

WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

of Republic of Serbia, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes – CFCU

Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Serbia - North Macedonia 2016-2020
under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance 2014-2020 (IPA II)
1st Call for Proposals

1. Basic act and/or Financing source

- Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II);
- Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action; and
- Commission Implementing Regulation EU no 447/2014 of 2 May 2014 on the specific rules for implementing the IPA II regulation.

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

The overall objective of this Call for Proposals is to strengthen good neighborly relations, establish partnerships and to contribute to the development of a vibrant programme area by connecting its people and resources in a sustainable way.

The following specific objectives and corresponding results are proposed to be covered by the 1st CFP – the application submitted under this CFP to contribute to attaining:

Thematic priorities	Specific objectives	Results
1. Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border;	1.1. Skills improvement and creation of employment opportunities in perspective sectors; 1.2. Development of an inclusive society.	Result 1.1.1: Employability of the working age population in the cross-border area raised; Result 1.1.2: Organisational capacities to activate cross-border employment potentials strengthened;

		1.2.1. Capacities for social and cultural inclusion of disadvantaged groups improved.
2. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	2.1. Mobilising cultural and natural resources for joint development of sustainable tourism products and destinations 2.2. Fostering joint risk management systems of natural and cultural sites, as well as human settlements, including disaster or emergency preparedness	2.1.1 Development of sustainable CB tourist products and destinations initiated 2.1.2 Quality and visibility of tourist offers improved 2.2.1 Capacities for cross-border risk management and intervention increased

3. Indicative financial allocation per priority:

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

Priority	Specific objective	Allocation
1. Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border;	1.1. Skills improvement and creation of employment opportunities in perspective sectors; 1.2. Development of an inclusive society.	EUR 489.888.00
2. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	2.1. Mobilising cultural and natural resources for joint development of sustainable tourism products and destinations 2.2. Fostering joint risk management systems of natural and cultural sites, as well as human settlements, including disaster or emergency preparedness	EUR 770,112.00

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 and corresponding Joint Monitoring Committee decision, the following main categories are proposed as potential target beneficiaries of the second CfP:

- Central, regional and local government units (ministries, municipalities, departments, agencies, social welfare system institutions) with competencies/responsibilities in the eligible area in the fields relevant to the call (nature protection, water supply, wastewater, solid waste management, and maintenance and development of cultural and historical heritage); local tourist organisations; civil society organisations/NGOs; The zones of protected natural and cultural values; Chambers of Commerce and Chambers of Crafts and Trades; Professional associations, farmers associations and associations of SMEs, Formal and non-formal education and training institutions (e.g. primary schools, VET schools, Universities, etc.); Research, development and innovation (RDI) institutions; Agencies for local or regional development; Public utility companies; Cultural institutions such as museums, libraries, orchestras, etc.; Sport organizations

5. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines for Applicants for the 1st Call for Proposal which are based on Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions. Guidelines will be published upon the launching of the Call for Proposals.

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 2nd quarter of 2019.

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 1,260,000.00 € (merged IPA allocations 2016 - amounting of 560,000.00 € and 2017 – amounting of 700,000.00 €)