

## WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

of Republic of Serbia, represented by the Ministry of Finance, Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes – CFCU

### Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Serbia - Montenegro 2014-2020 under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance 2014-2020 (IPA II) 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals

#### 1. Basic act and/or Financing source

- Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II);
- Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action; and
- Commission Implementing Regulation EU no 447/2014 of 2 May 2014 on the specific rules for implementing the IPA II regulation.

#### 2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for IPA funding 2018<sup>1</sup>, 2019 and 2020 and expected results

The overall objective of this Call for Proposals is to contribute to the economic, social and territorial development of the programme area by fostering integration, joint development and use of potentials and opportunities to make the area attractive to live and work.

The following specific objectives and corresponding results are proposed to be covered by the 3<sup>rd</sup> CfP – the application submitted under this CfP to contribute to attaining:

Thematic priorities	Specific objectives	Results
1. Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border;	1.1 Increasing employability and employment opportunities	Result 1.1.1 - New knowledge, skills and competences – Improved knowledge, skills and competence, and work experience of unemployed and employed persons to better adjust to the needs of the labour market and to exploit the employment potential in perspective sectors

<sup>1</sup> Leftover from the 2<sup>nd</sup> CfP

Thematic priorities	Specific objectives	Results
2. Protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management	2.1 Improving waste management and waste water treatment	Result 2.1.1 - Improved capacities of the municipalities and public utility companies for effective and efficient waste management and wastewater treatment
3. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	3.1. Improving capacities for exploiting tourism potentials of the programme area	3.1.1: Joint tourist products enhanced 3.1.2: Complementary products and services developed

### 3. Indicative financial allocation per priority:

Indicative financial allocations per priority/specific objective for this CfP to be as follows:

Priority	Specific objective	Allocation
1. Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border;	1.1 Increasing employability and employment opportunities	<b>EUR 766.403,15</b>
2. Protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management	2.1 Improving waste management and waste water treatment	<b>EUR 1.880.000,00</b>
3. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	3.1. Improving capacities for exploiting tourism potentials of the programme area	<b>EUR 766,403,14</b>

### 4. Eligibility conditions

The beneficiaries shall be legal entities and be established in one of the two IPA II beneficiary countries participating in the CBC programme.

In line with the programme document and corresponding Joint Monitoring Committee decision, the following main categories are proposed as potential target beneficiaries of the third CfP:

- Under the **specific objective 1.1 Increasing employability and employment opportunities**: central, regional and local government units (ministries, municipalities, departments, agencies), local tourist organisations, civil society organisations, Chambers of commerce and Chambers of crafts and trades, professional associations, farmers

association and associations of SMEs, Formal and non-formal education and training institutions (e.g. primary schools, VET schools, Universities etc.), research, development and innovation (RDI) institutions, Agencies for local and regional development, Associations of municipalities, Local business support organisations, Public and private bodies supporting the workforce, Employment agencies.

- Under the **specific objective 2.1 Improving waste management and waste water treatment**: Central, regional and local government units (ministries, municipalities, departments, agencies), Civil society organisations, Agencies for local and regional development, Educational and research institutions and organizations, Local and regional development agencies, Public Companies and Public Institutions, Associations of municipalities, Bodies and organisation for nature protection, Public bodies responsible for water management.
- Under the **specific objective 3.1 Improving capacities for exploiting tourism potentials of the programme area**: Central, regional and local government units (ministries, municipalities, departments, agencies), Local tourist organisations, Civil society organisations, National parks, Sport organisations, Cultural institutions, Agencies for local and regional development, Educational and research institutions and organizations, Public Companies and Public Institutions, Associations of municipalities, Local business support organisations.

## **5. Selection and award criteria**

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Guidelines for Applicants for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposal which are based on Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions. Guidelines will be published upon the launching of the Call for Proposals.

## **6. Maximum rate of European Union financing**

The maximum rate of Community co-financing is 85% of eligible expenditure.

## **7. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals**

The Call for Proposals is planned to be launched in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021.

## **8. Indicative amount of call for proposals**

The overall indicative amount available under this Call for Proposals for actions implemented in the programme area to be 3.412.806,29 € (merged IPA allocations 2018 - amounting of 1.132.806,29 €, 2019 – amounting of 1.200.000 € and 2020 - amounting of 1.080.000 €)