

**PROJECTS WITHIN THE FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE  
NATIONAL PROGRAMME IPA 2012, FOR COMPONENT I – TRANSITION  
ASSISTANCE AND INSTITUTION BUILDING**

Signing of Financing Agreement for the National IPA 2012 program represents the sixth tranche of funds of € 1.4 billion allocated to the Republic of Serbia by the European Union for the period 2007 – 2013 for IPA Component I. **Under this Financing Agreement, 13 projects and sector programmes, with a total budget amounting to 171.6 million € were approved, while the national co-financing provided is 27.48 million €. The implementation of projects is expected to start in 2013, and all projects are multi-annual.**

The projects and sector programmes are divided into seven sectors to be supported: Justice and Home Affairs, Public Administration Reform, Social Development, Private Sector Development, Transport, Environment, Climate Change and Energy, Agriculture and Rural development, Other EU Acquis and Horizontal Activities. Beside project promoters, other public administration bodies, civil society organizations and representatives of local self governments are involved in the implementation of projects.

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| <b>Sector: Justice and Home Affairs</b><br><b>Value: 34.86 million € (IPA funds: 32.51 million €; national co-financing: 2.35 million €)</b> |
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**1. Support for improvement of the living conditions of forced migrants and closure of Collective Centres**

**Value:** 17.15 million € (IPA fund: 15.2 million €; national co-financing 1.95 million €)

**Purpose:** The project aims to enable adequate living conditions and integration of forced migrants who choose to stay in Serbia while supporting the sustainable return of those wishing to return to Kosovo, as well as integration of returnees under the Readmission Agreement. The project will contribute to improvement of implementation of national and EU plans and policies in the areas of human rights, protection of minorities and migration. The project has foreseen closure of remaining collective centres, improvement of living conditions and social inclusion of additional 450 refugees, IDPs and returnees under the Readmission Agreement. It will support sustainable return of 220 internally displaced families to Kosovo. More precisely, the project will provide building material packages, purchase of village houses and supply and setting up of prefabricated houses for IDPs and returnees in undignified private accommodation. It is also to enable economic self-reliance of all three categories of forced migrants through delivery of small grants for work, craft and agriculture activities. The project will implement measures leading to better social inclusion of returnees under the Readmission Agreements (language lessons, additional teaching of pupils, psychosocial support). It shall result in increasing the number of housing solutions for designated numbers of vulnerable migrants, closure of collective centres (CCs) and the successful reintegration of refugees and IDPs as well as an increase in the services being offered to vulnerable persons.

**Implementation management:** Commissariat for Refugees, Office for Kosovo and Metohija.

**2. Police reform and migration management**

**Value:** 4.11 million € (IPA funds: 3.91 million €; national co-financing: 0.2 million €)

**Purpose:** The project provides support to Ministry of Interior in the comprehensive reform of human resources management and in improving management of migration through effective policies and coordination procedures. The Component 1 aims to develop an overall institutional capacity to manage the HR system effectively and efficiently, and the Component 2 is to enable management of migration through effective policies and coordination procedures. The project has emerged from the need of the Serbian administration to ensure: responsible public administration reflected among other by an accountable and capable police; the fight against irregular migration as well as strengthening migration management. The implementation of the project is to ensure that all required legal frameworks and internal procedures for the functioning of a modern HRM

are adopted and implemented – including a revision of the Law on Police 2005; that modern HRM organisational units are restructured and supported in line with HRM strategic documents, i.e. strategy and supported by new HR IT system and that modern HRM procedures and practices are promoted and implemented throughout the Ministry and Police Service, in line with relevant international HRM standards and best practices. It also aims to strengthen the existing capacities of Serbian MoI and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) for management of legal migration by ensuring the implementation of clear policies and coordination procedures.

**Implementation management:** Ministry of Interior.

### **3. Support to the Rule of Law System**

**Value:** 13.6 million € (IPA funds: 13.4 million €; national co-financing: 0.2 million €)

**Purpose:** To improve the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of court proceedings; support the reform of system of enforcement of court decisions; support the Implementation of new Criminal Procedure Code; provide assistance for improving conditions for investigative techniques and forensics. This project has emerged from the need of the Serbian administration to ensure implementation and further development of the judiciary reform strategy, which aims at ensuring independence, efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of the judiciary and law enforcement system, including efficient and timely delivery of criminal justice. The aim of the project is to: support to the newly established system of enforcement of court decisions; enabling a coordinated fight against all forms of crime through more efficient investigation and court trial procedures, improved capacity of courts, to measure their performance, securing adequate equipment, increased involvement of the civil society and general public into the substantive evaluation of the criminal justice system in the Republic of Serbia. The project includes: Component 1 - Judicial efficiency, Component 2 – Effective enforcement of court decisions, Component 3 - Implementation of new Criminal Procedure Code and Component 4 – Adaptation of space for improving investigative techniques and forensics.

**Implementation management:** Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, Ministry of Interior.

### **Sector: Public Administration Reform**

**Value: 16.71 million € (IPA funds: 16.05 million €; national co-financing: 0.66 million €)**

### **4. Support to Public Administration Reform**

**Value:** 11.91 million € (IPA funds: 11.25 million €; national co-financing: 0.66 million €)

**Purpose:** The objective of sector support is to facilitate implementation of key priority public administration reform initiatives related to the central and local administrative level. The assistance will be aimed at increased professionalisation of the civil service through further development of the system for civil servants' professional training, further enhancement of e-Government, as well as enhancement of effectiveness and administrative capacities in LSG units through establishment of a professional training system and preparation and implementation of local strategic and project planning documents. Activities within this sector programme are to support the implementation of strategic priorities and documents in the area of public administration reform, while the anticipated modalities are based on good practices and partnerships with the Council of Europe and Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities. This approach aims to ensure efficiency in implementation of this complex sector programme at both levels - i.e. with national institutions at the central level, as well as with local self-government units directly.

**Implementation management:** Ministry of Justice and Public Administration; Ministry of Regional Development and Local Self-government.

## **5. Strengthening the Serbian Statistical System by Upgrading Methodologies and Standards and by the appliance of Good Practice**

**Value:** 4.8 million € (IPA funds: 4.8 million €)

**Purpose:** The project aims to provide support to Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia for upgrading statistical system in accordance with approximation with the EU standards, and particularly through ICT system consolidation, optimization and standardization, improvement of the system of National Accounts' production and development of a set of Sustainable Development Indicators (SDIs) for monitoring the quality of life, social development, environmental protection and long-term macroeconomic policy-making. This project will help the Statistical Office to adopt more modern methodologies and adequate mechanisms, recognized and accepted by Eurostat, as well as IMF, OECD and other relevant international organizations and institutions. It will also enable harmonised methodologies, standards and good practices applied for the production of a reliable statistical basis necessary for Serbian social and economic system in view of the EU accession, and relevant statistics and indicators are available for use as basis for public policies in all key areas. More precisely, the project is to substantially upgrade statistical system in terms of improved availability, quality, comparability and timeliness of statistical data in accordance with requirements of the process of approximation to the European Statistical System.

**Implementation management:** Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia.

### **Sector: Social Development**

**Value: 28.2 million € (IPA funds: 24.1 million €; national co-financing: 4.1 million €)**

## **6. Social Development**

**Value:** 28.2 million € (IPA funds: 24.1 million €; national co-financing: 4.1 million €)

**Purpose:** To promote further socio-economic development in Serbia based on higher levels of employment, a more educated and employable labour force and enhanced social inclusion of people from disadvantaged groups, with a particular emphasis on the Roma. More precisely, the project will: 1) increase the effectiveness of Serbian employment policy in line with labour market needs; 2) enable social dialogue to be utilised as an instrument for reaching consensus on labour market issues and a forum for discussion on the programming, formulation and implementation of social and economic reforms; 3) increase capacity of Serbian VET system in improving the quality, coverage and relevance of the vocational education and training delivered; 4) support social inclusion policies and development of the range and quality of community-based social services for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including Roma, through cross-sectoral approaches and local partnership-based initiatives; 5) support the implementation of the Strategy for Improvement of the Status of Roma in the Republic of Serbia in the areas of access to basic rights and civic participation, labour market, education, health, social welfare, adequate housing and job creation, following the recommendations of the on-going pilot actions of the City of Belgrade and EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020.

**Implementation management:** Overall coordinator: Serbian European Integration Office; Measure 1: Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy, National Employment Service; Measure 2: Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy; Measure 3: Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development; Measure 4: Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy; Measure 5: Ministry of Health/ Office for Human and Minority Rights.

### **Sector: Private Sector Development**

**Value: 7.87 million € (IPA funds: 6.18 million €; national co-financing: 1.69 million €)**

## **7. Support to SME development**

**Value:** 7.87 million € (IPA funds: 6.18 million €; national co-financing: 1.69 million €)

**Purpose:** To enhance the competitiveness of Serbian economy through the strengthening of private sector and its performance. The project is to contribute to a higher productivity and competitiveness of SMEs in Serbia through the provision of adequate advisory services on the

local level, as well as through improving e-business environment by strengthening legal and institutional framework. The project aim is to increase the internationalisation and capacity to innovate of Serbian private sector, by creating a more favourable environment, customised business services and promotion of e-business in order to strengthen the efficiency, quality and accessibility of products and services as well as cutting costs and administrative procedures. The Component 1 - Enterprise Growth Programme and Business Advisory Services will facilitate access to high quality business support services, enhancing managerial capacity in all areas, and striving to develop local SMEs as well as the business advisory service market, while the Component 2 will set out necessary actions to create a solid foundation and environment for rapid growth in the use of e-business by both SMEs and consumers.

**Implementation management:** Ministry of Finance and Economy, Ministry of Foreign and Internal Trade and Telecommunications.

**Sector: Environment, Climate Change and Energy**  
**Value: 71.25 million € (IPA funds: 57.15 million €; national co-financing: 14.1 million €)**

#### **8. Support to improvement of energy efficiency**

**Value:** 2.0 million € (IPA funds)

**Purpose:** Energy savings and reduced CO2 emissions, through a higher level of energy efficiency and reduced energy consumption. The project will develop a comprehensive survey on energy consumption in Serbia, as well as the Second Energy Efficiency Action Plan.

**Implementation management:** Ministry of Energy, Development and Environmental Protection

#### **9. Strengthening system of Environmental Protection and Climate Change**

**Value:** 69.25 million € (IPA funds: 55.15 million €; national co-financing: 14.1 million €)

**Purpose:** Sector support aims at improving management and monitoring system for effective implementing of transposed environmental and climate change acquis and related international commitments. It is also to upgrade environmental infrastructure through investments into waste management and improvement in air quality. Three infrastructure project will be implemented through this programme, namely: construction of regional waste management centre for Kolubara district – “Kalenic” covering 11 municipalities (Valjevo, Lajkovac, Ub, Osecina, Ljig, Mionica, Koceljeva, Vladimirci, Lazarevac, Obrenovac and Barajevo); construction of regional waste management centre for Subotica district covering 7 municipalities (Subotica, Backa Topola, Mali Idjos, Kanjiza, Senta, Novi Knezevac and Coka); and reconstruction of electrostatic precipitators at TPP Nikola Tesla A unit A3 and at TPP Morava.

**Implementation management:** Ministry of Energy, Development and Environmental Protection

**Sector: Agriculture and Rural Development**  
**Value: 17.1 million € (IPA funds: 15.6 million €; national co-financing: 1.5 million €)**

#### **10. Support to Agriculture and rural development**

**Value:** 17.1 million € (IPA funds: 15.6 million €; national co-financing: 1.5 million €)

**Purpose:** Sector support is aimed at enhancing system of food safety, consumer health and safety, transparency, and a reliable agricultural inspection system in the Republic of Serbia in line with EU standards. The project will focus on strengthened strategic, institutional and legal framework, as well as procurement of adequate equipment. Vaccines against classical swine fever and rabies will be supplied through the project. Assistance will also be provided to strengthening capacities of relevant institutions for implementing tasks and responsibilities within management of pre-accession funds for rural development.

**Implementation management:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

**Sector: EU acquis other horizontal activities**  
**Value: 23.09 million € (IPA funds: 20.01 million €; national co-financing: 3.08 million €)**

### **11. Strengthening Media Freedom**

**Value:** 3.2 million € (IPA funds: 3.0 million €; national co-financing: 0.2 million €)

**Purpose:** The project will aim to enforce freedom of expression and application of EU standards in the media field. Furthermore, it will support aligning of the legal framework in the media sector with EU standards according to the Serbian Media Strategy, implementation of the new laws, as well as strengthen freedom of expression and increased professionalism of journalists and other media professionals by improving quality and relevance of media programmes, corresponding to the needs of the society for accurate, professional and objective information in the field of a rule of law. In addition, a grant scheme is provided for projects proposed by media.

**Implementation management:** Ministry of Culture and Information

### **12. Support for participation in EU Programmes**

**Value:** 7.05<sup>1</sup> million € (IPA funds: 4.17 million €; national co-financing: 2.88<sup>2</sup> million €)

**Purpose:** To contribute to the preparation of Serbia's accession and increase the understanding of European Union policies and underpinning values by institutions and citizens of Serbia. The project is to support Serbian participation in EU programmes by co-financing the costs of the "entry-tickets" which Serbia must pay in areas such as education, health, science, culture, employment, entrepreneurship and innovation, taxation, custom systems and civil society.

**Implementation management:** EU Delegation to the Republic of Serbia

### **13. Strengthening the European Integration Process and management of post 2013 IPA**

**Value:** 12.84 million € (IPA funds: 12.84 million €)

**Purpose:** To strengthen technical and administrative capacity of the Serbian administration in relation to the European Integration process; to ensure support to measures related to urgent needs that may appear in the course of Belgrade-Pristina dialogue. More precisely, the project has emerged from the need of the Serbian administration for: support to various institutions involved in the pre-accession and negotiation processes; assistance in the process of preparation and implementation of the IPA financed projects, and support to the Decentralised Implementation System related structures to efficiently handle requirements of the new financial perspective. Furthermore, the project is to accelerate Serbia's preparations for the absorption of the EU funds by supporting the development of a project pipeline of infrastructure projects in the environment, transport and regional competitiveness sectors.

**Implementation management:** Serbian European Integration Office, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Republic Geodetic Authority.

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