

Preparations for IPA II - State of play

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A new set of instruments for external action for the period 2014 - 2020

- June 2011: Commission proposal for MFF
- December 2011: EC proposal for 9 geographic / thematic instruments + 1 horizontal regulation
- External action for next MFF: € 70 billion
 - € 14.1 billion for enlargement (= + 20% for external action and stability for pre-accession assistance compared to 2013)
- European Council 7-8 February: € 58.7 billion





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IPA II legal architecture

Legislation

IPA
REGULATION

ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

COMMON
IMPLEMENTING
RULES

RULES OF
APPLICATION

DELEGATED ACT

COMMON STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK

High Level
Programming

COUNTRY
STRATEGIES

MULTI-COUNTRY
STRATEGIES

IMPLEMENTING ACTS
COMITOLGY (IPA Committee)

Adoption of
Programmes

COUNTRY
PROGRAMMES

MULTI-COUNTRY
PROGRAMMES

IMPLEMENTATION

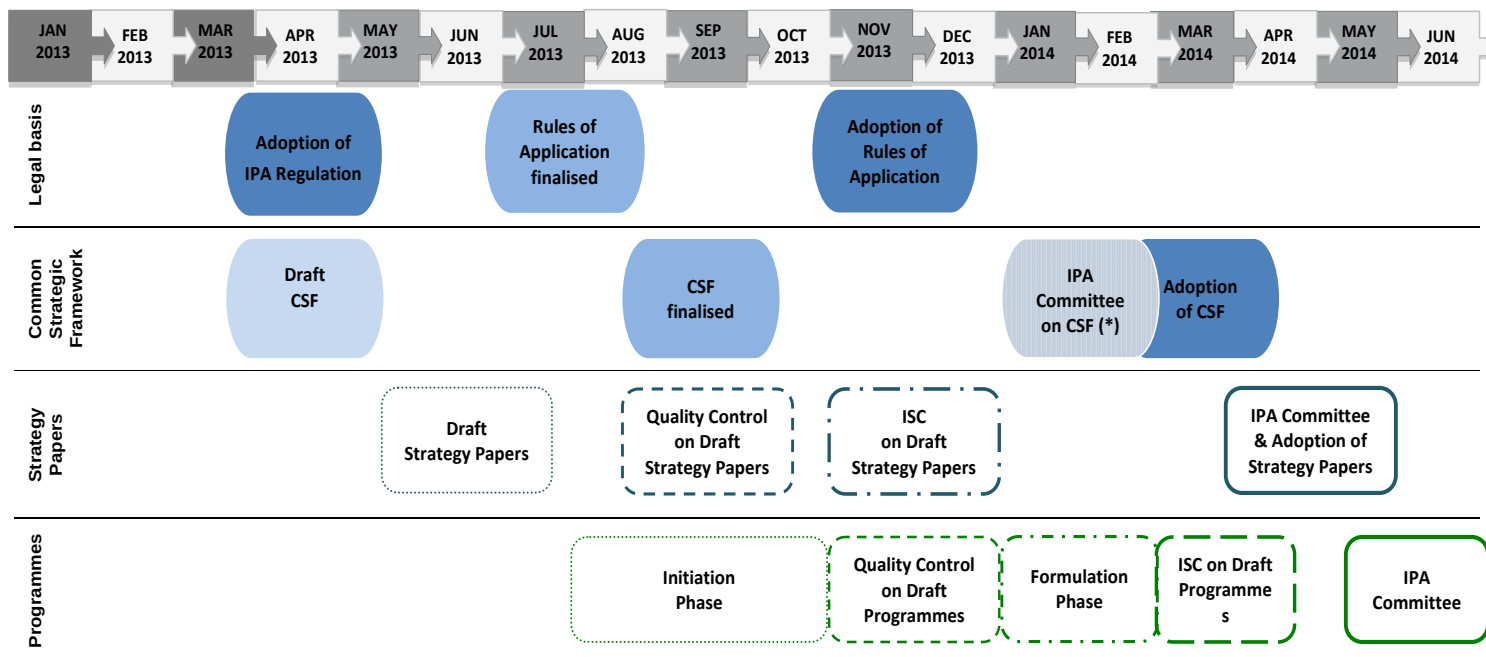
Enlargement





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IPA II Tentative Timeline



IPA II Regulation: state of play

- Adoption of proposal for IPA II Regulation by EC: Dec. 2011
- EP & Council have adopted their negotiating position in summer 2012
- Informal trilogues ongoing at horizontal and at instrument level
- The IPA II Regulation was expected to be adopted by April 2013, but subject to Parliament and Council first deciding:
 - on the EU Budget for 2014-2020
 - on various horizontal issues affecting the whole package of external action instruments
- IPA II regulation to enter into force on 1 January 2014



Main changes over the current IPA

- ✓ Five policy areas
- ✓ Comprehensive country strategies
- ✓ Supported by relevant national sector strategies
- ✓ All policy areas should seek contributing to all IPA specific objectives
- ✓ No differentiation between countries in access to assistance



IPA specific objectives

- ✓ Support for political reforms
- ✓ Support for economic, social and territorial development, with a view to a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth
- ✓ Strengthening of the ability of beneficiary countries to fulfil the obligations stemming from membership by supporting progressive alignment with and adoption, implementation and enforcement of the *acquis*
- ✓ Territorial cooperation





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IPA II RAP: scope & objectives

SCOPE

- Complete the legal framework for IPA II

OBJECTIVES

- Streamline & simplify compared to current rules
- Reflect the end of differentiated access to assistance (candidate/potential candidate countries)

MAIN SECTIONS

- management & control systems, delegation of power
- Rules for territorial cooperation
- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting
- Financial management
- Transparency & visibility requirements



IPA II RAP: State of Play

- State of play & next steps:
 - Currently in preparation
 - Subject to final outcome of legislative work
 - Final draft expected by mid-2013
 - Adoption only after adoption of IPA II Regulation



Common Strategic Framework (CSF)

- The CSF includes:
 - ✓ Political priorities
 - ✓ Common needs assessment from beneficiaries
 - ✓ Long term strategic planning of the assistance, based on the guiding principles
 - ✓ List of types of actions and of financial assistance
 - ✓ Criteria for budget allocation among countries
 - ✓ Indicators for progress monitoring



Country Strategy Papers (CSPs)

- The CSPs include:
 - ✓ Country specific priorities, needs and capacities to commit for reform
 - ✓ Specification on sectors by policy areas
 - ✓ Volume of the assistance and types of actions
 - ✓ Clear targets and indicators to measure their achievement

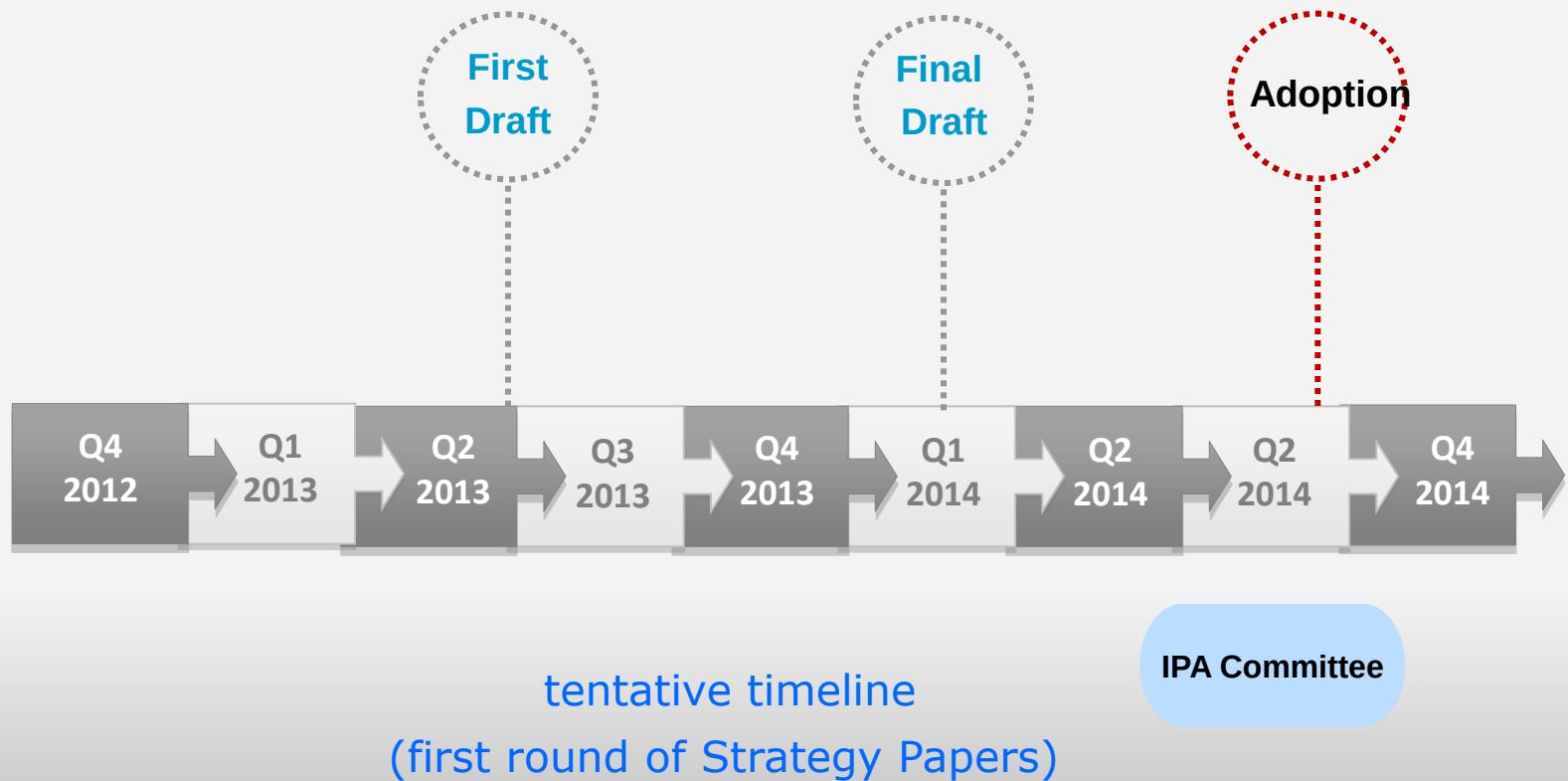


Next steps Country Strategy Papers

- ✓ Preparations started
- ✓ What role for beneficiary country:
 - ✓ Comprehensive national strategy
 - ✓ Sector approach assessment and development
 - ✓ NIPAC coordinates
- ✓ On-going assessment of the needs and capacities



Country Strategy Papers (CSPs)



IPA rural development

- Continuity and flexibility
- Keep the existing menu of measures with two new measures to be added: (1) establishment and protection of forests and (2) advisory services
- Streamlining management and control system

Example – streamlining management and control

- Better defining the role of the Managing Authority

A public body acting at national level, to be in charge of programming, publicity, coordination, evaluation and monitoring and reporting of programme concerned and managed by a senior official with exclusive responsibilities

- Streamlining controls

Recent events and timing

- 2 workshops (February and October), in cooperation with SWG
- Guidance document on programming sent
- Programmes?!