

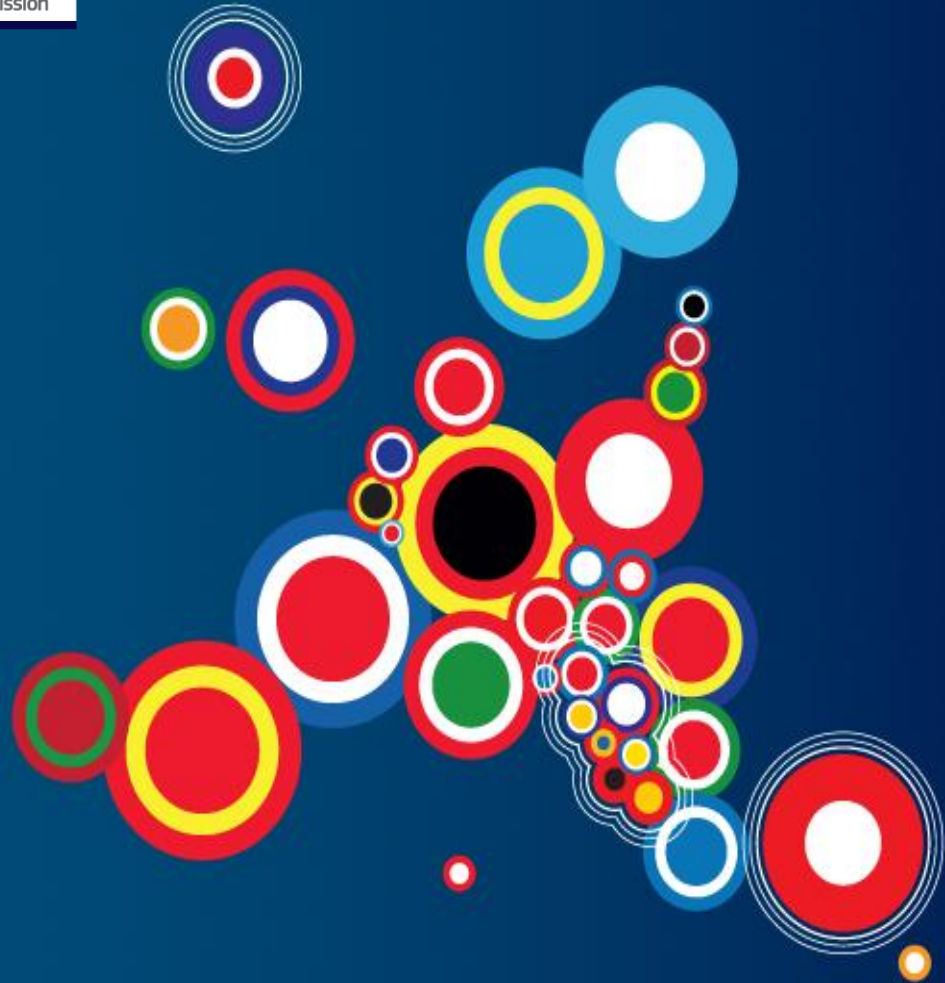


The Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance

**CBC IPA-IPA in IPA II:
2014 - 2020**

**ELARG D.3 Regional Cooperation and
Programmes**

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Main players in DG Enlargement

- ❑ **Unit D1** - IPA Strategy and Quality
- ❑ **Unit D3** - Regional Cooperation and Programmes
- ❑ **Geographical Units** - B1 (Croatia, Montenegro), B2 (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), C1 (Bosnia and Herzegovina), C2 (Serbia), C3 (Kosovo*) and C4 (Albania)

* *"This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence"*



Main roles and responsibilities – Unit D1

- overall **strategic framework for IPA II** incl. CBC
- **regulatory framework for IPA II** (for CBC this includes drafting the RAP)
- preparation of the **IPA II Programming Guide** incl. a dedicated section on CBC
- providing **guidance on templates** to be used (e.g. Programme Template, Annual Implementation Report etc)





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Main roles and responsibilities – Unit D3

- **overall coordination** of CBC programmes at intra-WB borders, CBC with MS and transnational programmes based on proposals from geographical units and EUDs (regular meetings)
- ensure proper reflection of CBC in **MCSP** based on priorities included in each of the CSPs
- guidance and compilation of the **budgetary tables** for the allocation of IPA funds per programme (based on input from the geographical units)
- manage the **CBIB+ TA** project (in close cooperation with geographical units and EUDs)



Main roles and responsibilities – Geographical Units

- ensure incorporation of priorities and targets for CBC in **CSP**
- propose **eligible areas** and **budget allocation** for each programme
- strategic planning and programming: ensure, in close coordination with D1 and D3, timely **preparation and adoption of CBC programmes** (incl. launching ISC and presentation of programmes to IPA Committee)



Main roles and responsibilities – EUDs

- Contribute to identification of **eligible areas** and **meaningful projects**
- **Implementation** of CBC programmes **under direct management** wherever applicable



Programme preparation

- **Preparation of programmes** by national authorities of the countries involved in the programme in close cooperation with both EUDs, the geographical units concerned and CBIB+ TA (programming experts) on basis of template
- **Verification / checking** by Commission services (D1, D3, geographical units, EUDs)



Programme review and verification

- Verification / checking by Commission services (D1, D3, geographical units, EUDs) prior to external consultations
- Various levels of review / **checking: substance** (geographical units, EUDs) and **consistency** (D3)
- Substance checking: ensure that CBC actions are based on priorities identified in the CSP
- Consistency checking: ensure budgets are coherent and in line with overall IPA II allocations for CBC; ensure respect for thematic priorities



Substance checking

Nature of checks (non-exhaustive list):

- ❖ Are the **findings** of the **SWOT / PESTLE** analysis in line with the selected **thematic priorities**?
- ❖ Did an adequate **external consultation process** take place and is it properly described?
- ❖ Is the **programme eligible area** well-defined and relevant?
- ❖ Is the **socio-economic situation** in the programme area described in a clear, unambiguous and understandable way?
- ❖ Have **statistical data** been included and a reference to the source has been provided?



Substance checking

Nature of checks (non-exhaustive list) cont'd:

- ❖ Is there a proper and logical **explanation how the programme will address the needs in the programme area** (i.e. there is a clear link between actions foreseen and thematic priorities selected)?
- ❖ Is the **programme coherent with other EU or other donors' programmes?**
- ❖ The **programme strategy respects** the fundamental principles of the **logframe approach** (for each thematic priority selected there is a clear description of specific objectives, expected results, indicators of success and type of activities)



Substance checking

Nature of checks (non-exhaustive list) cont'd:

- ❖ Have **horizontal and cross-cutting** issues been properly incorporated (environmental protection, equal opportunities, gender equality)?



Consistency checking

Nature of checks (non-exhaustive list) cont'd:

- ❖ Are the **thematic priorities** stated in the programme **in line with** those identified in the **CSF / RAP**?
- ❖ The **thematic priorities correspond** to the countries' **overall accession strategy** and needs defined in the CSP?
- ❖ Justifications of **financial allocations** for each thematic priority have been provided?
- ❖ **Financial tables** are properly **completed and mathematically correct**?
- ❖ Maximum **rate of Community contribution** is respected?



Thank you for your attention

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