



The Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

Framework and implementation

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Structure of the IPA: 5 components

Single framework, differentiated approach

All countries:

- I. Transition Assistance and Institution Building***
- II. Cross-Border Co-operation***

In addition, for Candidate countries:

- III. Regional Development***
- IV. Human Resources Development***
- V. Rural Development***



Regulatory framework

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Council Framework Regulation

*No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006
(OJ L 210 of 31 July 2006)*

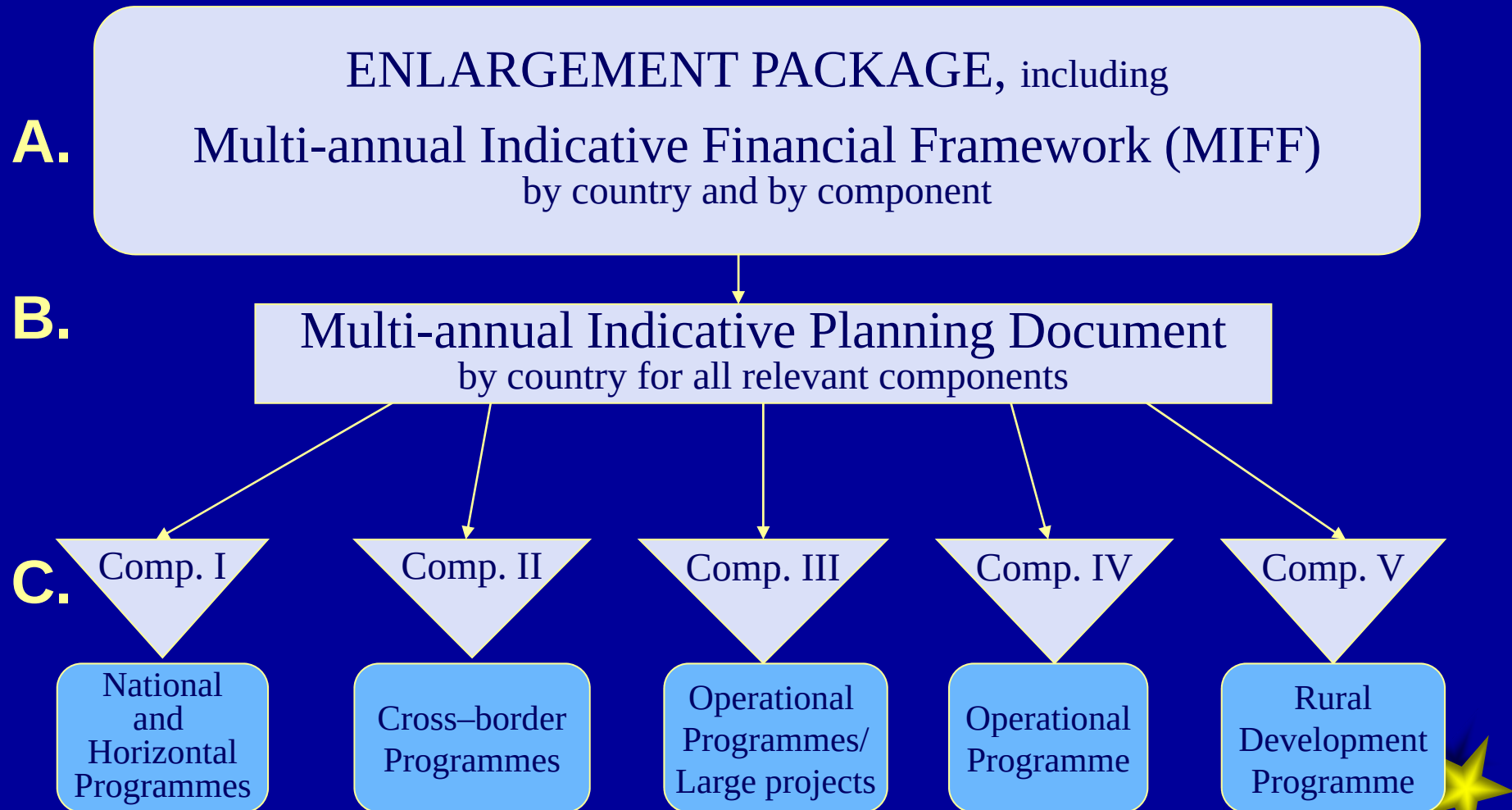
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Detailed Implementing Regulation

*No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007
(OJ L 170 of 29 June 2007)*



A 3-level implementation framework: flowchart Candidates



Multi-annual Indicative Financial Framework (MIFF)

In € million, current
prices

Country	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
Croatia	141.2	146.0	151.2	154.2	157.2	749.8
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	58.5	70.2	81.8	92.3	98.7	401.5
Turkey	497.2	538.7	566.4	653.7	781.9	3037.9
Albania	61.0	70.7	81.2	93.2	95.0	401.1
Bosnia & Herzegovina	62.1	74.8	89.1	106.0	108.1	440.1
Montenegro	31.4	32.6	33.3	34.0	34.7	166.0
Serbia	189.7	190.9	194.8	198.7	202.7	976.8
KOSOVO (under UNSCR 1244)	68.3	124.7	66.1	67.3	68.7	395.1
Multi- beneficiary	109.0	140.7	160.0	157.7	160.8	728.2
Total	1218.4	1389.3	1423.9	1557.1	1707.8	7296.5

Comp I – IPARD related activities

Beneficiary: administration

- Strengthening of administration to draft/implement/manage RD strategy/programme
- Activities to enhance knowledge/transparency on the economic situation of the sector: rural census, farm register, land cadastre, price statistics, sector analysis
- Support the organisation of civil society partners related to agriculture and RD (farmer's association, food producers, environmental and local rural development associations)
- Facilitating access to credit for farmers and rural businesses
- Establishment of advisory/extension services for farmers

Comp I: Example BiH (1)

- MIPD – agriculture and RD
 - Objective: priority is given to assist the reform of the agricultural sector and contribute to RD
 - Expected results:
 - adoption of an agriculture and rural development strategy;
 - further alignment of national legislation with acquis,
 - Building up administrative structures to implement agricultural policy and RD measures
 - Improve rural census, farm register, land cadastre, agricultural statistics, access to credits for farmers is provided.
 - Improve the quality and safety of local products

Comp I: Bosnia-Herzegovina (2)

- National IPA Comp. I programme 2007
 - Pilot support to Rural Development Programming (1m€):
 - to strengthen the programming and payment capacities
 - promoting participatory bottom up-approaches in the design and management of rural development measures demonstrated through the application of pilot activities.
- National IPA Comp. I programme 2008:
 - Capacity building in agriculture and food safety policy and preparation for BiH's access to IPARD (Comp V) (4.8m€)
 - Building up capacity for managing future IPARD funds (managing and control authority, paying agency, training etc.)
 - Enforced national legislation in food safety, composition and quality through provisions off the equipment for food control laboratories

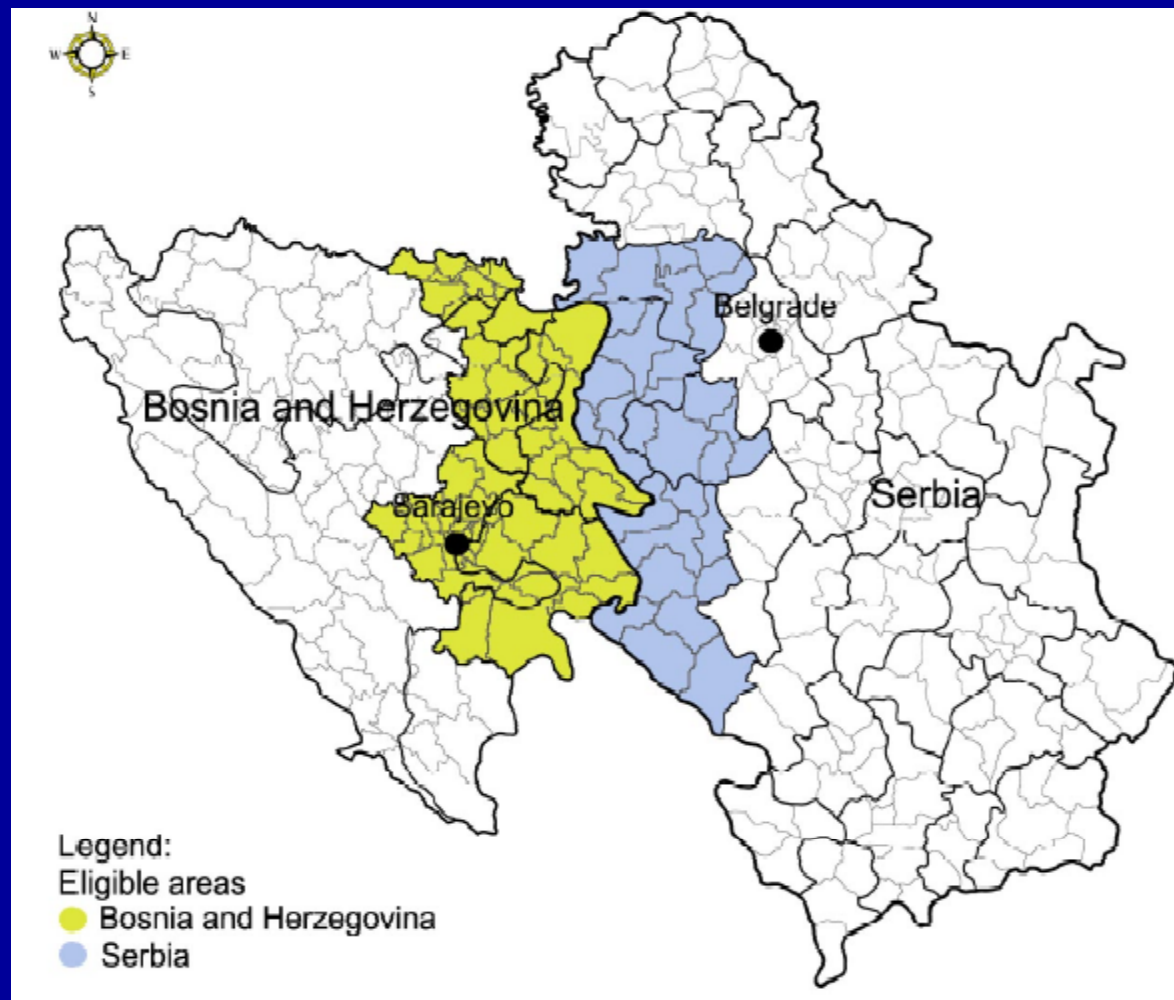


Comp II - Cross-Border Co-operation

- Multi–annual Joint cross–border programmes
- Aimed at strengthening cross-border cooperation through joint local and regional initiatives in order to (objectives):
 - promote of sustainable economic and social development in the border areas
 - working together to address common challenges in fields such as environment, natural and cultural heritage, public health and the prevention of and fight against organised crime
 - ensuring efficient and secure borders
 - promote joint small scale actions involving local actors from the border region

CBC–Serbia/Bosnia&Herzegovina 2007-2013

Eligible Areas



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Strategy objective:

To bring together the people, communities and economies of the eligible area to jointly participate in the development of a cooperative area, using its human, natural and economic resources and advantages.

Priorities and measures

- **Priority 1 Social and economic cohesion through actions to improve physical, business, social and institutional infrastructure and capacity**
 - Measure 1: Improving the productivity and competitiveness of the areas' economic, rural and environmental resources
 - **Beneficiaries:** local governments + their institutions, schools, universities, sporting associations, NGOs/NPOs, business support organisations (chambers, SME associations etc.), regional development agencies, public/private entities supporting work force (job creation centres), SMEs.
 - **Activities:** stimulation economic activity via a more productive use of resources, cooperation between local authorities (spatial planning, waste water disposal), job creation initiatives/cooperation between business groups, protection of natural resources, educational programmes for industry, agriculture and tourism development
 - Measure 2: Cross-border initiatives targeting the exchange of people and ideas to enhance professional and civil society cooperation
 - **Beneficiaries:** see above
 - **Activities:** cross-border networking, cooperation between local groups in preserving cultural, historical and sporting connections looking for a joint solution approach (tourism), establishment of joint cultural and sporting events.
- **Priority II: Technical assistance (programme administration/implementation, evaluation etc.)**

Annual Community funding (2007-2009) for **priority I:** € 1,620,000,- (for SR: € 990,000,-; for BiH: € 1630,000)



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Implementation structure/state of play

- **Natioanl IPA Co-ordinator**
 - Serbia: Ministry of Finance
 - BiH: Directorate for European Integration/Council of Ministers
- **Operating Structure (OS)**
 - established in both partner countries
 - Programme drafting
 - Set up a Joint Technical Secretariate to assist JMC and OS
 - Supporting the Contracting authorities
 - Etc.
- **Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC):** national/regional administration, economic/social/environmental partners, EC (advisory capacity),
 - considers/approves selection criteria
 - review implementation and propose changes to the CBC
 - selection of operations (**Joint Steering Committee (JSC)**)
- **Contracting authorities (centralized management) :**
 - ECDs in Serbia and BiH
 - Tendering, contracting and payments
- **Tendering will start in October** (single call for projects covering the whole area)

Useful links

IPA programmes/EC Decisions:

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/how-does-it-work/financial-assistance/programming-ipa_en.htm

DG Enlargement, financial assistance:

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/how-does-it-work/financial-assistance/index_en.htm

EC Delegations in Candidate/Potential Candidates countries:

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/press_corner/links_en.htm



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Thank you for your attention!

