
WORK PROGRAMME FOR IPA CBC GRANTS
of the Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia
for IPA CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMME CROATIA-MONTENEGRO
2007-2013

1. Basic act and Financing source

Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007 (amended 80/2010 of 28 January 2010) on implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

IPA Cross-Border Programme Croatia – Montenegro 2007-2013

Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document (MIPD) 2011-2013, IPA Component II – Cross-border cooperation

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2012 and 2013 years and expected results

Priority 1 - Creation of favourable environmental and socio-economic conditions in the programme area by improvement of the co-operation in the jointly selected sectors and good neighbourly relations in the eligible areas.

Specific objectives of Priority 1 are:

1. To establish cooperation between institutions in charge of environment protection, as well as natural and cultural heritage protection through implementation of joint programmes, education, know-how transfer and awareness raising activities;
 2. To create recognizable tourist products based on the natural and cultural assets of the Programming area and re-establish social connections in cross-border area through supporting traditional and contemporary culture;
 3. To increase and enhance cooperation between institutions, citizens and civic organizations in the areas such are tourism, education, culture and other that are in line with Programme objective, in order to boost community development and improve neighbourhood relations.
- **Measure 1.1. Joint actions for environment, nature and cultural heritage protection**
Improvement of systems for environment, nature and cultural heritage protection in the Programming area has been identified by Programme beneficiaries as a priority cooperation activity since environment and natural heritage are the main economic resource of the area.

This measure is expected to establish sustainable cross-border networks for joint environmental, nature and cultural protection. It is intended to encourage cross-border cooperation in projects related to finding solutions to joint environmental problems. The aim of cooperation under this measure is to stimulate development of other innovative measures and strategies for joint environmental, nature and cultural heritage protection and to educate and raise awareness of local population and local/regional government units on environmental protection and need for cooperation in that sector through public information and participation.

- **Measure 1.2. Joint tourism and cultural space**

Measure 1.2 is the main economic measure of this Programme since tourism and tourism related services are main impetus for economic development of the area. These services have highest share in regional GDP. Tourism related services also employ the highest number of people in the force, therefore it is essential to broaden the spectra of services, prolong tourist season, offer higher quality of services based on authentic local products, tradition and culture. The measure is intended to enhance and improve cross-border cooperation between tourism and cultural institutions in the region.

- **Measure 1.3. Small cross-border community development projects**

This measure aims at improving cooperation between people, educational institutions and civil society organizations from both sides of the border in order to boost community development and to improve neighbourhood relations. It will support people-to-people actions organized by different organizations in fields such as culture, tourism, education and others that are in line with the Programme's objective, and will be particularly supporting marginalized groups, local democracy and the development of civil society.

3. Eligibility conditions

Activities must be implemented in the Programme Area.

Eligible area:

The Croatian eligible region is Dubrovnik-Neretva County which has land and marine border with Montenegro. The Montenegrin eligible regions are coastal municipalities of Herceg Novi, Kotor, Tivat, Budva, Bar, Ulcinj and municipality of Cetinje, the only municipality which is not situated on the coast but is included as an eligible municipality due to its close connections and gravitation toward the costal area.

Adjacent area:

In addition the programming area extends to 1 Croatian county and 3 Montenegrin municipalities. In Croatia adjacent area is Split-Dalmatia County and in Montenegro adjacent area are Nikšić, Podgorica, Danilovgrad municipalities.

Eligibility of applicants:

In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants must be non profit making legal persons, excluding private educational centres and research institutes, established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or the specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, be registered or accredited¹ in Croatia when applying for the allocation assigned to Croatia and be registered or accredited in Montenegro when applying for the allocation assigned to Montenegro at least one year before the publication of this Call, and belong, for all 3 measures, to one of the following categories: Public companies or bodies in charge of communal infrastructure and waste management (utility companies); Fire/emergency services; Local and regional self-government units, local/municipal boards and their institutions; Agencies and other public bodies in charge of environmental and nature protection; Non-

¹ According to the meaning of the provisions of Article 96(3) of the IPA Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 80/2010, which specifies that the lead beneficiaries shall be established in the respecting participating beneficiary country.

governmental organisations and foundations, including the Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies; Regional/local development agencies; Local and regional tourist associations and organisations, including tourist boards; Business support institutions, such as the chambers of commerce, crafts and trades, and social partners; Public and private educational centres and research institutes; Institutions and associations in culture; Public social service providers (Centres for social welfare, Health centres, Labour market institutions etc.); National authorities/institutions or state agencies; International inter-governmental organisations.

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions where applicable.

5. Maximum rate of European Union financing

The maximum rate of the European Union co-financing is 85% of total eligible expenditure.

6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals

The Call for proposal will most likely be launched in the first half of 2013.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

- Croatia 900,000 EUR
- Montenegro 900,000 EUR