



Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

Component III

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IPA the Instrument for Pre-Accession

January 2007

Replaced the financial instruments previously applied to Turkey and the Balkans:

- > PHARE,
- > ISPA,
- > Sapard,
- > CARDS
- pre-accession financial assistance for Turkey





IPA the Instrument for Pre-Accession

General objective: progressive alignment with the standards and policy of the EU with a view to Membership

Five components

Component I: Transition Assistance and Institution Building

Component II: Cross-Border Co-operation

Component III: Regional Development

Component IV: Human Resources Development

Component V: Rural Development





Beneficiary countries

Two groups

- Potential candidate countries (Eligible for component 1-2)
- Candidate countries (Eligible for all 5 components)







IPA Component III and IV

Specific objective for "Structural Funds components" (CIII+IV): (only for Candidate Countries!)

- ➤ Progressive alignment with the standards and policies of the EU with a view to Membership: **Cohesion policy.**
- Prepare countries for programming, implementation and management of Community Funds:
 - Cohesion Fund
 - European Regional Development Fund,
 - European Social Fund
- Policy development through implementation of operations consistent with relevant Community and national priorities
- Strengthening public management capacities





IPA Component III and IV

Learning by doing approach

IPA is a "learning by doing" instrument with the following four key elements (reflecting a simplified programming cycle):

- Capacity building and institutional strengthening
- Planning and programming
- Project Preparation
- Implementation





Component III+IV Strategic Framework

Pre-accession Partnership (Political Framework)

Multi-annual Indicative Financial Framework

Community Strategic
Guidelines for Cohesion

Relevant Community policies

National development plans and programmes

(national development priorities)

Relevant National Sectoral Strategies

Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document
(all IPA components)

Strategic Coherence Framework

(IPA Regional Development and Human Resources Development components)

Multi-annual Operational Programmes





Scope of IPA Component III (Regional Development)

- <u>Transport infrastructure</u>, focusing on sustainable modes of transport and connection with TEN-T networks;
- Environment projects related to waste management, water supply, urban waste water and air quality; energy efficiency, renewable energy, rehabilitation of contaminated sites and land;
- Operations to enhance <u>Regional Competitiveness</u>, creation of sustainable employment, by providing business and technology services, access to ICT, promotion of technology development, research and innovation, business clusters, provision of local infrastructure that facilitates business, etc.





Financial envelope for Component III 2007-13

Croatia – app € 370 million

Turkey – app € 1.800 million

fYROM – app € 200 million

app 1/3 of the amounts are related to transport infrastructure





Main areas of intervention in the transport sector Period 2007-2009

Croatia – Transportation Operational Programme

- Upgrading Croatia's rail transport system (EC contribution: € 47,110,500)
- Upgrading Croatia's inland waterway system (EC contribution: €5,625,000)

Turkey - Transport Operational Programme

- Improvement of Railway Infrastructure (EC contribution: €159,108,000)
- Improvement of Maritime Infrastructure (EC contribution: € 17,100,000)

former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – Regional Development OP

- Corridor X Motorway Completion (EC contribution: €27,410,400)
- Upgrading and Modernization of the Transport Infrastructure (EC contribution: €3,045,600)





Types of transport projects supported

- Project preparation: Cost-Benefit Analysis, Feasibility study, Environmental Impact Assessment, Design documents etc
- Railway investments: rail track rehabilitation / upgrade, signalling and telecommunications, main rail hubs,
- Investments into Inland and Maritime ports:
 Navigation information systems, improving river navigability, port infrastructure, links with other modes of transport





Implementation set-up

- Decentralized to Candidate Countries
- With ex-ante control of procurement and tendering by the EU Delegation in the country
- Rules to follow: PraG





Interest for the private sector

Investments

 Works, supply and service contracts for the projects supported

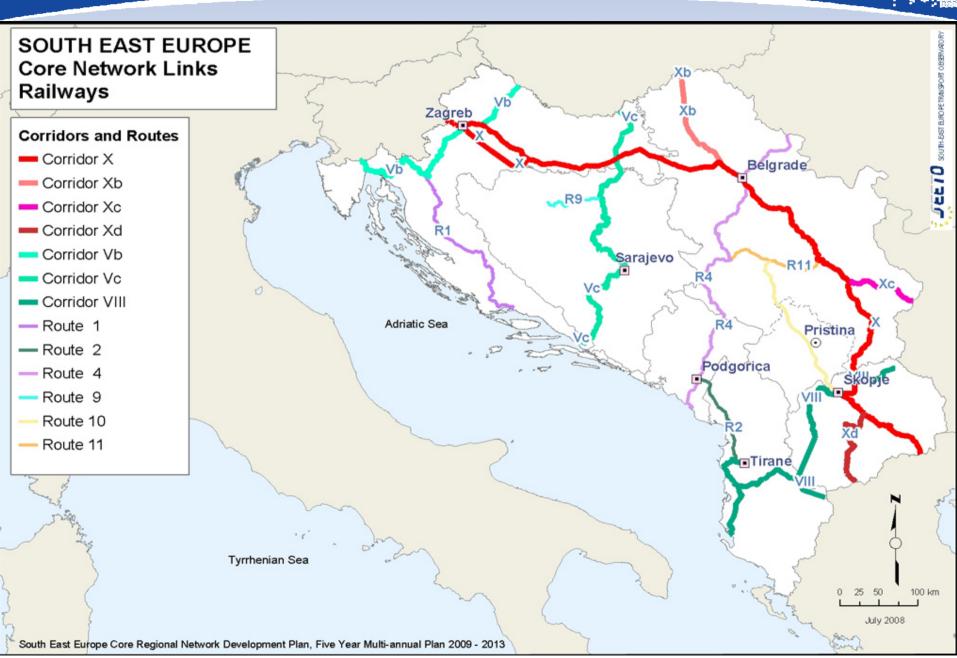
Programming

- Drafting strategies, operational programmes
- Ex-ante and interim evaluations

Capacity building

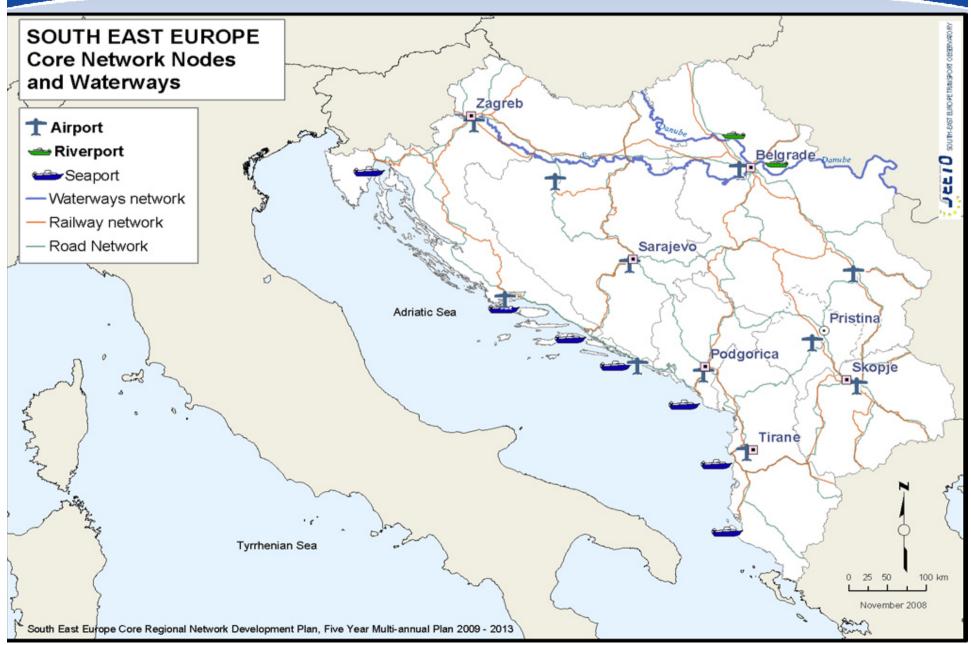
- Institutional development support
- Support to establish structures, procedures
- Trainings















Thank you for your attention!

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http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funds/ipa/index_en.htm http://www.seetoint.org/