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Project title	(To be) circulated to Member States
ALBANIA	
 IPA 2014 (Indirect management CFCU) - "Strengthening of capacities of the Consumer Protection Commission and its Technical Secretariat"- Twinning Light, beneficiary Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship Overall objective: to support the enforcement of consumer protection legislation in line with EU acquis/legislation in order to contribute to the well-functioning of Albanian market economy and stimulate/reward competition with empowered and confident consumers. Project purpose: Strengthening and enhancing the institutional capacities of the relevant authorities for enforcement of consumer protection legislation through: -harmonisation of the relevant practices for enforcement of consumer protection legislation with EU best practices; -contribution on developing the capacity of relevant institutions and raising public awareness of consumers' rights. 	Q3, 2016
IPA 2014 (Indirect management CFCU) - "Support priority power sector reforms and improve the management of companies in the Power Sector "- Standard Twinning, beneficiary Ministry of Energy and Industry. The main overall objective is to increase the power safety supply and to facilitate the recovery of the power sector. Project purpose: to improve the management capacities of Albania's power sector in line with EU energy strategies and priorities	Q3, 2016

Budget: EUR 500,000	
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	
IPA 2015 - Twinning with the Agency for Statistics of BiH The Twinning is expected to focus on improving the performance of statistics in the area of national accounts, Structural Business Statistics/SBS, Short Term Statistics (STS) and Tourism Statistics. The budget for this project is 1.5 million euros.	Q1, 2017
CROATIA	
IPA 2012: Strengthening capacities for energy efficiency in building sector in Croatia, Twinning light (220.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is to strengthen capacities for energy efficiency in building sector in Croatia and developing basis for increasing the number of nearly zero energy building (nZEB).	June, 2016
Transition Facility – Institution Building Envelope:	
• Integration and improvement of Risk Based Supervision in Croatian Financial Services Supervisory Agency (HANFA), Twinning light (190.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is implementation of RBS solution through development of new processes, which will improve HANFA's efficient use of resources and increase its capacity in conducting supervisory tasks.	June, 2016
• Further enhancing the Human Resources, training and education system of the Ministry of Interior, Twinning light (150.000,00 EUR). (Transition Facility) The project purpose is strengthening capacities of Legal Affairs and Human Resources Directorate and Police Academy in the area of HRM, training and education system of police officers.	June, 2016
 Assessment of current evidences and registers concerning collection and processing of the data in the field of asylum and proposal of measures for establishing more effective model of collecting data (CRO ASYLUM), Twinning light (130.000,00 EUR) The purpose of the project is to enhance reporting capacities of Ministry of Interior (MoI) in the field of asylum through simplification and centralisation of existing asylum registers and evidences by 	June, 2016
 linking and synchronization of its data with common parameters. Biometric face identification, Twinning light (Ministry of Interior, 188.889,00 EUR). (Transition Facility) The purpose of the project is to increase capacities of forensic experts at Forensic Science Centre, Department of dactyloscopy and identification for facial biometric identification Recirculation 	July, 2016
 Advanced biostatistics in routine forensic DNA casework (CRO STAT), Twinning light (150.000,00 EUR). (Transition Facility) The project purpose is developing procedures for implementing and using of advanced statistical programs for DNA mixtures and familial/relatives search and training forensic DNA experts in order to 	July, 2016

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upgrade efficiency of forensic science DNA laboratory (MoI) to	
effectively combat crime and to consequently increase cooperation	
between police and judiciary Recirculation	
• Supporting monitoring for safer management of hazardous chemicals that can be used as a chemical weapons in the Republic of Croatia (CRO CHEMICALS), Twinning light (199.999,00 EUR)	July, 2016
 The project purpose is to strengthen safe management of hazardous chemicals that can be used as chemical weapons in the Republic of Croatia. Processing of traces on clothing - from crime scene to forensic 	July, 2016
• Processing of traces on clothing - from crime scene to forensic experts reports (CRO TRACE), Twinning light (220.000,00 EUR) The project purpose is to strengthen capacities of the Forensic Science Centre (FSC) in order to provide support to investigate crime as well as the expertise and evidence for processing and prosecuting of such criminal offences and capacities of the Criminal Police to investigate crime by enhancement of processing of the crime scene, preparing evidence for further processing, following the best practices of the EU Member States.	July, 2010
KOSOVO*	
 IPA 2015: Improving standards of Correctional and probation system in Kosovo (€2,000,000), KS 15 IPA JH 01 16 Project objective: To improve the standards of the probation and penitentiary system in Kosovo by strengthening the effective and efficient management of the correctional and probation services in accordance with the EU standards. 	Q3
IPA 2015: Increased compliance with and the implementation of the legislation on data protection (€2,000,000), KS 15 IPA JH 02 16 Project objective:	Q3
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IPA 2015: Support to strengthening Kosovo's plant production and protection system and capacities (€1,200,000), KS 15 IBA AC 01 16	Q3
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To complete and align national legislation with EU acquis for the phyto	
sector as well as building the capacities of the national bodies to enforce	
EU compliant checks on plants and plant products.	
IPA 2014: Implementation of SAA (€ 1,625,000)	Q3
KS 14 IPA OT 01 16	
Project objective:	
To contribute in establishing an effective and efficient public	
administration capable of fulfilling SAA obligations and providing better	
service delivery for citizens and businesses.	
SERBIA	
IPA 2013, Support for further development of Public Internal	
Financial Control (PIFC) system in Republic of Serbia (2 mil EUR):	
The support activities are to be invested principally in rising coherent	
implementation of financial management and control (FMC), including	
managerial accountability, further development of the system of internal	
auditing (with continual training and education and development PIFC in	
Territorial Autonomy and local self-government), and further	
strengthening of the central harmonization function (CHU) in networking with all PIFC stakeholders.	02 2016
	Q3 2016
IPA 2013 unallocated envelope, Identification of necessary steps in the process of establishing a carcass classification system in	
accordance with EU requirements (0,9 mil EUR)	
The main goal of this TWL project is to identify necessary steps for the	
establishment of harmonized system for common organization of	
agricultural markets in the area of classification of carcasses. As one of	
the important outputs is to generate an Assessment Study which will	
determine the current state of play in Serbia when it comes to the relevant	
field, the needs in the sector and stakeholders which should be include in	
implementation of carcass classification scheme.	Q3 2016
IPA 2013, Customs Laboratory- Creating conditions for	
strengthening the capacity of the Serbian Customs Laboratory (0,25 mil FUP)	
mil EUR) The purpose of this project is to strengthen capacities of the Customs	
Laboratory in order for it to set the foundations for work improvement	
and capacity building necessary for the future performing of complex	
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tasks in line with standards implemented in Customs Laboratories in the	
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fulfilling the requirements of EU membership resulting in proper and	1
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field of consumer protection in Serbia. IPA 2014, Fight against trafficking in human beings (1,0 mil EUR)	
The main goal of this TW is to increase efficiency of discovery of cases	
of trafficking in human beings as well as to improve the protection of	
victims. The aim is to institutionalise national referral mechanism and to	
make it more efficient.	
	Q4 2016
IPA 2014, Development of Schengen Action plan (1,5 mil EUR)	
In order to be able to define further steps in improvement of border	
control and surveillance, a Schengen Action Plan need to be developed	
under this TW, which will after a thorough analysis present further	
activities that Serbia requires to take in order to be ready for the full	
implementation of the Schengen acquis.	Q3 2016
IPA 2014, Improved capacities of market operators and regulators to	
reduce the number of breaches of competition rules (1,0 mil EUR)	
Activities aiming at further development of the system and the capacities	
for combating anti-competitive practices will lead to an improved	
implementation of EU-harmonised policies which will in return contribute	
to the creation of a well-functioning market economy.	Q3 2016
IPA 2014, OSH legislation harmonized and capacities primarily of	
the Directorate for Safety and Health and the Labour Inspectorate	
built (1.5 mil EUR)	
It will provide further harmonization of OSH and capacity building	
especially of the Directorate for Health and Safety and the Labour Inspectorate and other relevant institutions. Needs assessment and	
analysis of present organizational structure, capacities and procedures of	
OSH in Serbia will be conducted as well as harmonization of the	
legislation content.	
	O3 2016
IPA 2014, Waste Management (1,5 mil EUR)	<u> </u>
The project will focus on support to waste management policy	
development including source separation activities. In addition, it	
should update the regional and local waste management plans to reflect	
EU legal requirements pertaining to waste prevention, source separation	
and recycling.	
	Q3 2016
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MAC	EDONIA
IPA 2013 Measure 4: Finalization of the Farm Accountancy Data Network	Q3 2016
The project purpose is to achieve finalization of FADN and full alignment	
with the Acquis.	
Budget: 800.000,00 EUR	
IPA 2013 : Further institutionalisation of structured mechanism/s for	Q3 2016

The purpose of the project is to create a better environment for civil society development through established and functional Council for cooperation between the Government and the Civil Society and strengthened administrative capacity for cooperation with CSOs on local level.	
Budget: 500.000,00 EUR	
 IPA 2013 Assistance to the State Audit Office and its stakeholders for enhancement of capacities for state audit and follow up The purpose of this project is to ensure horizontal coordination of the modernisation of the administration, enhance public funds management and ensure accountability and transparency in the use of public funds through: Improvement of the cooperation between SAO and former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Parliament in the course of better understanding of audit reports and more extensive discussions among parliamentary representatives about the impact of audit reports; Improvement of the audit planning process of SAO in line with ISSAI and SAO's Strategies; Further improvement of the use of EU funds in order to increase the efficiency in the use of EU funds and to anticipate Information technology continuous rapid development and changes. Improvement of the SAO IT system to better serve the process of audit 	Q3 2016
IPA 2013 Custom administration The purpose of the project is to strengthen the institutional and administrative capacity of the CARM and to meet the EU requirements in the enforcement of the Union acquis in the area of customs to hinder illegal trading of goods, to facilitate trade and to introduce further improvements in the area of organization and management through the implementation of adopted strategies for further development of customs operations and procedures. Budget: 1.600.000 EUR	Q3 2016
IPA 2013 Nature Protection The objective of the project will be: Strengthening the administrative capacity for implementation of the nature protection acquis, through further development of implementing legislation, provision of training etc. and implementation of Nature Protection legislation Budget: 1.100.000 EUR	Q3 2016
IPA 2014 Support to the Home Affairs Sector Further development of the capacities for crime scene investigation The project purpose is further development of the capacities for crime scene investigation through establishment of a new organisational structure, establishing a quality system for conducting crime scene	Q4 2016

investigation, introducing new methods and standards for collection and	
transport of evidence from the crime scene and creating preconditions for	
accreditation of the Crime scene investigation units on regional and local	
level in accordance with the ISO 17020:2012 standard.	
Budget: 1.050.000 EUR	
IPA 2013 Measure 4: Finalization of the Farm Accountancy Data	Q3 2016
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Budget: 800.000,00 EUR	
IPA 2013 : Further institutionalisation of structured mechanism/s for	Q3 2016
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• Further improvement of the SAO institutional capacities for IT	
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efficiency in the use of EU funds and to anticipate Information	
technology continuous rapid development and changes.	
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audit	
Budget: 1.400.000 EUR	
MONTENEGRO	
IPA 2014 "Support to the Tax Administration"	Q4-2016
(1 000 000 EUR)	
The objective of the project is to strengthen the administrative and	
operational capacities of the Tax Administration in the field of indirect	
and direct taxation, in accordance with EU standards and requirements	
specified in Chapter 16 - Taxation of EU acquis.	
IPA 2014"Support to regulation of Financial Services"	Q4-2016
(1 900 000 EUR)	

The objective of the project is to further align the legislation for financial services with EU acquis (Chapter 9) and to strengthen regulatory and supervisory capacities of relevant institutions (Central Bank, Insurance Supervisory Agency, Securities and Exchange Commission). This will enhance economy competitiveness and support private sector development.	
IPA 2014 or IPA 2015 Support to the Customs Administration in the area of excise (200 000 EUR) The objective of the project would be to support the Customs Administration of Montenegro in managing excise, since the Customs Administration took over the responsibility over excise from Tax Administration in January 2015	Q4 2016 (Twinning light tentative)
IPA 2014 or IPA 2015 Support to the Agency for Protection of Competition (EUR250.000) The objective of this project is to further strengthen capacities of the Agency for Protection of Competition for appropriate enforcement of the Law on Protection of Competition	Q3-4 2016 (Twinning light tentative)
TURKEY	
2014 Annual Action Programming - Improvement of Customs Enforcement Capacity The mail goal of the project is to strengthen Turkish Custom Administration by increasing its control and surveillance capacity in order to deal with both intended and committed offences at the airports more promptly and efficiently. Total budget is 2.500.000 €.	Q3 2016
2014 RRAA - Enhanced capacity for public sector accounting standards (PSAS) The purpose of this project is to improve public accounting system and government financial statistics by means of organizing seminars, conferences, internship, workshops, training and pilot study activities; increasing awareness about principals of PSAS and the implementation and revision capacity of PSAS and accelerating the EU accession negotiations through providing reliable statistical indicators. Total budget is 1.875.000 €	Q3 2016
2014 RRAA - Improved Monitoring of Financial Management And Control The purpose of this project is to increase administrative capacity of Central Harmonisation Unit (CHU) for Financial Management and Control (FMC) for strengthening its monitoring function. The budget is 1,789,500 €.	Q3 2016

2015 Annual Action Programming - Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Turkish National Police regarding Public Order and Crowd Management in line with ECHR fundamental rights principles The main goal of the project is to develop technical structure and human resources of Turkey's Law Enforcement Agencies and to improve current situation in accordance with the best practices of the European Union countries on crowd control. More specifically, the purpose of this project is to develop the institutional capacity of Turkish National Police on Public Order Management and Crowd Control in line with justice, freedom and security strategies and policies of the European Union. The budget is 2.000.000 €.	Q3 2016
 2015 Annual Action Programming - Strengthening the Data Collection Capacity of Turkish National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drugs Addiction (TUBIM) The main purpose of the project is to strengthen the data collection capacity of TUBIM, increasing the amount and quality of drug-related data collection, and making it compatible with EMCDDA data collection system. The budget is 2.000.000 €. 	Q3 2016
 2015 Annual Action Programming - Independent Police Complaints Commission & Complaints System for the Turkish National Police, Gendarmerie and Coast Guard The goal of the project is to implement the primary legislation with regards a new independent complaints system for the Turkish National Police, Gendarmerie and Coast Guard. Start full operations of the new complaints system and consolidate the system via a start-up (first year) business plan and 3-5 year strategic plan. The budget is 2.000.000 €. 	Q3 2016