



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

ALBANIA

EU support to the participation in Union Programmes and Agencies

Action summary

The Action will facilitate and enable the participation of Albanian institutions in 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.

Action Identification	
Action Programme Title	Annual Action Programme for Albania for the year 2020
Action Title	EU support to participation in Union Programmes and Agencies
Action ID	IPA 2020/042-914.02/AL/EU support to participation in Union Programmes and Agencies
Sector Information	
IPA II Sector	1. Democracy and Governance
DAC Sector	43010 (multisector aid)
Budget	
Total cost	EUR 2,427,547
EU contribution	EUR 1,500,000
Management and Implementation	
Method of implementation	
<i>Indirect management:</i> National authority or other entrusted entity	Indirect management with Albania
Implementation responsibilities	Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs 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 2021
Final date for concluding contribution/delegation agreements, procurement and grant contracts	3 years following the date of conclusion of the Financing Agreement, with the exception of cases listed under Article 114(2) of the Financial Regulation
indicative operational implementation period	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 targeted	Significant objective	Main 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"/>
Internal markers	Not targeted	Significant objective	Main objective
Migration	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COVID response	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, familiarising 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, Albanian institutions still cannot provide sufficient funding for covering all the costs of entry tickets.

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 for Europe and Foreign Affairs prepared a short-list of Union Programmes and Agencies where IPA II support would be beneficial:

- **Customs 2020** – beneficiary: Ministry of Finance and Economy (Directorate General of Customs) (Agreement signed 27th July 2014);
- **Fiscalis 2020** – beneficiary: Ministry of Finance and Economy (Directorate General for Taxation) (Agreement signed 23rd November 2014);
- **Programme for Employment and Social Innovation** – beneficiary: Ministry of Finance and Economy (Agreement signed 9th March 2015);
- **Erasmus +** – beneficiary: Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth (Agreement signed 19th June 2014);
- **COSME** – beneficiary: Ministry of Finance and Economy (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 (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 its participation in 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** – beneficiary: Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth (Agreement signed 1st July 2014);
- **Justice** – beneficiary: Ministry of Justice (Agreement signed 28 September 2016, and 12 February 2018 as regards the drugs-related component of the programme)
- **EU Fundamental Rights Agency** – beneficiary: Ministry of Justice (Agreement pending)

An EU-funded technical assistance project (framework contract, CRIS no. 402-009) currently supports the participation of Albanian institutions in the Union Programmes. The purpose of the project is to strengthen the capacity of competent national institutions in Albania to achieve improved levels of participation in Union Programmes where an Agreement with the European Commission has been concluded and is in force. The project started in March 2019 and will last three years.

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
- IPA 2016 for an amount of EUR 1,000,000
- IPA 2018 for an amount of EUR 3,000,000

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

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs is the leading institution in coordinating the Union Programmes and Agencies. The following key institutions shall be benefiting directly: Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth; and Ministry of Culture.

OUTLINE OF IPA II ASSISTANCE

The main **output** of this Action will be to support participation of Albania in Union Programmes by co-financing the costs of the entry tickets/participation fees 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.

The action sustains the Albanian beneficiaries' exposure to, and experience with, the Union Programmes. The **objective** is to enhance Albania's capacity to successfully participate in Union Programmes and Agencies. Another objective is to increase the number of Union Programmes and Agencies in which Albania participates.

The desired **impact** is to associate actors of Albanian society, economy and institutions closely with the implementation of EU policies, to facilitate the country's accession process, ultimately enhancing the ability of Albania to effectively participate in the EU as a full member.

RELEVANCE WITH THE IPA II INDICATIVE STRATEGY PAPER AND OTHER KEY REFERENCES

The **revised Indicative Strategy Paper for Albania for the period 2014-2020** foresees the concentration of EU financial assistance on seven priority sectors: i) democracy and governance, ii) rule of law and fundamental rights, iii) environment, climate action and energy, iv) transport, v) competitiveness, innovation, agriculture and rural development vi) education, employment and social policies and vii) territorial cooperation and regional cooperation.

These priorities are in line with the **Enlargement Strategy**. The 2019 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy called upon the Western Balkans countries and Turkey to pursue reforms in the areas of the functioning of democratic institutions, rule of law and security, fundamental rights, public administration reform, migration, the economy, as well as regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations.¹

The selected Union Programmes are all supporting the above mentioned revised ISP priority sectors, as follows: Erasmus +, Programme for Employment and Social Innovation, Horizon 2020, Creative Europe, Europe for Citizens support the priority sector "Education, employment and social Policies". The COSME Programme supports the priority sector "Competitiveness and innovation" and the Fiscalis 2020 Programme and the Customs 2020 Programme are in line with the priority sector "Democracy and governance". Albania's participation in the Justice Programme supports the priority sector "Rule of law and fundamental rights", as would its participation as an observer in the EU Fundamental Rights Agency.² The revised

¹ 2019 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy, 29 May 2019, COM(2019) 260 final, https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/sites/near/files/20190529-communication-on-eu-enlargement-policy_en.pdf

² Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Decision C(2014)5770 of 18.8.2014 adopting the Indicative Strategy Paper for Albania for the period 2014-2020, C(2018) 5027 final, 3 August 2018, <https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/sites/near/files/20180817-revised-indicative-strategy-paper-2014-2020-for-albania.pdf>

Indicative 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.³

The Customs 2020 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. Similarly to the previous programme, the Customs 2020 Programme will continue to strengthen the cooperation with other EU Member States participating in the programme. It will also be an important tool for creating networks with professionals from different countries, providing the Albanian administration specific technical knowledge and expertise sharing in identifying, developing and applying best working practices in all areas of customs processes.

The 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 previous programme, Customs 2013, has achieved significant results 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, workshops, project groups, and working visits.

The Fiscalis 2020 Programme with a budget of EUR 234.3 million will support cooperation between tax authorities in the EU. The aim is to help maximise the efficiency of the tax authorities, and to avoid mismatches, 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 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.

The Agreement with Albania was 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 for Albania has consisted of participation in workshops, seminars and conferences.

The 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 previously managed separately: 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 the prospect of playing a key role in developing society and the economy in Europe, which is of particular importance in times of crisis.

The Agreement with Albania was signed on 9 March 2015. The Ministry of Finance and Economy is responsible for the participation in and management of EaSI.

The Erasmus + Programme aims 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

³ Idem, pp. 20-21, 26.

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 participate in Erasmus+ Key Action 1 (KA1) "International Credit Mobility", as well as "Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees". Furthermore, Albania will fully participate in the Jean Monnet Programme of Erasmus +.

The Agreement with Albania was signed on 19th June 2014. The National Office for Erasmus Plus manages the programme in Albania.

The COSME Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SME's aims to strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of the Union's enterprises, including in the tourism sector, to encourage an entrepreneurial culture, and to promote the creation and growth of SMEs. It involves 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 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; and (iii) Sustainable growth. 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.

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 the COSME Programme in 2014.

The Creative Europe Programme gives support to safeguard and promote the European cultural and linguistic diversity and to strengthen the competitiveness of the cultural, creative and audiovisual sector. Creative Europe brings together the Culture and MEDIA Sub-programmes. It has a budget of €1.46 billion for 7 years running 2014-2020. Albania participates in both the **Culture Sub-programme** and the **MEDIA Sub-programme** of Creative Europe: Albania joined first the Culture Sub-programme signing an Agreement on 20th June 2014, and later also the MEDIA sub-programme as of 9 October 2014, after showing alignment with Directive 2010/13/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10th March 2010 (the AVMS Directive).

The Ministry of Culture (MC) is responsible for participation in and management of the Creative Europe Union Programme. It has established two Creative Europe Desks (for Culture, operational since June 2014, and for MEDIA, operational since June 2015).

The Europe for Citizens Programme aims to encourage cooperation between citizens and organisations from different countries, and to facilitate the development of a sense of belonging to common European ideals, thus promoting 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 focuses on two thematic areas: (i) European Remembrance; and (ii) Democratic engagement and civic participation. As a country leaving behind the transition period, Albania needs to further strengthen both its democratic engagement and civic participation. The Agreement with Albania for the new programme was signed on 26 February 2015. The Ministry of Culture is responsible for the Programme in Albania.

The Horizon 2020 Programme for research and innovation is part of the drive to create new growth and jobs in Europe. It runs from 2014 to 2020 with a budget of nearly EUR 80 billion.

This programme makes facilitates cooperation between the Albanian researchers and the best international research and innovation actors. The Government's top priorities are to stimulate growth and create new jobs, to offer assistance to public universities, and 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, and will as well contribute to further integrate the country into the European Research and Innovation framework. Horizon 2020 has direct relevance to the National Economic Reform Programme of Albania.

The Agreement between Albania and the EU was signed on 1st July 2014. The National Agency of Scientific Research and Innovation (NASRI) is the contact point for EU support programmes dedicated to R&D and innovation, including Horizon 2020.

The Justice Programme contributes to the development of a European area of justice based on mutual recognition and mutual trust. It encourages judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, and judicial training, and promotes effective access to justice in Europe, including rights of victims of crime and procedural rights in criminal proceedings. It supports initiatives in the field of drugs policy as regards judicial cooperation and crime prevention.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Albania and the EU on Albania's participation in the Justice Programme, covering the Programme's specific objectives on judicial cooperation, judicial training and access to justice, was signed on 28 September 2016. It was ratified by the Albanian Parliament via Law no. 11/2017 (Official Gazette no. 26, 20/2/2017) which entered into force on 7 March 2017. The Memorandum of Understanding for the drugs-related aspects of the Justice Programme was signed on 12 February 2018. The Ministry of Justice is the contact point for the Justice Programme.

Participation as observer in the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) will help Albania with its gradual alignment to the EU acquis and EU standards. 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 participates as an observer in the FRA as a result of the Decision No 1/2019 of the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Council of 28 November 2019 on the participation of Albania as an observer in the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights' work, and the respective modalities thereof, within the framework of Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 [2019/2232].

LESSONS LEARNED AND LINK TO PREVIOUS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

- **7th Framework Programme (FP7)** for research, technological development and demonstration activities (MoU signed on 17 December 2007, effective as from 1 January 2008);
- **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);
- **Europe for Citizens Programme** (MoU signed on 02 February 2009);
- **Culture Programme** (MoU signed on 20 December 2011);
- **Customs 2013** (MoU signed on 16/07/2012);
- **Life Long Learning Programme** (MoU signed on 15/07/2013);
- **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).

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, is essential in order to reap the benefits of participation in programmes and agencies. Thus, it is very important that the beneficiaries continue to plan clearly and consistently 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 a 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 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 as 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 Union Programmes, and even on some of the awareness-raising events it organised 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.

A general lesson learned is that whereas EU assistance can contribute to building capacities in one particular sector, it does not always contribute to strengthening the overall functioning of public administration. In fact, past EU assistance has sometimes contributed to creation of isolated sectoral 'islands of excellence', which are rarely sustainable in the overall administrative environment. This has been criticised by the Court of Auditors (e.g. Meta Audit on IPA I assistance). In addition, despite substantial assistance provided for alignment with the EU acquis, the countries continue to suffer from poor implementation and enforcement record of laws and policies. This is to a large extent result of support (including by the Commission services) which focuses on technical alignment (content), but does not pay sufficient attention to the poor quality of the law-and policy-making processes, which largely define whether new laws and policies can be implemented and enforced. The common problems are weak or non-existing (regulatory/fiscal) impact assessments of proposed laws and policies, poor inter-ministerial coordination and external (public) stakeholder consultations. Therefore, assistance envisaged under this Action will take the overall horizontal public administration reform efforts into consideration, and will integrate the key principles of public administration and the 'Better Regulation' approach.

2. DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

INTERVENTION LOGIC

General Objective:

- Long-term Overall objective:
To enhance the ability of Albania to effectively participate in the EU as a full member in the future
- Intermediate Overall objective:
To closely associate actors of Albanian society, economy and institutions with the implementation of EU policies in such a way as to facilitate the country's accession process

Specific objectives:

- Specific Objective 1:
To increase the number of Union Programmes and Agencies in which Albania effectively participates
- Specific Objective 2:
To enhance Albania's capacity to successfully participate in Union Programmes and Agencies as a means to promote exchanges with EU Member States, the dissemination within the country of relevant know-how and good practices, and further alignment of Albania with European Union policies and working methods

Outputs:

- Output 1 (influencing Specific Objective 1 and 2):
Reduced cost to the Albanian budget, and thereby support, the participation of interested actors of Albanian society, economy and institutions in Union Programmes and Agencies
- Output 2 (influencing Specific Objective 2):
Increased exposure of the Albanian beneficiaries to, and experience with, Union Programmes

Indicators:

- Number of Programmes for which an International Agreement has been concluded (2020 target value)
- Number of applications received for participation in the different Union Programmes (increased by 20% (2020 target value) overall);
- Number of successful applications for participation in the different Union Programmes (increased by 20% (2020 target value) overall.)

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

This action programme co-finances the entry tickets / fees for participation in Union Programmes and Agencies during the year 2020.

The participation of the IPA II beneficiary 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 have been taken into account, and in line with the principle of increasing Albania's ownership and responsibility the IPA co-financing rate for Horizon 2020 has been reduced compared to the previous action document (IPA 2018).

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 reimbursement will be paid as a grant to the Albanian National Fund.

The implementation by the NIPAC of an action plan for Albania's future participation in Union programmes continues to be the basis for a policy to make full use of the various Union Programmes. This policy should notably ensure proper coordination between all the Albanian institutional actors involved. The publicity necessary to attract academics, ministry representatives and municipalities, and the private sector (particularly SMEs) also needs to be ensured. The Line Ministries and Agencies need to earmark adequate budgetary resources to ensure that National Contact Points can participate in Programme Meetings/Information Days outside of Albania.

The NIPAC shall regularly monitor the participation rates and report on them in the context of IPA monitoring committees, as well as on co-financing trends and on how programme implementation was made responsive to the gender and social inclusion dimensions (minorities, persons with disabilities, etc.). The NIPAC will ensure that gender-disaggregated data is collected on a regular basis by the final beneficiaries, with respect to participation in each individual Union Programme.

COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

Communication and visibility activities shall be implemented in accordance with the rules of each Union programme. The relevant programme managing entity shall be responsible for monitoring of the visibility activities. The NIPAC office shall make sure that the national institution participant of the respective Union Programme establishes direct contacts with the EU Delegation in order to plan and implement together visibility actions linked to the implementation of the respective Union Programme.

Failing to comply with the EU communication and visibility requirements during the implementation of the action may result in non-eligibility for the partial reimbursement of the participation fee.

3. BUDGET BREAKDOWN (INDICATIVE)

	Total expenditure	IPA II contribution		IPA II beneficiary contribution	
	EUR	EUR	%	EUR	%
Entry ticket for Customs 2020 (2020)	75.000,00	60.000,00	80,00	15.000,00	20,00
Entry ticket for Fiscalis 2020 (2020)	50.000,00	40.000,00	80,00	10.000,00	20,00
Entry ticket for Employment and social innovation (2020)	100.000,00	80.000,00	80,00	20.000,00	20,00
Entry ticket for Erasmus + (2020)	90.000,00	72.000,00	80,00	18.000,00	20,00
Entry ticket for COSME (2020)	232.885,00	186.308,00	80,00	46.577,00	20,00
Entry ticket for Creative Europe, Sub-Prog. Culture (2020)	55.000,00	44.000,00	80,00	11.000,00	20,00
Entry ticket for Creative Europe, Sub-Prog. MEDIA (2020)	95.000,00	76.000,00	80,00	19.000,00	20,00
Entry ticket for Europe for Citizens (2020)	20.000,00	16.000,00	80,00	4.000,00	20,00
Entry ticket for Horizon 2020 (2020)	1.500.000,00	757.962,40	50,53	742.037,60	49,47
Entry ticket for Justice (2020)	46.662,00	37.329,60	80,00	9.332,40	20,00
Entry ticket for Fundamental Rights Agency (2020)	163.000,00	130.400,00	80,00	32.600,00	20,00
TOTAL for ACTION	2.427.547,00	1.500.000,00		927.547,00	

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, was countersigned on March 9th 2015 by the Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, and entered into force on November 3rd, 2015.
- 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 Sports on 01.07.2014.
- Justice – The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Ministry of Justice on 28.09.2016, and the Memorandum of Understanding for the drugs-related aspects of the Justice Programme was signed on 12.02.2018.