

WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

of Montenegro, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds¹

Cross Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro - Albania 2014-2020
under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance 2014-2020 (IPA II)
2nd Call for Proposals

1. Basic act and/or Financing source

- COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 447/2014 of 2 May 2014 on the specific rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)
- Framework Agreement, in particular Article 78 (8) (a);
- IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro-Albania, 2014-2020

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for IPA funding 2016 and 2017 and expected results

The overall objective is to promote/strengthen good neighborly relations and socioeconomic development of the border regions, through valorising its touristic potentials, an environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive economic development, with respect for its common cultural and natural heritage.

The following specific objectives and corresponding results are proposed to be covered by the 2ndCfP – the application submitted under this CfP to contribute to attaining:

Thematic priorities	Specific objectives	Results
2. Protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management	2. The protection of environmental resources in lake and alpine areas is furthered	2.1 Awareness of the sustainable use of environmental resources in lake and alpine areas is advanced

¹The decision on objectives, priorities, target beneficiaries and financial allocation for the second call for proposals will be the subject of ex-ante approval by the EU Delegation to Montenegro.

3. Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border	3. Employability and social inclusion is fostered	3.1 Access to the labour market improved, especially for vulnerable groups
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3. Indicative financial allocation per priority:

Indicative financial allocations per priority/specific objective for this CFP to be as follows:

Priority	Specific objective	Allocation
2. Protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management	2. The protection of environmental resources in lake and alpine areas is furthered	1,890,000.00 €
3. Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border	3. Employability and social inclusion is fostered	1,000,000.00 €

4. Eligibility conditions

The beneficiaries shall be legal entities and be established in one of the two IPA II beneficiary countries participating in the CBC programme.

In line with the programme document, the following main categories are proposed as potential target beneficiaries of the second CFP:

local authorities, local governments and their institutions, associations of municipalities, development agencies, local business support organizations, economic factors such as SMEs, NGOs, public and private bodies supporting the workforce, vocational and technical training institutions, bodies and organizations for nature protection, public bodies responsible for water management, fire/emergency services, schools, colleges, universities and research centers including vocational and technical training institutions.

5. 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.

6. Maximum rate of European Union financing

The maximum rate of Community co-financing is 85% of eligible expenditure.

7. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals

The Call for Proposals is planned to be launched in the 3rd quarter of 2018.

8. Indicative amount of call for proposals

The overall indicative amount available under this Call for Proposals for actions implemented in the programme area to be 2,890,000.00 € (merged IPA allocations 2016 - amounting of 1,700,000.00 € and 2017 – amounting of 1,190,000.00 €)