

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 – Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014-2020, under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance 2014-2020 (IPA II)
3rd 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, 2019 and 2020¹ and expected results

The overall objective of this programme is enhancement of socio-economic development in the cross-border area between the Republic of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, through the implementation of targeted and concrete actions, based on comparative advantages of the programmes area and the joint, efficient use of resources.

The following specific objectives and corresponding results are proposed to be covered by the 3rd 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;	1.2. Fostering social and economic inclusion;	1.2.1. New sustainable social and health services are developed and/or the existing ones are upgraded by cross-border exchange, cooperation and synergies, increasing the efficiency in service delivery and the number of services' beneficiaries

¹ Please note that the award of allocation for the year 2020 for this Call for Proposals is subject to the signing of a Financing Agreement for 2020. In case of the Financial Agreement for 2020 is not signed, its financial allocation will be cancelled and the total amount of funds available for this Call for Proposals will be reduced by the respective allocation amount of EUR 1,800,000.00.

Thematic priorities	Specific objectives	Results
		1.2.2. The employability and entrepreneurship abilities of vulnerable groups are improved through joint cross-border efforts including the promotion of sustainable social entrepreneurship
		1.2.3. Sustainable perspectives for social integration of vulnerable groups are created through joint initiatives at both sides of the border
3. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	3.1. Increasing the contribution of tourism to the socio-economic development of the programme area	3.1.1. The offer and quality of tourism products and services is furthered based on joint efforts and initiatives
		3.1.2. New sustainable employment and business opportunities in the tourism sector opened by joint cross-border efforts

3. Indicative financial allocation per priority/specific objective:

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;	1.2. Fostering social and economic inclusion	EUR 1,400,000.00
3. Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	3.1. Increasing the contribution of tourism to the socio-economic development of the programme area	EUR 3,607,809.95²

² Please see footnote no. 1

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 3rd CFP:

- Under the **specific objective 1.2 Fostering social and economic inclusion**: central, regional and local government units (ministries, municipalities, departments, agencies) with competencies/responsibilities in the eligible area in the fields relevant to the call, social welfare institutions, employment services, health institutions, civil society organizations/NGOs, chambers of commerce and chambers of crafts and trades, professional associations, farmers associations and associations of SMEs, trade unions, educational and research institutions and organizations, local and regional development agencies, public companies and public institutions;
- Under the **specific objective 3.1 Increasing the contribution of tourism to the socio-economic development of the programme area**: central, regional and local government units (ministries, municipalities, departments, agencies) with competencies/responsibilities in the eligible area in the fields relevant to the call, sport organizations, tourist organizations, cultural institutions, civil society organizations/ NGOs, chambers of commerce and chambers of crafts and trades, professional associations, farmers associations and associations of SMEs, national parks, educational and research institutions and organizations, local and regional development agencies, Public Companies and Public Institutions

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 3rd 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 3rd Call for Proposals is planned to be launched in the 4th 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 **EUR 5,007,809.95** (merged IPA allocations 2018- amounting of EUR 1,207,809.95, 2019- amounting of EUR 2,000,000.00 and 2020³- amounting of EUR 1,800,000.00).

³ Please see footnote no. 1