WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS
of the Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia and the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia
for IPA Cross-Border Programme Croatia-Serbia 2007-2013

1. Basic act and/or Financing source


IPA Cross-Border Programme Croatia-Serbia 2007-2013, revised version dated July 2012


2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for IPA funding years 2012 and 2013 and expected results

IPA 2012 and 2013 Cross-Border Programme Croatia - Serbia
The overall objective of the programme is to stimulate cross-border cooperation in order to diversify and improve the regional economy in a socially and environmentally sustainable way, whilst at the same time improving good neighbourly relations across the border.

Priority 1: Sustainable Socio-Economic Development

The overall objective is to promote the sustainable development of the cross-border region through effective use of the region’s economic potential, in synergy with friendly and appropriate use of natural resources ensuring the preservation of regional biodiversity and also through providing help in the recovery effort in the flooded areas in within the Programme area in Serbia and Croatia.

The specific objectives are:
• To protect and safeguard the natural assets of the cross-border region by taking joint actions and by increasing public awareness;

• To promote good neighbourly relations across the border between local communities

• To help Serbia and Croatia in the recovery effort allowing private persons, business and public services to resume their normal functions as soon as possible within the scope of strategy and global objective of the 3rd Call for Proposals.

These objectives will be achieved through the implementation of actions under the following set of measures:

**Measure 1.2. Environmental protection**

This measure will support awareness raising activities on environmental issues and joint actions to ensure that sites of high environmental and landscape value, affected and ruined by floods are rehabilitated and managed so that they can sustain the pressures of tourism development without losing their value. In addition, the measure will support the development of more effective systems and approaches to emergency preparedness in relation to flood prevention and control, including the implications on cross-border pollution, food safety and health issues that occurred or might occur as results of the floods. The measure will also support the development of joint waste management and minimisation strategies. A selected number of actions will be supported which result in the clean-up and restoration of sites polluted/damaged by the floods.

**Measure 1.3. People-to-people**

This measure will encourage contacts, communication and cooperation between local communities and local community organisations/agencies within the cross-border region, particularly in support of women and marginalised groups (unemployed youth and disabled), local democracy and the development of civil society, as long as these activities clearly contribute to helping in the recovery efforts in the flooded area and are allowing private persons, business and public services to resume their normal functions within the scope of strategy and global objective of the 3rd Call for Proposals.

**3. Eligibility conditions**

All actions must be implemented in the Programme Area. This includes Osijek-Baranja County and Vukovar- Strijem County in Croatia and Srem district, South Bačka district, West Bačka district, and North Bačka district in Serbia. The adjacent areas in Croatia are Požega-Slavonia County and Brod-Posavina County and Mačvanski district in Serbia.

Each application must be submitted as a joint proposal formulated by 2 applicants acting in partnership, one applying for IPA funds allocated for Serbia and one applying for IPA funds allocated for Croatia.

Applicants shall be non-profit legal persons established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest, belonging, inter alia, to one of the following groups:
Measure 1.2 Environmental Protection: Regional /local public authorities; Public /non-profit organisations including universities, colleges, secondary and elementary schools; Public companies in charge of communal infrastructure and waste management; Agencies in charge of environmental and nature protection; Agencies dealing with emergency planning; Regional and local development agencies (in Croatia only).

Measure 1.3 People to People: Public non-profit-making organisations including secondary and elementary schools; Organisations responsible for providing social and health services; Regional and local development agencies (in Croatia only).

4. Selection and award criteria
The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the following documents:
- Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions
- Guidelines for Grant Applicants, IPA 2012 and 2013 Call for Proposals.

5. Maximum rate of European Union financing
The maximum rate of Community co-financing is 85% of eligible expenditure.

6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals
The Call for Proposals will most likely be launched in the 1st quarter of 2015.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals
Croatia 1,800,000 EUR; Serbia 1,800,000 EUR