

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 - Montenegro 2014-2020

under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance 2014-2020 (IPA II)

2nd 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, 2017 and 2018*¹ and expected results

The overall objective of this Call for Proposals is to contribute to economic, social and territorial development of the programme area by fostering integration, joint development and use of potentials and opportunities to make the area attractive to live and work in.

The following specific objectives and corresponding results are proposed to be covered by the 2nd 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;	1.2.Strengthening social and cultural inclusion of vulnerable groups;	1.2.1: Better services – Increased access to social and cultural services for vulnerable/excluded groups

¹ Please note that the award of this Call for Proposals is subject to the adoption of a Financing Decision for 2018 by the European Commission (indicatively in the third quarter of 2019). In case of the Financial Agreement for 2018 is not signed, its financial allocation will be cancelled and the total amount of funds available for this Call for Proposals will be reduced by the respective allocation amount of EUR 1,200,000.

3. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	3.1. Improving capacities for exploiting tourism potentials of the programme area	3.1.1: Joint tourist products enhanced 3.1.2: Complementary products and services developed
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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
1. Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border;	1.2. Strengthening social and cultural inclusion of vulnerable groups	EUR 1,140,000
3. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	3.1. Improving capacities for exploiting tourism potentials of the programme area	EUR 2,100,000

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:

- Under the **specific objective 1.2** ‘Strengthening social and cultural inclusion of vulnerable groups’: Employment services; educational and research institutions and organisations; chambers of commerce and crafts, associations of enterprises, clusters; trade unions; civil society organisations/NGOs; national, local and regional authorities; local and regional development agencies; organisations providing business support environment; local communities;
- Under the **specific objective 3.1** ‘Improving capacities for exploiting tourism potentials of the programme area’: Tourism and related clusters; tourism organisations at national/regional/local levels; national/nature park organisations; educational and research institutions and organisations; Civil society organisations/NGOs; national, local and regional authorities; local and regional development agencies; associations of producers and tourism providers; cultural institutions; chambers.

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 2nd 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 3,240,000 € (merged IPA allocations 2016 - amounting of 1,200,000 €, 2017 – amounting of 840,000 € and 2018* - amounting of 1,200,000 €)