programme
- ✓ Annual work plan to be approved by the JMC
- ✓ Assist the programme structures in their duties: support in the selection procedures, advise potential applicants, plan and implement info campaigns, inputs to the annual reports, monitoring visits, etc
- ✓ Antenna office (?)

IPA II CBC: Programming

- ✓ **Preparation:** CBC Bodies and approved by the JMC before submission to the EC
- ✓ **Duration:** 7 years
- ✓ **Geographical coverage:** Eligible areas to be determined by programme partners together with EC. No overlapping.
- ✓ **Thematic concentration:** maximum 4 thematic priorities + TA. Specific objectives defined at priority level.
- ✓ **Funding:** 1 allocation per programme, 85% co-financing
- ✓ **Ex-ante evaluation:** Full fledge not obligatory but through programming process
- ✓ **Programming Templates:** distributed for comments



IPA II CBC: Implementation

Call for proposals:

- more focused: thematically, within themes, target groups
- increase min/max. thresholds, decrease number of applications and contracts

Joint Strategic Projects:

- project ideas to be identified during programming and included in the programme
- selected in the framework of CfP i.e Calls for strategic projects

Sub-granting:

- supplement to grant schemes (small grants, specific beneficiaries)
- selected through a separate theme within the CfP or devote a specific part of the TA grant to sub-granting



IPA II CBC: Technical Assistance

- ✓ Allocations might be increased under IPA II if necessary
- ✓ Allocated on a multi-year basis
- ✓ How to manage the TA being discussed
 - ✓ Keep 2 grants centralised- TA project funded through 2 grants?
 - ✓ Transfer to the OS-CA (in IM) ? How to cover the cost of the partner country?
 - ✓ TA given directly to the JTS
 - ✓ Service contract





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Thank you for your attention

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