

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

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Programming Cooperation Programme

- Overall coordination of the programming process:
Managing Authority
- Shared management: European Commission +
Member State
- Participating countries coordination: Ministry of
Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic
of Croatia and EU Integration Office of the
Government of the Republic of Serbia

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Programming Cooperation Programme

- Negotiations between Croatia and European Commission started in 2012
- Technical Assistance project for programming started in May 2013, completed in July 2014
- Task Force (national + regional level representatives) nominated in July 2013
- IPA CBC programme Croatia – Serbia 2014-2020 confirmed as bilateral programme by EU COM in October 2013

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Cooperation area
25.505 km²

Population
2.322.735

Total IPA II/ERDF
€ 34.293.188

Programming Cooperation Programme

- 10 Task Force meetings/workshops conducted in period December 2013 – November 2014
- Two rounds of public consultations – Osijek and Sombor in April 2014, Novi Sad in September 2014
- Online consultations for draft programme documents: SWOT, logical framework & draft Cooperation Programme (August - September 2014)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) consultations conducted in both Participating Countries (August 2014 - November 2014)



Programming Cooperation Programme

- Final version of the Cooperation Programme approved by the Task Force in May 2015
- Strategic Environmental Assessment procedure concluded in June 2015
- Managing Authority submitted CP on 2 June 2015
- European Commission approved the Programme by Commission Implementing Decision (C(2015)6026) on 24 August 2015

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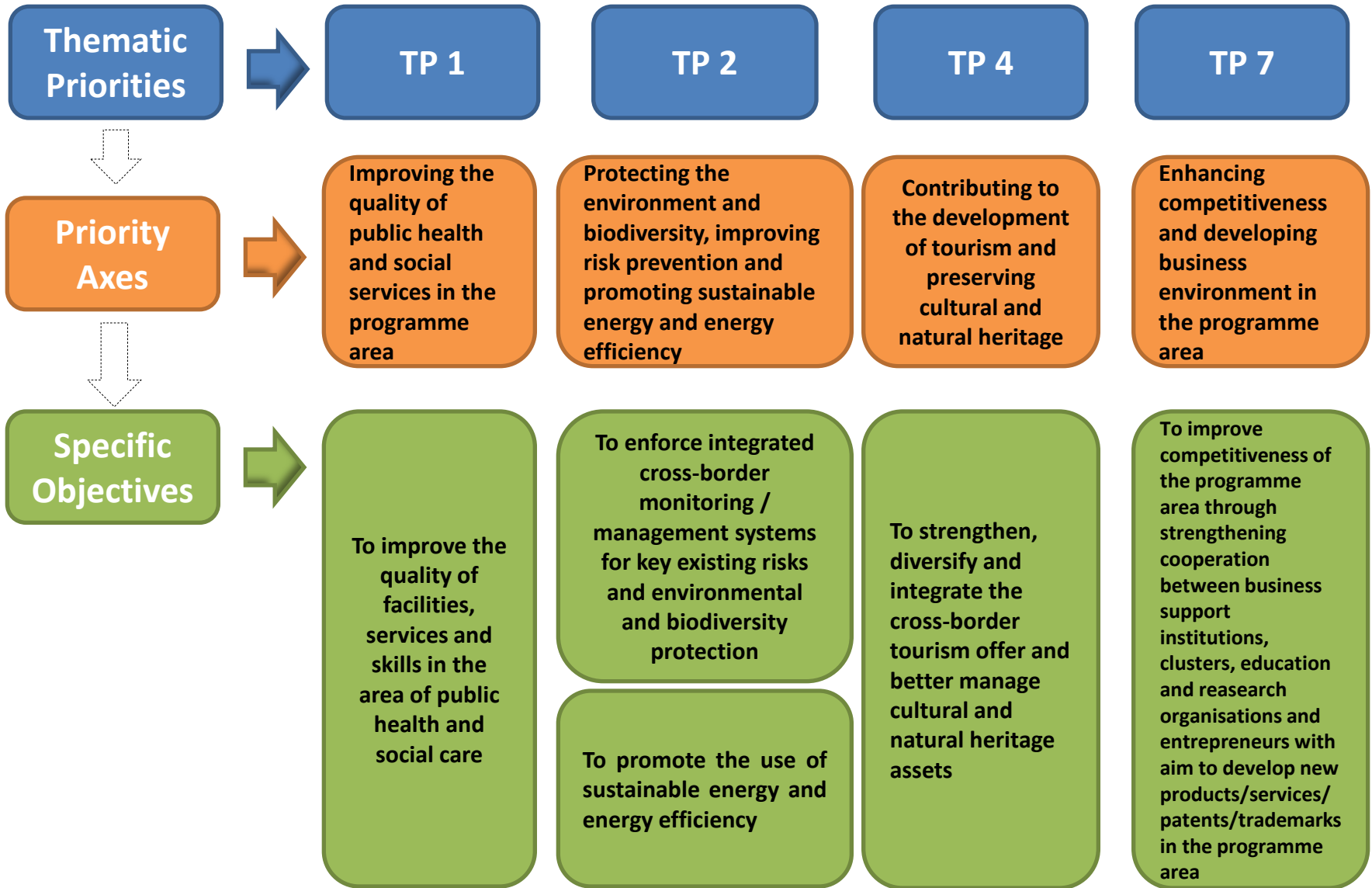


IPA II Commission Implementing Regulation (231/2014):

1. **Employment, labour mobility, social inclusion, health and social care**
2. **Environment, biodiversity, risk prevention, sustainable energy and energy efficiency**
3. Sustainable transport and public infrastructure
4. **Tourism, cultural and natural heritage**
5. Youth and education
6. Local and regional governance, planning and administrative capacity building
7. **Competitiveness and business environment development**
8. Research, technological development, innovation and ICT

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Specific Objective 1.1. To improve the quality of facilities, services and skills in the area of public health and social care

Result indicator

Number of elderly people and children assisted by social services provided through government bodies



Output indicators

- Number of persons related to improving health care services and/or social care services trained
- Number of jointly developed tools and services that enable better quality of social and health care
- Population covered with improved health services and/or social services or facilities

Specific Objective 2.1. To enforce integrated cross-border monitoring / management systems for key existing risks and environmental and biodiversity protection

Result indicator

Disaster response capability
in the Programme area



Output indicators

- Number of jointly developed and/or operated monitoring systems
- Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status

Specific Objective 2.2. To promote the use of sustainable energy and energy efficiency

Result indicator

Energy consumption by public buildings in the Programme area



Output indicator

Additional capacity of renewable energy production

Specific Objective 3.1. To strengthen, diversify and integrate the cross-border tourism offer and better manage cultural and natural heritage assets

Result indicator

Number of overnights
in the Programme
area



Output indicators

- Number of joint tourism products developed and promoted
- Number of tourism supporting facilities and/or tourism infrastructure developed or improved
- Number of persons educated in quality assurance, standardisation on cultural and natural heritage and destination management
- Increase in expected number of visitors to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage

Specific Objective 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

Result indicator

Range of cluster activities enhancing innovation, new technologies and ICT solutions



Output indicators

- Number of cross-border clusters or networks or other collaborative schemes including entrepreneurs established or improved
- Number of laboratories and/or competence centers jointly used by the entrepreneurs developed or improved
- Number of innovative technologies, processes, products and services introduced by the enterprises in the Programme area
- Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions

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Programme Budget

Priority axis	Union support	National counterpart	Total funding
Priority Axis 1	EUR 5,143,980	EUR 907,762	EUR 6,051,742
Priority Axis 2	EUR 12,002,616	EUR 2,118,109	EUR 14,120,725
Priority Axis 3	EUR 7,544,500	EUR 1,331,383	EUR 8,875,883
Priority Axis 4	EUR 6,172,774	EUR 1,089,314	EUR 7,262,088
Priority Axis 5	EUR 3,429,318	EUR 605,174	EUR 4,034,492
Total	EUR 34,293,188	EUR 6,051,742	EUR 40,344,930



Programme Management Bodies

Joint programme structure

- Managing Authority
- Joint Secretariat
- Certifying Authority
- Audit Authority
- Joint Monitoring Committee

National programme structure

- National Authority
- Control body
- Group of Auditors



Managing Authority

- Directorate for Managing Cooperation Programmes and Regional Development within the Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia – Head of MA
- Service for Managing Cooperation programmes – Head of Service (head of MA deputy)
- Programme Manager HR-RS - specialist
- Programme Manager HR-BA-ME - specialist
- Legal Officer - coordinator
- IT Manager - coordinator
- Communication Manager - coordinator



Joint Secretariat

- JS headquarters in Zagreb, branch JS office in Serbia
- The Joint Secretariat staff:
- Head of JS
- Project manager – specialist (2 positions, Zagreb, branch office in Serbia)
- Financial manager – specialist (1 position Zagreb)
- Project manager – coordinator (1 position Zagreb)
- Financial manager – coordinator (1 position Zagreb)



Certifying Authority

- Directorate for Finances and IT within the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds - 6 employees

Tasks distributed according to:

- control and verifications of the documentation submitted by JS/MA,
- payments and monitoring financial flows,
- reporting

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Audit Authority

- Agency for the Audit of European Union Programmes Implementation System (ARPA) - 5 employees
- Sector for Audit of Structural Instruments
- AA is assisted by Group of Auditors (GoA) - set up within three months of CP approval and chaired by AA
- representatives from responsible audit bodies of each of the participating country
- Audit body in Serbia: Audit Authority Office of EU Funds, Audit Unit for IPA Component II

Joint Monitoring Committee

- responsible for the review of overall effectiveness, quality and coherence of the implementation of all actions towards meeting the Programme objectives
- JMC members represent the participating countries on policy and administrative level thus ensuring a transparent approach in monitoring the Programme implementation
- set up on 24 November 2015 at 1st Joint Monitoring Committee meeting

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National Authorities and Control Bodies

- Croatia: Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds of the Republic of Croatia (Service for International Territorial Cooperation)
- Serbia: EU Integration Office of the Government of the Republic of Serbia
- Control body in Croatia: Directorate for Financial Management and Accounting within ARD
- Control body in Serbia: Ministry of Finance, First Level Control Unit

Where are we now?

First Call for Proposals

- Launching of the 1st CfP: 15 March 2016 – 1 July 2016
- Assessment of project proposals: till end 2016
- Project selection and contracting: 1st quarter of 2017

Compliance assessment

- Finalization of Description of Management and Control System (DMCS)
- AA performs compliance assessment – pre-condition for the designation procedure
- MS designates MA, CA and AA and notifies EU COM on designation

Employment of JS staff

- Employment of staff in JS – on-going (April and May 2016)

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