

# Interreg - IPA CBC

Croatia - Serbia



## 1<sup>st</sup> CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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# Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Serbia 2014-2020


## *The overall aim of the Programme:*

*to strengthen the social, economic and territorial development of the Programme area through implementation of **joint interventions** in the areas of **health and social care, environment protection and sustainable energy, development of sustainable tourism as well as sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage assets and strengthening of competitiveness and business environment.***

# 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals

- **Open Call for Proposals:** open for project proposals within all 4 priority axes and for applicants from both participating countries.
- One step application procedure.
- **Deadline** for the submission of applications:

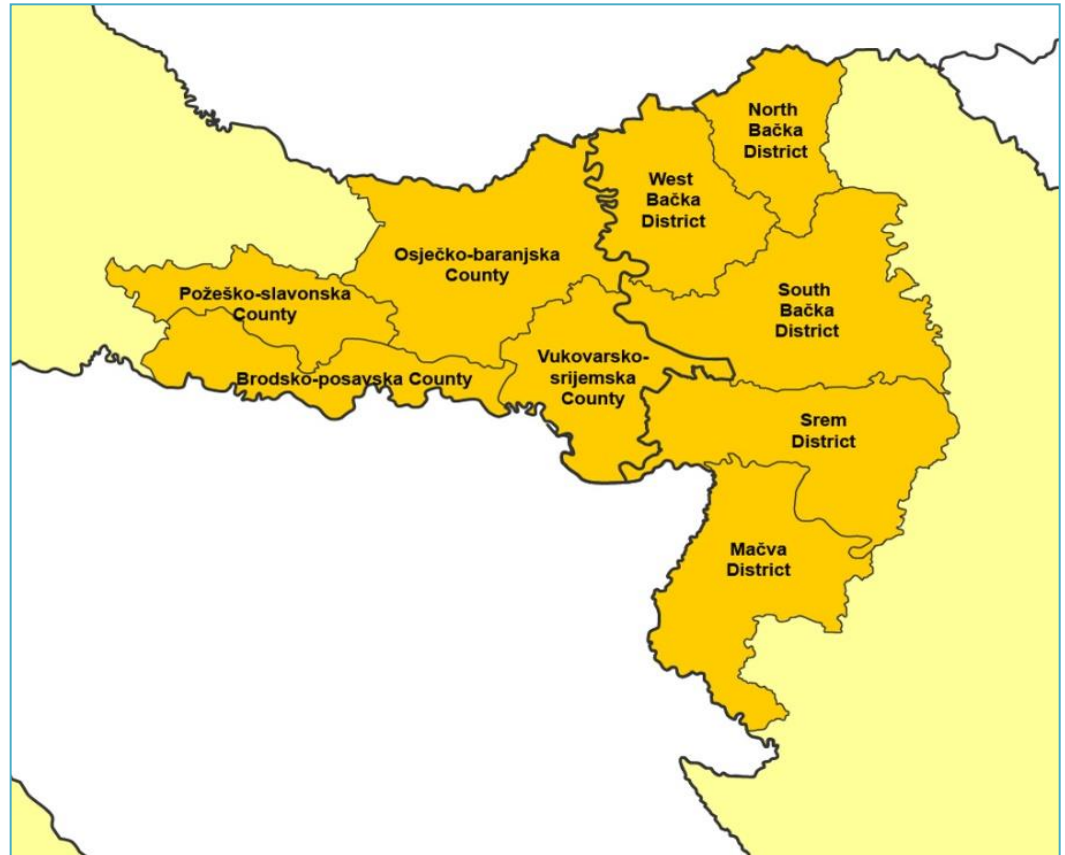
**1 July 2016 at 15:00 h via eMS.**

<b>Priority axes (PA)</b> 	<b>Specific objectives (SO)</b>
<b>PA 1 - Improving the quality of public social and health services in the Programme area</b>	SO 1. 1. To improve the quality of facilities, services and skills in the area of public health and social care
<b>PA 2 - Protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency</b>	SO 2.1. To enforce integrated cross-border monitoring / management systems for key existing risks and environmental and biodiversity protection SO 2.2. To promote the use of sustainable energy and energy efficiency
<b>PA 3 - Contributing to the development of tourism and preserving cultural and natural heritage</b>	SO 3.1. To strengthen, diversify and integrate the cross-border tourism offer and better manage cultural and natural heritage assets
<b>PA 4 - Enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment in the Programme area</b>	SO 4.1. To improve competitiveness of the Programme area through strengthening cooperation between business support institutions, clusters, education and research organisations and entrepreneurs with aim to develop new products / services / patents / trademarks in the Programme area

# Programme area

**Croatia: 4 counties**

**Serbia: 5 districts**



Geographical structure of the Programme area is Annex 3 to the Cooperation Programme. Graphical representation of the territory covered by the Programme is without prejudice to the settlement of the dispute regarding the extension of the state border between the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Croatia.

## 1<sup>st</sup> CfP- financial allocation

Union funding  
12.758.338 EUR

National co-  
financing  
2.251.471 EUR

**TOTAL**  
**15.009.809 EUR**

## Financial distribution *(per Priority axis)*

	<b>Union funding (in EUR)</b>	<b>National co-financing (in EUR)</b>	<b>Total (in EUR)</b>
<b>PA 1</b>	<b>2.126.390</b>	<b>375.245</b>	<b>2.501.635</b>
<b>PA 2</b>	<b>4.961.576</b>	<b>875.572</b>	<b>5.837.148</b>
<b>PA 3</b>	<b>3.118.705</b>	<b>550.360</b>	<b>3.669.065</b>
<b>PA 4</b>	<b>2.551.667</b>	<b>450.294</b>	<b>3.001.961</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12.758.338</b>	<b>2.251.471</b>	<b>15.009.809</b>

## Size of grant (*per Project*)

	Min (in EUR)	Max (in EUR)
<b>PA 1</b>	<b>300.000</b>	<b>1.000.000</b>
<b>PA 2</b>	<b>300.000</b>	<b>1.500.000</b>
<b>PA 3</b>	<b>300.000</b>	<b>1.500.000</b>
<b>PA 4</b>	<b>300.000</b>	<b>1.000.000</b>



# 1<sup>st</sup> CfP – financing rules

- Any grant requested under this CfP must fall between:

Minimum percentage (%):	20% of the total eligible expenditures of the Project
Maximum percentage (%):	85% of the total eligible expenditures of the Project

- Project partners must ensure **co-financing of the Project (minimum 15%)**.
- Lead Beneficiary** (from Croatia or Serbia) is entitled to receive an **advance payment**, on behalf of the partnership, in an amount of **maximum 10% from the total cost of the Project**.

## Project duration

Project shall not be shorter than **12 months** nor exceed **30 months**.



# Partnership

- All organizations, participating under this CfP, are called **partners**.
- **Lead Partner (LP)** must be appointed among the project partners prior to the submission of the project proposal.
- **Partnership consists of at least two (2) partners** from both participating countries.
- **The maximum number** of partners in project proposal is **five (5)** including the Lead Partner.

# Cross border relevance

Joint development

Joint implementation

Joint staffing

Joint financing

# Eligibility of applicants

## *(Lead Partner and Project Partners)*

1. be **non-profit-making legal person/entity** established by public or private law for the purposes of public interest or specific purpose of meeting needs of general interest;
2. be **registered** in respecting participating country (Croatia and/or Serbia);
3. must have **at least two partners**, one from each participating country;
4. **Lead Applicant has to be registered at least 12 months** prior to the deadline for submission of applications.

## Eligibility of activities

- All activities funded under specific objective of relevant Priority axis must demonstrate a **clear cross-border effect** to the Programme area.
- The Programme may finance activities, performed **outside the Programme area up to the limit of 20%** of the support from the EU at Programme level, ensuring that they are **for the benefit of the Programme area**.

# Eligibility of expenditures

5 categories of expenditures are eligible :

1. Staff costs,
2. Office and administrative expenditure,
3. Travel and accommodation costs,
4. External expertise and services costs,
5. Equipment expenditure.

+ 2 categories:

6. Infrastructure and works expenditure,
7. Preparatory and closure costs.

Maximum ceiling of the sum of the expenditure category 1. Staff costs should not exceed **30 %** of the total eligible cost at the Project level.

# Content of Application Package

Application Package can be downloaded from the Programme website: [www.interreg-croatia-serbia2014-2020.eu](http://www.interreg-croatia-serbia2014-2020.eu)

Application Package consists of the following documents:

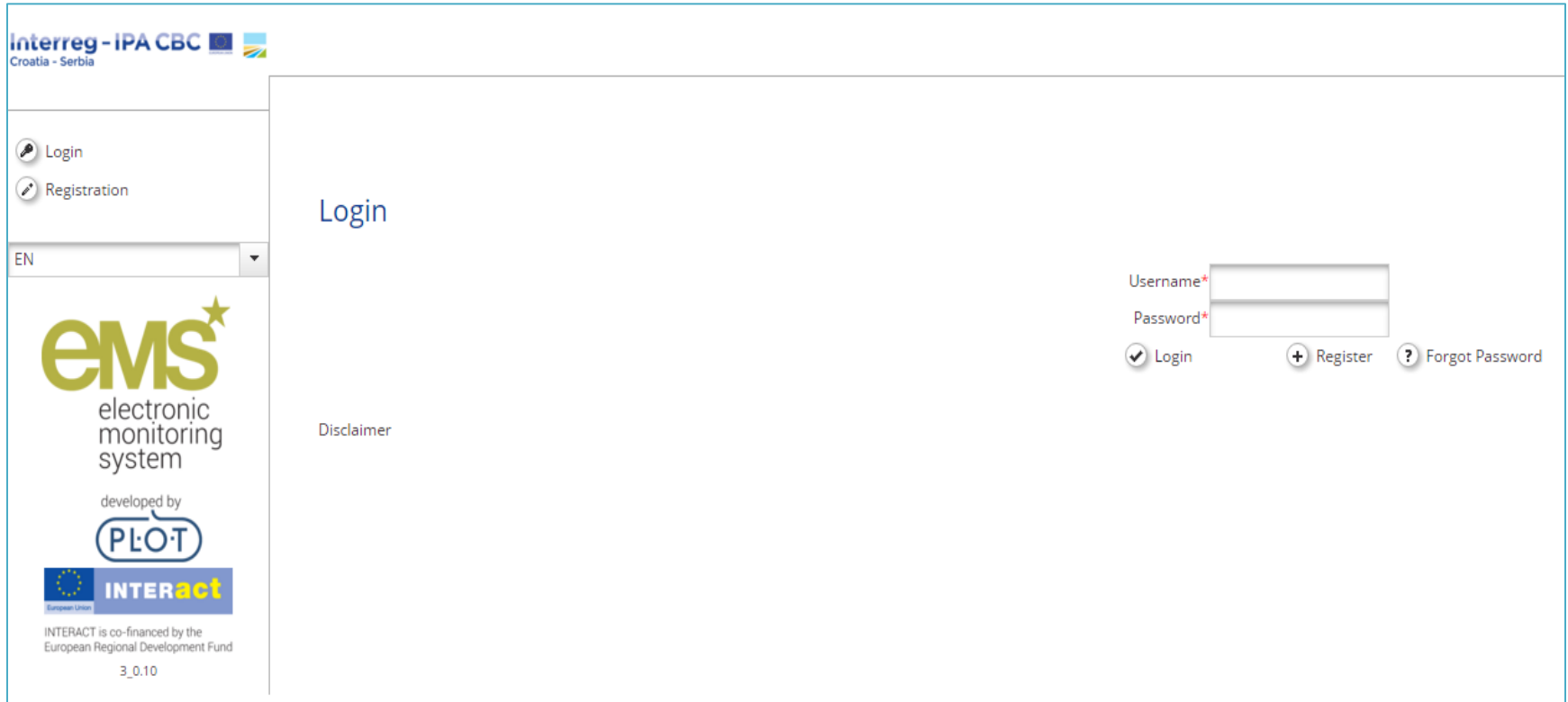
- Guidelines for Applicants
- Template of the Lead Partner Statement
- Template of the Project Partner Statement
- State Aid Self-Assessment Questionnaire
- Template of the Partnership Pre-Agreement
- Application Manual: instructions how to fill in Application Form
- Model of the Subsidy Contract
- Model of the Partnership Agreement



## Application through eMS

- The project proposal must be **submitted by the Lead Partner solely** through the eMS.
- The submitted Application must contain all the required data and the required accompanying documents (attached scanned documents).
- Official language of the Programme is English, therefore Application is in **English**.
- Applications after the deadline (1/7/2016 at 15:00 h) will not be possible within eMS.

# eMS - electronic Monitoring System



The screenshot shows the login page of the eMS system. The page has a header with the 'Interreg - IPA CBC Croatia - Serbia' logo and navigation links for 'Login' and 'Registration'. A language dropdown menu is set to 'EN'. The main content area is titled 'Login' and contains a 'Disclaimer' section. On the right side, there are input fields for 'Username\*' and 'Password\*', followed by buttons for 'Login', 'Register', and 'Forgot Password'. The footer includes the 'eMS electronic monitoring system' logo, 'developed by PLOT', the 'INTERact' logo, and text stating 'INTERACT is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund 3\_0.10'.

<http://ems.interreg-croatia-serbia2014-2020.eu>



# Assessment and selection of projects

- Joint Steering Committee (JSC) acting under responsibility of Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) is responsible for the assessment and selection process.
- The assessment process will be conducted in **two steps**:
  1. Administrative compliance and eligibility check;
  2. Quality assessment.

# Assessment and selection of projects

- Only applications that satisfy **all the administrative and eligibility criteria** will be subject to quality assessment.
- The quality assessment grid is structured according to the assessment criteria:

	<b>ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</b>	<b>MAXIMUM SCORE</b>
C	RELEVANCE CRITERIA	<b>49</b>
D	OPERATIONAL CRITERIA	<b>38</b>
E	SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA	<b>13</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>

# Selection for funding

- In order to be considered for funding, an Application must fulfil all the administrative and eligibility criteria and receive **at least 70 points at the quality assessment.**
- After the quality assessment, **four (4) ranking lists** will be established, **one per each Priority Axis.**
- The Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) reserves the right to:
  - re-allocate the remaining funds between priority axes (for example, if the allocation indicated for a specific priority axis cannot be used due to insufficient quality or number of applications received);
  - allocate additional Programme funds in case of large number of qualitative applications received;
  - not to use all the available funds allocated under this CfP.

## Selection for funding

Under the 1<sup>st</sup> CfP an institution/partners' organization may be:

- selected for funding in not more than 2 (two) Applications as a Lead Partner (**within different priority axes**);
- Applicant applying as a Lead Partner (LP) may be Project Partner (PP) in any other Application **at the same time**;
- Project Partner may take part and be selected for funding in more than one Application (Operation) under this CfP.

## 1<sup>st</sup> CfP - information days

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
<b>31 March 2016</b>	<b>NOVI SAD</b>	<b>SERBIA</b>
<b>1 April 2016</b>	<b>VUKOVAR</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>
<b>14 April 2016</b>	<b>LOZNICA</b>	<b>SERBIA</b>
<b>15 April 2016</b>	<b>OSIJEK</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>

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