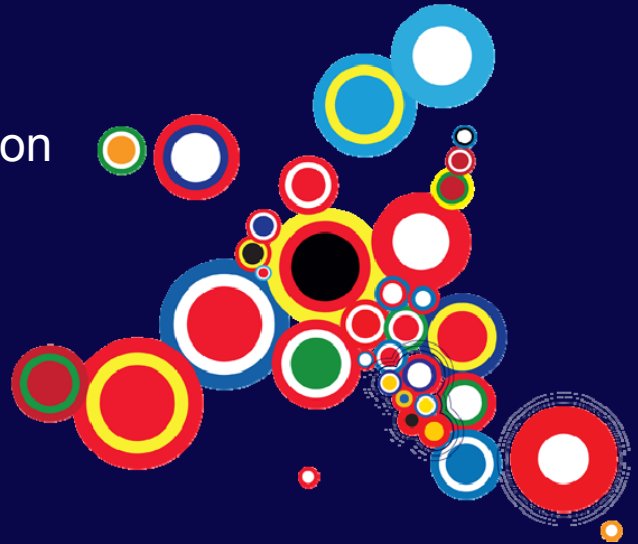




INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE (IPA II) 2014-2020

ALBANIA

Support to Participation in Union Programmes and Agencies



Action summary

The Action will facilitate and enable the participation of Albanian institutions in the Union Programmes and Agencies. It will promote the further alignment of Albania with European Union policies and working methods and it will increase Albania's active participation in and commitment to the Union Programmes. The Action will contribute to achieve the objectives of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA), in particular those related to education and training, cooperation in research, and technological development. Cooperation shall take into account the priority areas related to the EU *acquis* in the field of research and technological development.

Action Identification			
Action Programme Title	IPA 2016 Action Programme for Albania		
Action Title	Support to Participation in Union Programmes and Agencies		
Action ID	IPA2016/038717.02/Support to Participation in Union Programmes and Agencies		
Sector Information			
IPA II Sector	Democracy and Governance		
DAC Sector	43010 - Multisector aid		
Budget			
Total cost	EUR 2,010,264.24		
EU contribution	EUR 1,000,000.00		
Budget line	22.02.01.01		
Method of implementation	Indirect management		
<i>Indirect management:</i> National authority or other entrusted entity	National authority: Ministry of Finance National Fund		
Implementation responsibilities	Ms. Veronika Korkaj, Head of the National Fund		
Location			
Zone benefiting from the action	Albania		
Specific implementation area(s)	N/A		
Timeline			
Final date for concluding Financing Agreement(s) with IPA II beneficiary	At the latest by 31 December 2017		
Final date for concluding procurement and grant contracts	3 years following the date of conclusion of the Financing Agreement, with the exception of cases listed under Article 189(2) of the Financial Regulation		
Final date for operational implementation	6 years following the conclusion of the Financing Agreement		
Final date for implementing the Financing Agreement (date by which this programme should be de-committed and closed)	12 years following the conclusion of the Financing Agreement		
Policy objectives / Markers (DAC form)			
General policy objective	Not	Significant	Main

	targeted	objective	objective
Participation development/good governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aid to environment	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender equality (including Women In Development)	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade Development	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reproductive, Maternal, New born and child health	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RIO Convention markers	Not targeted	Significant objective	Main objective
Biological diversity	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combat desertification	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate change mitigation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate change adaptation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. RATIONALE

PROBLEM AND STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS

With the prospect of enlargement of the European Union, in order to better prepare candidate countries for the adoption of the EU acquis and for accession to the European Union, the European Commission had proposed in 1997 the progressive opening-up to candidate countries of a broad range of Community programmes (now Union Programmes). Encompassing most Community policies, these programmes are a major pre-accession instrument that familiarises candidate countries and their citizens with the European Union policies and working methods.

The endorsement at the European Council in June 2003 of the Thessaloniki Agenda for Western Balkans countries integration in the European Union, led to the candidate and potential candidate countries of the Western Balkans being entitled to participate in Community Programmes on the basis of Framework Agreements.

A Framework Agreement between the European Community and Albania on participation in Union Programmes was ratified in May 2005.

Since 2008, Albania has benefited from financial assistance under IPA for co-financing entry tickets to a number of Union Programmes. However, still Albanian institutions cannot provide sufficient funding for covering all the costs of entry tickets.

In the **IPA 2007-2013** cycle Albania participated actively in 7 EU Programmes:

1. **7th Framework Programme (FP7)** for research, technological development and demonstration activities (MoU signed on 17 December 2007, effective as from 1 January 2008);
2. **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Specific Programme (CIP-EIP)** of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (MoU signed on 27 June 2008, effective from 4 November 2008);
3. **Europe for Citizens Programme** (MoU signed on 02 February 2009, ratified by the Albanian Parliament on 19 March 2009);
4. **Culture Programme** (MoU signed on 20 December 2011, ratified by the Albanian Parliament on);
5. **Customs 2013** (MoU signed on 16/07/2012);
6. **Life Long Learning Programme** (MoU signed on 15/07/2013);
7. **Youth in Action** (under implementation Decision No 1349/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on 16 December 2008, amending Decision No 1719/2006/EC establishing the Youth in Action programme for the period 2007 to 2013).

After a thorough process of consultations with different institutions and stakeholders, and after taking into consideration the interest expressed by the relevant institutions for participating in the Union Programmes for **IPA 2014-2020 cycle**, the Ministry of European Integration prepared a short-list of Union Programmes and Agencies where IPA II support would be considered:

- **Customs 2020** – beneficiary: Ministry of Finance (Directorate General of Customs) (Agreement signed 27th July 2014);
- **Fiscalis 2020** – beneficiary: Ministry of Finance (Directorate General for Taxation) (Agreement signed 23rd November 2014);
- **Programme for Employment and Social Innovation** – beneficiary: Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth (Agreement signed 9th March 2015);
- **Erasmus +** : Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth (Agreement signed 19th June 2014);
- **COSME** – beneficiary: Ministry of Economic Development, Trade, Tourism and Entrepreneurship (Agreement signed 3rd March 2015);

- **Creative Europe, Sub-Programme “Culture”** – beneficiary: Ministry of Culture(Agreement signed 20th June 2014);
- **Creative Europe, Sub-Programme “Media”** – beneficiary: Ministry of Culture, Ministry for Innovation and Public Administration(On 8 October 2014 it was confirmed that Albania has met the conditions set out in Directive 2010/13/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10th March 2010 (the AVMS Directive) thus officially confirming her participation on the Creative Europe – MEDIA sub-programme as of 9 October 2014);
- **Europe for citizens** – beneficiary: Ministry of Culture(Agreement signed 26 February 2015);
- **Horizon 2020** - beneficiaries: Ministry of Education and Sports; Ministry of Environment; Minister for Innovation and Public Administration; Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Entrepreneurship(Agreement signed 1st July 2014);
- **Justice** – beneficiary: Ministry of Justice
- **EU Fundamental Rights Agency** – beneficiary: Ministry of Justice

An EU-funded technical assistance project (EuropeAid/137244/DH/SER/AL) is supporting Albanian institutions to participate in Union Programmes. The purpose of the project is to provide technical assistance to the beneficiaries in order to strengthen the capacity of the relevant administrative bodies to achieve improved and proper levels of participation of the beneficiary country in the Union Programmes where a MoU has been concluded and is in force. The project started in January 2016 and will be completed in January 2018.

IPA assistance to support the Albanian Institutions to participate in Union Programmes has been already provided under:

- IPA 2014 for an amount of EUR 1.000.000
- IPA 2015 for an amount of EUR 1,000,000

Both annual allocations of IPA funding have been used to co-finance the entry-ticket of Albania's participation in Union Programmes.

OUTLINE OF IPA II ASSISTANCE

The main objective of this 2016 Action will be to ensure participation of Albania in Union Programmes by co-financing the costs of the entry-tickets/participation fees to be paid in areas such as Creative Europe, Employment and Social Innovation, Europe for Citizens, Fiscalis 2020 etc. The action will also support the participation of Albania in the Agency for Fundamental Rights.

Expected results from implementation of activities are: 1) Enhanced participation of Albanian institutions in Union Programmes and Agencies, including increased exchanges with EU Member States; 2) Strengthened ownership and responsibility of Albanian institutions(including in financial terms, i.e. partial payment of entry tickets) for participation in Union Programmes and Agencies; 3) Enhanced capacities of MEI and other Government institutions to co-ordinate participation in Union Programmes; 4) Enhanced capacities of Albanian beneficiary organisation to apply and successfully participate in Union Programmes.

The Ministry of European Integration is the main leading institution in coordinating the Union Programmes and Agencies, however a number of other key institutions shall be benefiting directly, such as: Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Education and Sports; Ministry of Environment etc.

RELEVANCE WITH THE IPA II STRATEGY PAPER AND OTHER KEY REFERENCES

The Indicative Country Strategy Paper (CSP) 2014-2020 foresees the concentration of EU financial assistance over the next seven years on seven priority sectors: i) democracy and governance, ii) rule of law and fundamental rights, iii) environment, iv) transport, v) competitiveness and innovation, vi) education, employment and social policies and vii) agriculture and rural development. The selected Union Programmes

are all supporting the above mentioned priority sectors, more specifically: Erasmus +, Programme for Employment and Social Innovation, Horizon 2020, Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens support the priority sector of “Education, employment and social Policies”; the COSME Programme supports the priority sector of “Competitiveness and innovation”; while the Fiscalis 2020 Programme and the Customs 2020 Programme are in line with the priority sector “Democracy and governance”. Albania's participation as an observer in the Justice Programme and in the EU Fundamental Rights Agency would support the priority sector “Rule of law and fundamental rights”.

The Country Strategy Paper confirms that IPA may continue to co-finance Albania's contribution for its participation in Union Programmes and Agencies in the context of the on-going policy dialogue under the relevant sector and accession negotiations chapters.

DESCRIPTION OF RELEVANT UNION PROGRAMMES AND AGENCIES

Participation in the Customs 2020 Programme– The Programme supports cooperation between customs authorities. The Customs 2020 programme is an invaluable tool for capacity building and experience sharing for the Albanian Custom Administration. As was the case with the previous programme, the Customs 2020 Programme will continue to strengthen the cooperation with other EU Member States participating in the programme. It will as well be an important tool for creating networks with professionals from different countries, which will provide to the Albanian administration specific technical knowledge and expertise sharing in identifying, developing and applying best working practices in all areas of customs processes.

Agreement with Albania was signed on 27th July 2014. The Albanian Customs Administration (ACA) is responsible for the participation and management of the Customs 2020 programme. The Customs 2020 programme is an invaluable tool for capacity building and experience sharing for the Albanian Custom Administration. The previous program, Customs 2013, has achieved significant results toward in capacity building of Albanian customs officers who have participated in the activities under the programme. The programme for 2015 has supported the ACA administration through participation in seminars (4), workshops (3), project groups (3), working visits (17).

Participation in the Fiscalis 2020 Programme – FISCALIS 2020, with a budget of EUR 234.3 million, will support cooperation between tax authorities in the EU to help maximise their efficiency and avoid mismatches in their work, which could hinder the functioning of the Internal Market.

Participation of Albania in the Programme is in line with the “Strategy Plan of Albanian Tax Administration 2014-2017”, which is based on the draft strategy for the Management of the Public Finance of Albania 2013-2020. The expectations from participating in this programme consist are: (i)enhancing the administrative capacity of tax authority and advancing technical progress and innovation; (ii) ensuring effectiveness of tax collection and the fight against fiscal fraud and tax evasion, and; (iii)reducing the administrative burden for tax authorities and compliance costs for the taxpayers.

Agreement with Albania signed on 23rd November 2014. The General Directorate of Taxation (GDT) is responsible for the participation and management of the FISCALIS 2020 programme. The support in Albania has consisted in participation in workshops, seminars, conferences.

Participation in the EaSI Programme–EaSI programme supports initiatives and strategies aiming to modernise the labour markets, social security systems increase the rates of employment, in particular among young people, supporting job creation, promoting a highly skilled workforce, encouraging adaptation to change and the anticipation of restructuring, enhancing geographical mobility and promoting social innovation. EaSI brings together three EU programmes managed separately between 2007 and 2013: PROGRESS, EURES and Progress Microfinance. The total budget for 2014-2020 is EUR 919 million.

In accordance with Europe 2020 and the Albanian National Employment and Skills Strategy 2014-2020, the Programme will contribute to tackling the pressing problem of youth unemployment. Young people will,

therefore, be given a future and the prospect of playing a key role in developing society and the economy in Europe, which is of particular importance in times of crisis.

Agreement with Albania was signed on 9 March 2015. The Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth (MSWY) is responsible for participation in and management of EaSI.

Participation in the Erasmus + Programme—ERASMUS + is the new programme aiming at boosting skills and employability as well as modernising Education, Training and Youth work. The Programme has a budget of EUR 14.7 billion. It is a result of the integration of Lifelong Learning Programme, Youth in Action, Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Alfa, Edulink and the programme for cooperation with industrialised countries in the field of higher education).

Albania will fully participate in Erasmus Key Action 2 (KA2) "Capacity Building of Higher Education Institutions" through capacity building projects. Albania will also benefit from a Special Mobility Strand (SMS). In the specific case of Albania, joint and structural projects may include a SMS for staff and students. Furthermore, Albania will fully participate in the Jean Monnet Programme of Erasmus +.

The Agreement with Albania was signed on 19th June 2014. A National Office of Erasmus Plus manages the programme in Albania. In the Albanian context, under the first round of applications, there have been 22 applications in KA2 – Capacity Building in Higher Education – with 5 awarded projects. 10 universities (5 public and 5 private) will benefit from these projects.

In view of KA 1 – International Credit Mobility – Albanian Universities have signed bilateral agreements with 41 partner universities from 22 European countries benefitting 315 outgoing quota exchanges, and 171 incoming quota exchanges.

In the framework of the Youth Component – Capacity Building in the Field of Youth, in the first round of applications for 2015, 27 projects were applied from Albania, out of which 5 were awarded. In the second round of applications, 29 projects were applied from Albania, 7 of which awarded.

Participation in the COSME Programme –The programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SME's aim is to strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of the Union's enterprises, including in the tourism sector, encourage an entrepreneurial culture, and promote the creation and growth of SMEs. It will engage a budget of EUR 2.3 billion for the 7 years running from 2014 to 2020.

The "Albanian Business and Investment Strategy 2014-2020", which is an integral part of the draft of National Strategy for Development and Integration (NSDI 2015 - 2020), is in line with the targets set in the Programme COSME 2014-2020. Furthermore, the implementation of the Business and Investment Development Strategy for the period 2014-2020 is followed by a complete Action Plan, including three fundamental pillars: (i) Integrated growth; (ii) Smart growth; (iii) Sustainable growth. In the light of all the above mentioned factors, COSME is seen as a major instrument for the realisation of the activities included in the Action Plan and, as a result, will support Albania's economic development. COSME also has direct relevance to the National Economic Reform Programme of Albania 2016-2017.

The Agreement with Albania was signed on 3rd March 2015. The Ministry of Economic Development, Trade, Tourism and Entrepreneurship (MEDTTE) is responsible for participation in and management of the COSME Union Programme.

Albania is part of the European Enterprise Network (EEN) through an application awarded to a Consortium led by AIDA (Albanian Investment Development Agency) under COSME Programme in 2014.

Participation in the Creative Europe Programme – Creative Europe programme gives support to safeguard and promote the European cultural and linguistic diversity and support to strengthen the competitiveness of the sector. "Creative Europe" framework programme brings together the Culture and Media programmes. It has a budget of € 1.46 billion for the 7 years running from 2014-2020. Albania participates both in **Culture**

sub-programme and Media sub-programme of Creative Europe: the Culture sub-programme Agreement with Albania was signed on 20th June 2014 and MEDIA sub-programme as of 9 October 2014.

The Ministry of Culture (MC) is responsible for participation in and management of the Creative Europe Union Programme. It has established 2 Help-Desks (Culture Desk, operational since June 2014 and Media Desk, operational since June 2015). Albania has achieved good results for the first two strands of the Culture sub-programme (Literary translation and Cooperation projects) for the period 2014 – 2015, when a total of 12 applicants (Albanian publishing houses and cultural institutions) have applied to these strands and ensured a total of EUR 630.492.59. With reference to the Media sub-programme, Albania achieved a success story with an Albanian applicant as project partner. There were 9 Albanian applicants that applied during 2015 in various call for proposals “Development of single projects and Film Festival”.

Participation in the Europe for Citizens Programme –Europe for Citizens aims to encourage cooperation between citizens and organisations from different countries and facilitate the development of a sense of belonging to common European ideals and to promote the process of European integration. It has a budget of EUR 185 468 000 for the period 2014-2020.

Albania has been participating in the Europe for Citizens since 2009. For 2014-2020, the Programme will be focused on two thematic areas: (i) European Remembrance; and (ii) Democratic engagement and civic participation. As a country that is leaving behind the transition period, Albania needs to further strengthen both its democratic engagement and civic participation. Agreement with Albania for the new programme was signed on 26 February 2015. The Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth (MSWY) is responsible for the Program in Albania.

Participation in the Horizon 2020 Programme – Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument of the European Commission for the 7 years running from 2014 to 2020 with nearly EUR 80 billion budget. The EU’s new programme for research and innovation is part of the drive to create new growth and jobs in Europe implementing a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe’s global competitiveness. It is the natural successor of FP7.

This programme makes it possible for Albanian researchers to establish cooperation with the best international actors. The Government’s top priorities are to stimulate growth and create new jobs, to offer assistance to public universities, to strengthen advice and career centres. Moreover, the Government intends to undertake policies in order to synchronise the coordination of scientific research abroad with international developments. Within this framework, it aims to grant support for cooperation among national scientific researchers and scientific researchers abroad. The participation of Albania in Horizon 2020 will help the country to strengthen the current scientific research and innovation capabilities in the first place, and will as well contribute to further integrate the country into the European Research and Innovation area. Horizon 2020 has direct relevance to the National Economic Reform Programme of Albania 2016-2017.

The EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation was signed through an Agreement between Albania and the EU on 1st July 2014. The Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation (ARTI) is the contact point for EU support programmes dedicated to R&D and innovation, including Horizon 2020.

There have been overall 36.732 eligible proposals submitted under Horizon’s 100 calls. In the Albanian context, for the period 2014-2015, there have been in total 113 applications (34 from public universities, 17 from private universities, 6 from research and scientific institutions, 17 from public, local institutions and agencies, 39 from organisations and private institutions) with 7 awarded projects.

Participation in the Justice Programme – This programme contributes to the development of a European area of justice based on mutual recognition and mutual trust. It promotes judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, judicial training, and effective access to justice in Europe, including rights of victims of crime and procedural rights in criminal proceedings. Should the Justice Programme International Agreement

not enter into force on time for Albania to benefit from that programme in 2017, the 57% IPA reimbursement of the Albanian contribution for participation in the Justice programme would be earmarked for the participation in the Horizon 2020 Programme.

Participation as observer in the EU Fundamental Rights Agency – Reinforcing the protection of fundamental rights is one of the conditions Albania needs to meet in order to move forward on the EU Integration path. Albania needs to systematically implement existing legislation and consolidate past reform efforts by adopting and implementing legislation still missing. Being an observer in the Fundamental Rights Agency will help Albania with its gradual alignment to the EU *acquis* and EU standards. In March 2016 the Commission adopted a proposal for a Council Decision on a Union position in the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Council that would allow Albania to participate in the work of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency as observer. Once the Union position is adopted by the Council, the Decision on the observer status can be taken by the Stabilisation and Association Council. Should this procedure not be finalised in the course of 2016, the 80% IPA reimbursement of the Albanian contribution for participation in the EU Fundamental Rights Agency would be earmarked for the participation in the Horizon 2020 Programme.

LESSONS LEARNED AND LINK TO PREVIOUS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In the 2007-2013 cycle Albania participated actively (but still modestly) in 7 EU Programmes. Participation in the 2014-2020 cycle is still at its early phase, as for the majority of Programmes the agreements were signed only in 2015.

Experience from the Enlargement context shows that successful participation in Union Programmes requires a high degree of ownership and initiative by the beneficiary. Active involvement by the beneficiaries in gathering the necessary information on programmes, procedures and working methods as well as in establishing networks and structures and informing the public are essential in order to reap the benefits of participation in programmes and agencies. Against this background it is thus very important that the beneficiaries continue to plan clearly and consequently the activities to be followed.

The Albanian institutions which will manage the programmes need to show maximum dedication and determination, including adequate staffing and budget resources, to implement their activities to the full satisfaction of the European Commission and other stakeholders (such as programme partners).

Some **key issues** that have been common for all Albanian institutions participating in the previous Programmes include:

- There is still low number of proposals submitted by the Albanian institutions and low success rate of applications.
- Potential applicants from Albania prefer to apply as partners, rather than as lead organisation, recognising their limited capacities to both draft a competitive proposal and effectively manage project implementation. This is in particular the case with RTDI Union Programmes such as Horizon 2020 and COSME
- Generally there has been a weak coordination between the various institutional actors involved in Union Programmes, leading to insufficient integration, lack of harmonisation and of synchronised actions/initiatives in relation to dissemination of information
- The flow of information on Union Programmes is not systematic. This is particularly true for what concerns information to potential stakeholders outside Government, such as NGOs. Gaps and bottlenecks in the diffusion of information on Calls for Proposals, on the possibilities of applying for funding under the Community Programmes, and even on some of the awareness-raising events it organised that should – as far as possible – be addressed, reduced and eventually eliminated.
- Wider, more systematic approaches to awareness-raising are needed, focused both on the research community and the wider public of other Union Programmes.

2. DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

INTERVENTION LOGIC

Objective:

- To ensure the participation of Albania in Union Programmes by co-financing the costs of the entry-tickets/participation fees to be paid in areas such as Creative Europe, Employment and Social Innovation, Europe for Citizens, Fiscalis 2020 etc. The action will also support the participation of Albania as observer in the Agency for Fundamental Rights.

Results:

- Enhanced participation of Albanian institutions in Union Programmes and Agencies, including increased exchanges with EU Member States;
- Strengthened ownership and responsibility of Albanian institutions (including in financial terms, i.e. partial payment of entry tickets) for participation in Union Programmes and Agencies;
- Enhanced capacities of MEI and other Government institutions to co-ordinate participation in Union Programmes;
- Enhanced capacities of Albanian beneficiary organisation to apply and successfully participate in Union Programmes.

Indicators:

- Number of Programmes for which an International Agreement has been concluded: 9 (2020 target value)
- Albanian institutions' participation rates in the different Union Programmes: number of applications increased by 20% (2020 target value) overall; number of successful applications increased by 20% (2020 target value) overall.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

Implementation arrangements for the action: indirect management by IPA II beneficiary

Entity entrusted with budget implementation tasks

The beneficiary country will be entrusted with the budget implementation tasks for this action. This solution, already used in the IPA 2014 and 2015 country action programmes, presents the advantage of streamlining the EU contribution and the national contribution. It is based on previous experience in ensuring the payment of the entry tickets.

Short description of the tasks entrusted to the entity

Implementation will consist in the transfer to line ministries of the IPA part of the financial contribution to the programmes by the National Fund.

The participation of Albania in Union Programmes, including payment by the country of the entry ticket/participation fees, shall follow the specific terms and conditions set out for each Programme in the relevant International Agreement. Co-financing rates from previous participation shall be taken into account,

and in line with the principle of increasing Albania's ownership and responsibility IPA funding rates shall decrease over the years in real or relative terms.

Albania must not only provide the co-financing but also the funds necessary for the payment of the total entry ticket, prior to receiving the partial reimbursement from IPA II.

The development by the NIPAC of an action plan for Albania's future participation in Union programmes, supported by EU-funded technical assistance (EuropeAid/137244/DH/SER/AL), should be the first step toward a fully-fledged policy for fully exploiting access to the various Union Programmes. The adoption of such a policy, backed by adequate budgetary resources, is essential for the success of this action. This policy should notably ensure proper coordination between all the Albanian institutional actors involved. It should also ensure that National Contact Points can participate in Programme Meetings/Information Days outside of Albania. It should also provide for the publicity necessary to attract academics, ministry representatives and municipalities, and the private sector (particularly SMEs).

The NIPAC will regularly monitor the participation rates in Union Programmes by Albanian stakeholders (universities, research centres, think tanks, foundations, associations, NGOs, local and central authorities) and report about that in the context of the IPA monitoring committees.

3. BUDGET BREAKDOWN (INDICATIVE)

(i) Component 1 - Support with contribution to payment by the country of the entry ticket/participation fees

	Total expenditure	IPA II contribution		IPA II beneficiary contribution	
	EUR	EUR	%	EUR	%
Entry ticket for Customs 2020 (2017)	60,000.00	48,000.00	80.00	12,000.00	20.00
Entry ticket for Fiscalis 2020 (2017)	35,000.00	28,000.00	80.00	7,000.00	20.00
Entry ticket for EaSI (2017)	50,000.00	40,000.00	80.00	10,000.00	20.00
Entry ticket for Erasmus + (2017)	90,000.00	72,000.00	80.00	18,000.00	20.00
Entry ticket for COSME (2017)	235,838.00	188,670.40	80.00	47,167.60	20.00
Entry ticket for Creative Europe, sub-Prog. Culture (2017)	55,000.00	44,000.00	80.00	11,000.00	20.00
Entry ticket for Creative Europe, sub-Prog. Media (2017)	95,000.00	76,000.00	80.00	19,000.00	20.00
Entry ticket for Europe for citizens (2017)	20,000.00	16,000.00	80.00	4,000.00	20.00
Entry ticket for Horizon 2020 (2017)	1,173,752.24	339,075.76	34.00	834,676.48	66.00
Entry ticket for Justice (2017)	35,674.00	20,253.84	57.00	15,420.16	43.00
EU Fundamental Rights Agency (2017)*	160,000.00	128,000.00	80.00	32,000.00	20.00
TOTAL for ACTION	2,010,264.24	1,000,000.00		1,010,264.24	

* In case the procedure to become observatory member of the Agency is not finalised within 2016, this reimbursement will be earmarked for the participation of Albania in the Horizon 2020 programme (increased IPA reimbursement from EUR 339,075.76 - 34% - to EUR 467,075.76 - 40%). The same mechanism will be applied in case the Justice programme International Agreement does not enter into force on time for Albania to benefit from that programme in 2017.

ANNEX

Overview of Albania's public institutions that have signed International Agreements with the European Commission and dates of entry into force or latest amendments to the International Agreements

- Customs 2020 –The International Agreement was signed by the European Commission and the General Directorate of Customs in July 2014.
- Fiscalis 2020 –The International Agreement was signed by the European Commission and the General Directorate of Tax Administration on 23.11.2014.
- EaSI – The International Agreement was signed by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth in January 2015 and was submitted to Brussels for countersignature.
- Erasmus + - The International Agreement was signed by the Ministry of Education and Sports on 19.06.2014.
- COSME –The International Agreement between the European Union and the Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship was signed on 03.03.2015.
- Creative Europe (Sub-Programmes "Culture" and "Media") – The International Agreement was signed by the Ministry of Culture on 20.06.2014.
- Europe for Citizens - The International Agreement was signed by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth on 26.02.2015.
- Horizon 2020 - The International Agreement was signed by the Ministry of Education and Sport on 01.07.2014.