



# Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

## The Cross-Border Cooperation Component

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# IPA CBC Scope

- Covers CBC at candidate/potential candidate borders with Member States
- Covers CBC at borders among candidates and potential candidates (essentially Western Balkans "internal" borders)
- Covers participation of candidates / potential candidates in the ERDF transnational (e.g. successor of CADSES) and interregional programmes and in ENPI multilateral sea basins programmes, as appropriate



# Broad Aims

- ⇒ Promote sustainable economic and social development in the border areas
- ⇒ Address common challenges in environment, public health, prevention of and fight against organised crime, ...
- ⇒ Ensure efficient and secure borders
- ⇒ Promote legal and administrative cooperation
- ⇒ Promote local "people to people" type actions



# Geographical Eligibility (1)

- CBC programmes:

- Land and maritime (< 150 km) borders
- NUTS III areas (or equivalent) on either side of the border, including on Member States side (i.e. single instrument approach)
- Programmes could be bilateral (e.g. SCG-HU, HR-SCG) or multilateral (e.g. IT-AL/SCG/BiH/HR)

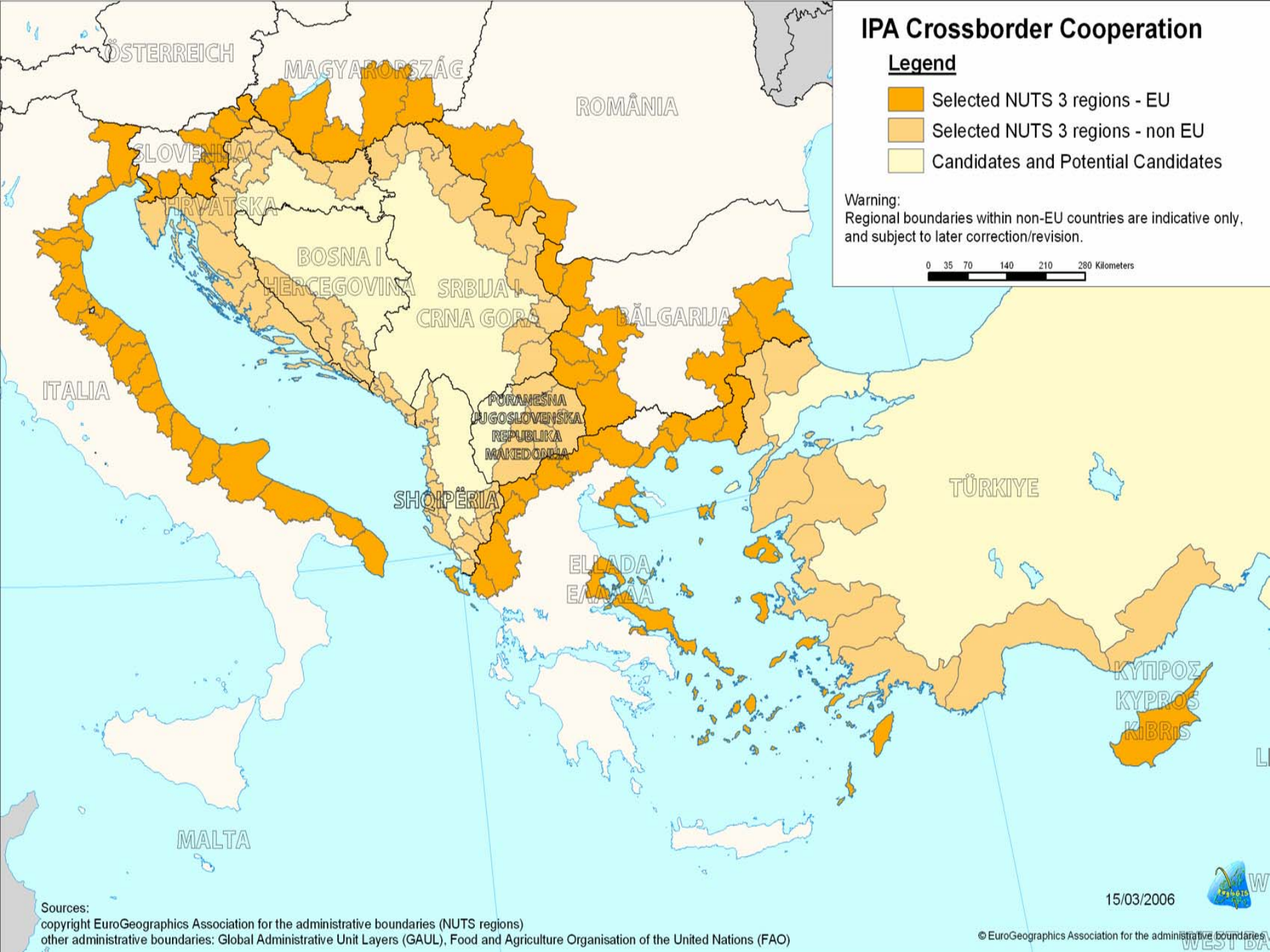
# IPA Crossborder Cooperation

## Legend

- Selected NUTS 3 regions - EU
- Selected NUTS 3 regions - non EU
- Candidates and Potential Candidates

Warning:  
Regional boundaries within non-EU countries are indicative only,  
and subject to later correction/revision.

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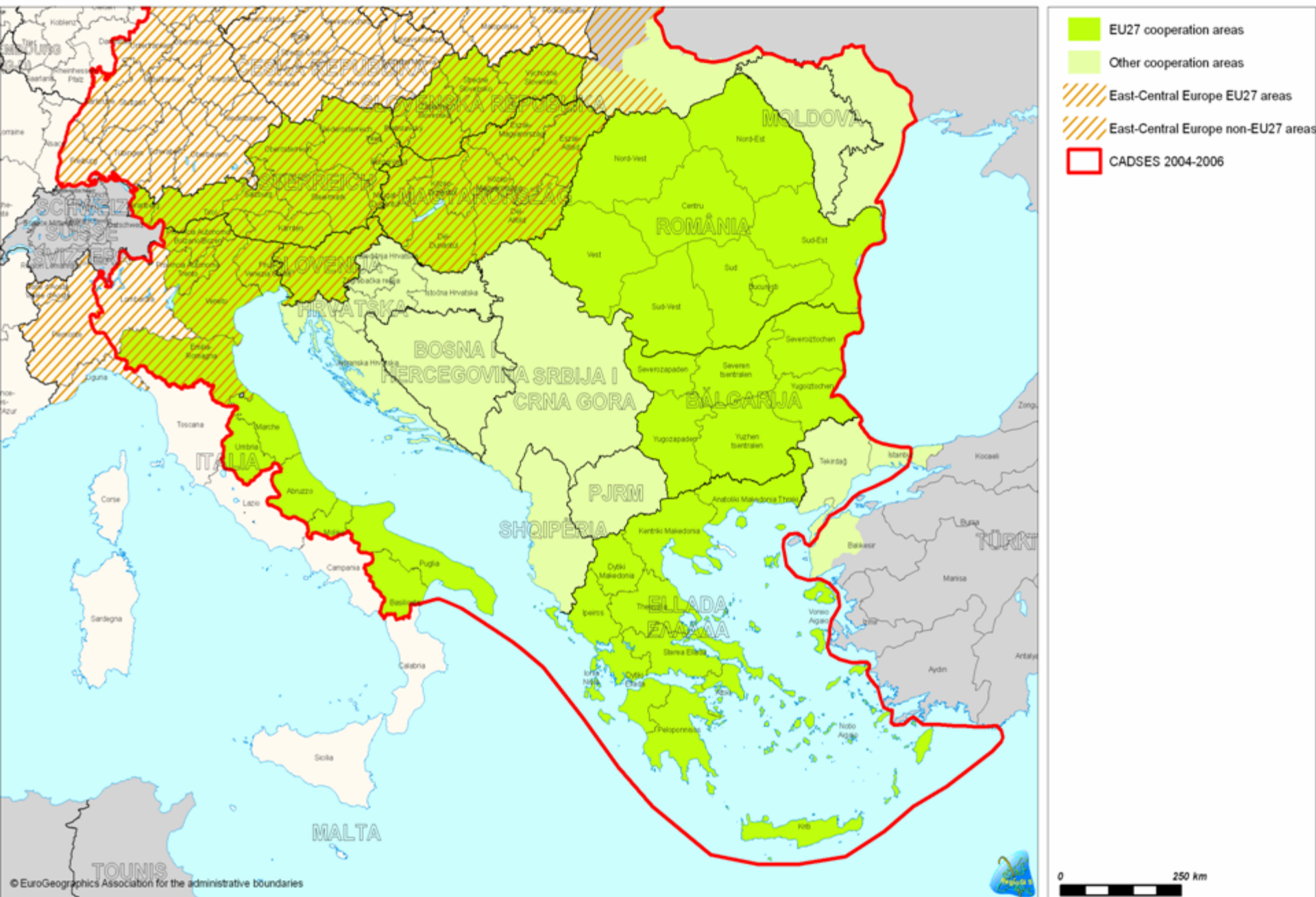




# Geographical Eligibility (2)

- Participation in ERDF (trans-national / interregional) or ENPI (multilateral sea basins) programmes
- According to eligibility rules of respective programmes (e.g. NUTS II areas)







# Programming

- Participating countries draft the relevant joint multi-annual CBC programme
- Partnership: regional and local involvement
- Joint programmes include SWOT analysis, strategy/priorities, implementing provisions, financial provisions
- Each joint programme will be adopted through a single Commission decision (binding on Member State side)
- Accordingly, financing agreements will be concluded between the Commission and the relevant candidate/potential candidate countries





# Management and control (1)

CBC among candidates/potential candidates  
(e.g.: Serbia-Croatia):

- Decentralised/Centralised management (external aid rules)
- Joint management structures, but separate implementing/contracting authorities, one in each country



# Management and control (2)

## CBC between candidates/potential candidates and Member States

(e.g. Serbia-Hungary):

- Shared management and control system
- Single management structures initially located in the Member State (Managing, Certifying and Audit authorities)
- An agreement among participating country is required (regulates procedures for financial control and audit)
- At start up, transitional arrangements could temporarily apply (Neighbourhood Programmes)



# Management and control (3)

## Participation in ERDF (trans-national / interregional) or ENPI (multilateral sea basins) programmes

- "Entry ticket" concept: IPA will provide the funds for the participation of the candidate/potential candidate country in the ERDF or ENPI programme
- The rules of the relevant programme apply



# Implementation

## Programme structures:

- Managing authority/Implementing agency: is also the contracting authority under decentralised or shared management
- Monitoring committee: charged with overseeing the implementation of the programme/responsible for selecting projects
- Joint technical secretariat: day-to-day management of the programme
- Certifying authority and Audit authority: shared management implementation only (Member State)



# Next steps

- COM to establish a list of CBC programmes in partnership with candidates/potential candidates and Member States
- Partner countries to prepare joint programmes in 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2006, ready for approval soon after 1 Jan 2007
- At borders with MSs: if conditions for shared management and control system not fully ready, while preparation is being completed implementation may start under the current "neighbourhood programme" approach