



IPA

TWINNING NEWS NEAR SPECIAL

European IPA Twinning Projects Pipeline from mid-February till December 2017

Project title	(To be) circulated to Member States
ALBANIA	
IPA 2014 (Indirect management CFCU) "Support priority power sector reforms and improve the management of companies in the Power Sector "- Standard Twinning, beneficiary Ministry of Energy and Industry. The main overall objective is to increase the power safety supply and to facilitate the recovery of the power sector. Project purpose: to improve the management capacities of Albania's power sector in line with EU energy strategies and priorities Budget: EUR 500,000	Q1-Q2, 2017
IPA 2014 (direct management, EU Integration facility): Capacity Building for the indirect management of EU Funds The overall objective is to strengthen the administrative capacity of the country to cope with the requirements for indirect management of EU funds under the IPA Regulation. Budget: EUR 800,000	Q1 -Q2, 2017
IPA 2016 (direct management, complementary contract to the Sector Reform Contract to Support Transport with Focus on Roads): Capacity Building for the Albanian Roads Authority. The twinning is expected to focus on improvement of performance and strengthening the capacity of the Albanian Road Authority (ARA), notably with a view to ensuring that ARA staff is better at implementing transport policies and legislation, and at carrying out public procurement and contract implementation in line with applicable procedures and sound financial management principles. Budget: EUR 1,300,000	Q2 –Q3, 2017

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

IPA 2016 – Twinning with Parliaments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republika Srpska, Federation of BiH and the District of Brcko

Support to the Parliaments of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the EU Integration Tasks will strengthen functioning of the political and administrative structures for EU integration through support to the implementation of the Parliamentary EU integration Action Plans, deepening the cooperation of the Parliaments of BiH in EU integration matters, and for further acceleration and improvement of the legal approximation process in BiH. Budget: EUR 2,300,000

Q4 2017

IPA 2015 - Twinning with the Agency for Statistics of BiH

The Twinning is expected to focus on improving the performance of statistics in the area of national accounts, Structural Business Statistics/SBS, Short Term Statistics (STS) and Tourism Statistics. The budget for this project is EUR 1,500,000.

Q2 2017

IPA 2016 - "Recognition of qualifications" with Centre for recognition of qualifications in higher education (CIP)

The twinning is expected to improve labour mobility in BiH through recognition of qualifications in line with the provisions of the Lisbon Recognition Convention and its accompanying documents.

Budget: EUR 600,000.

Q2 2017

KOSOVO*

IPA 2016: EU Approximation Facility - EU Services Directive,

Follow-up project to support the Ministry of Trade and Industry with the effective coordination of the transposition of the EU Services Directive 2006/123/EC and the establishment of the "Point of Single Contact" as e-government portal.

Budget: EUR 1,000,000

Q2 2017

IPA 2014: Support to the National Audit Office,

Strengthening the capacities of KNAO to carry out its activities in a standardised and independent manner, while improving the quality of audit reports.

Budget: EUR 200,000 **Twinning light project**

Q2 2017

SERBIA

IPA 2014, Fight against trafficking in human beings

The main goal of this TW is to increase efficiency of discovery of cases of trafficking in human beings as well as to improve the protection of victims. The aim is to institutionalise national referral mechanism and to make it more efficient.

Budget: EUR 1,000,000

Q2 2017

IPA 2014, Development of Schengen Action plan

In order to be able to define further steps in improvement of border control and surveillance, a Schengen Action Plan need to be developed under this TW, which will after a thorough analysis present further activities that Serbia requires to take in order to be ready for the full

Q2 2017

implementation of the Schengen acquis. Budget: EUR 1.500,000	
IPA 2014, Further Development of Protection of Competition in Serbia Activities aiming at further development of the system and the capacities for combating anti-competitive practices will lead to an improved implementation of EU-harmonised policies which will in return contribute to the creation of a well-functioning market economy. Budget: EUR 1,000,000.	Q2 2017
IPA 2014, OSH legislation harmonized and capacities primarily of the Directorate for Safety and Health and the Labour Inspectorate built It will provide further harmonization of OSH and capacity building especially of the Directorate for Health and Safety and the Labour Inspectorate and other relevant institutions. Needs assessment and analysis of present organizational structure, capacities and procedures of OSH in Serbia will be conducted as well as harmonization of the legislation content. Budget: EUR 1,500,000.	Q2 2017
IPA 2014, Strengthening of the institutional capacities of the National bank of Serbia in the process of EU accession The project purpose is to strengthen the institutional capacities of the National bank of Serbia in order to accelerate the EU accession negotiation process. Budget: EUR 800,000.	Q2 2017
IPA 2014, Development of the Legislative and Institutional Framework for the Effective Alignment and Implementation of the Acquis in the Area of Fishery in the RS The project purpose is to help EU accession negotiation process by development of the legislative and institutional framework for alignment and implementation of the acquis in the area of fishery Budget: EUR 250,000. Twinning light	Q2 2017
IPA 2015, Home Affairs - Increase capacity of Internal Control Unit to fight against corruption The project will provide support in strengthening proactive capacities of Internal Control Sector to successfully fight corruption in MoI. A set of activities will be developed in order to enable introduction and establishment of "Integrity test", to enable check of property/asset of MoI employees, to further develop capacities of investigation of corruption and financial investigations. Budget: EUR 1,000,000.	Q1 2017
IPA 2015, Home Affairs – Strengthening capacity of Ministry of Interior and other relevant institutions to fight against organized crime The project purpose is to strengthen capacity within home affairs sector for the fight against organized crime, in line with AP 24 for implementation of: Intelligence Led Policing, National Criminal Intelligence System (NICIS -KOS), Criminal analysis including crime	Q2 2017

mapping, support to service for fight against organised crime and strengthening international police cooperation (in line with EUROPOL standards)

Budget: EUR 200,000. **Twinning light**

THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

IPA 2013 : Further institutionalisation of structured mechanism/s for cooperation between the Government and the Civil Society

The purpose of the project is to create a better environment for civil society development through established and functional Council for cooperation between the Government and the Civil Society and strengthened administrative capacity for cooperation with CSOs on local level.

Budget: EUR 500.000

**Q2 2017
Foreseen month of circulation April 2017**

IPA II 2014 Action Programme: Support to the Home Affairs Sector Further development of the capacities for crime scene investigation,

The project purpose is further development of the capacities for crime scene investigation through establishment of a new organisational structure, establishing a quality system for conducting crime scene investigation, introducing new methods and standards for collection and transport of evidence from the crime scene and creating preconditions for accreditation of the Crime scene investigation units on regional and local level in accordance with the ISO 17020:2012 standard.

Budget: EUR 1.050.000

**Q1 2017
Foreseen month of circulation March 2017**

IPA II 2014 Action Programme: Support to the Justice Sector Development and strengthening of the penitentiary system

Project purpose

- Strengthening penitentiary system by improving the management and monitoring over the penitentiary and correctional facilities strengthening the training system for the personnel in Directorate for Execution of Sanctions, Penitentiary institution and Correctional Educational Institution, and improve the safety and treatment of prisoners and juveniles in penitentiary and correctional facilities.
- Developing institutional and organizational structure of the Probation Service, development of professional and trained staff, introduction of treatment programs for professional work with convicted persons who perform probation work and also enhancing of cooperation and partnership of Probationary Service with all relevant institutions and organizations involved in performing of probation activities.

Budget : 1.300.000 EUR

**Q2 2017
Foreseen month of circulation April 2017**

MONTENEGRO

IPA 2014 or IPA 2015

Support to the Customs Administration in the area of excise

The objective of the project would be to support the Customs Administration of Montenegro in managing excise, since the Customs Administration took over the responsibility over excise from Tax Administration in January 2015

Budget: EUR 200 000 **Twinning light**

Q3 2017

IPA 2014 or IPA 2015 Support to the Agency for Protection of Competition The objective of this project is to further strengthen capacities of the Agency for Protection of Competition for appropriate enforcement of the Law on Protection of Competition Budget: EUR 250 000 Twinning Light	Q3 2017
Strengthening the capacities of the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights and the key counterparts The objective is to increase administrative capacity of the personnel of the MHMR with cross-cutting training on project implementation, monitoring and evaluation. The result will be more transparency, effectiveness and coordination. Budget: EUR 250.000 Twinning light	Q2 2017
TURKEY	
2015 Annual Action Programming - Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Turkish National Police regarding Public Order and Crowd Management in line with ECHR fundamental rights principles (Recirculation) The main goal of the project is to develop technical structure and human resources of Turkey's Law Enforcement Agencies and to improve current situation in accordance with the best practices of the European Union countries on crowd control. More specifically, the purpose of this project is to develop the institutional capacity of Turkish National Police on Public Order Management and Crowd Control in line with justice, freedom and security strategies and policies of the European Union. Budget: EUR 2.000.000	Q2 2017
2015 Annual Action Programming - Independent Police Complaints Commission & Complaints System for the Turkish National Police, Gendarmerie and Coast Guard The goal of the project is to implement the primary legislation with regards a new independent complaints system for the Turkish National Police, Gendarmerie and Coast Guard. Start full operations of the new complaints system and consolidate the system via a start-up (first year) business plan and 3-5 year strategic plan. Budget: EUR 2.000.000 (2d Recirculation)	Q1 2017
2015 Annual Action Programming - Improving the Detection Capacity of Turkish Customs Enforcement The aim is to strengthen the customs surveillance and control function of the MCT all across Turkish Customs Territory by increasing Coordination Centre's and maritime units' administrative, technical, intelligence and operational capacity in order to deal with both intended and committed offences more promptly and efficiently. Budget: EUR 1.000.000	Q2 2017
2016 Annual Action Programming – (Justice and Home Affairs) Improving the Effectiveness of Family Courts: Better Protection of the Rights of Family Members The effectiveness of the family courts and office of public prosecutors	Q2 – Q3 2017

will be enhanced in order to provide better protection for the rights of women, children and other family members. Awareness and competencies of judges, public prosecutors and court experts regarding key issues such as gender, domestic violence and child welfare will be increased and functioning of courts will be strengthened. Collaboration mechanisms among stakeholders will be improved and public knowledge regarding family court proceedings will be increased. Budget: EUR 2.000.000	
2016 Annual Action Programming – (Justice and Home Affairs) - Forensic Trainings Towards Advanced Examination Methods The capacity of forensic institutions will be strengthened, better contributions to judicial procedures will be done through advanced examination and analysis capacities, unanswered demand of analysis and cases due to lack of experience will be decreased. The number of accredited examination methods will be increased. Advanced trainings will be provided to forensic experts in 11 major areas. All 3 forensic institutions of Turkey are the stakeholders of the activity. Budget: EUR 2.000.000	Q2 – Q3 2017
2016 Annual Action Programming – (Justice and Home Affairs) - Improving Turkish Notary System The activity will ensure compatibility with the notary legislations of EU member states within the scope of EU harmonisation process. It will develop a basis for entry into profession, training, promotion and disciplinary and control procedures for notaries. Through the Activity, it is aimed to reduce the workload of judiciary by extending the scope of the transactions carried out by notaries and increasing the effectiveness in the transactions which are still being carried out by them. Budget: EUR 2.000.000	Q2 – Q3 2017
2016 Annual Action Programming – (Justice and Home Affairs) - Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of Personnel Training Centres of the Penal Institutions The capacity of the Personnel Training Centres will be strengthened, the same quality of trainings will be ensured in each and every Personnel Training Centres through designing standardised training curricula and developing human resources management systems with high quality trainers. Budget: EUR 2.000.000	Q2 – Q3 2017
2016 Annual Action Programming – (Justice and Home Affairs) - Strengthening the Capacity of Law Enforcement Agencies on Cyber Crime Prevention and Investigation The Activity aims to increase the capacity of law enforcement institutions and related institutions against fight on cyber-crime and raise awareness in the society on cyber-crime related issues. Budget: EUR 2.000.000	Q2 – Q3 2017
2016 Annual Action Programming – (Justice and Home Affairs) - Development of Digital Examination Laboratories of TNP (Turkish National Police) To enhance the capacity of digital forensics.	Q2 – Q3 2017

Budget: EUR 2.000.000	
2016 Annual Action Programming – (Justice and Home Affairs) - Strengthening the Capacity of Turkish Forensic Laboratories in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking The purpose is to adopt Ankara police forensic laboratory which is the central laboratory of the TNP, to the drug profiling information exchange mechanism of the Union. Also Gendarmerie Forensic Laboratories will adopt their Ankara laboratory. Budget: EUR 1.000.000	Q2 – Q3 2017
2016 Annual Action Programme – (Agriculture & Fisheries) - Capacity building for fisheries producer organisations and provincial agricultural directorates in line with CMO (Single Common Market Organisation) of CFP (Common Fisheries Policy) The activity aims to contribute to alignment with the acquis in the field of fisheries as well as the efforts related to the preparation of Turkey for future implementation of the CFP. Budget: EUR 1.000.000	Q2 – Q3 2017