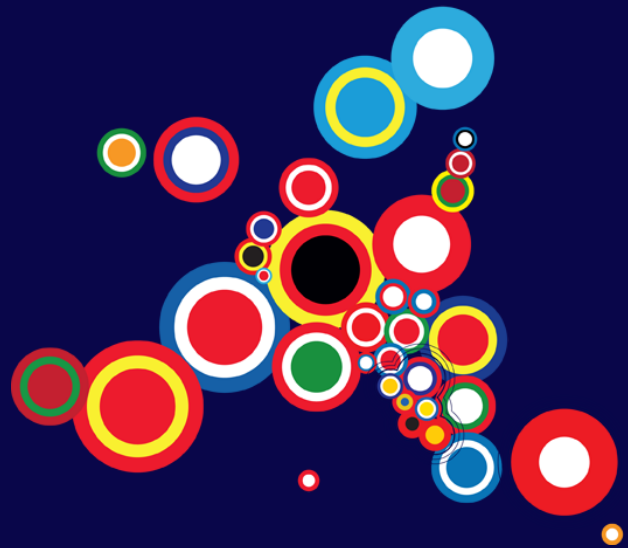




## INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE (IPA II) 2014-2020

### SERBIA

#### Support to participation in Union Programmes



The proposed Action represents a continuation of Serbian participation in the Union programmes by co-financing the costs of the "entry-tickets" through IPA 2018 funds which Serbia must pay in areas for which International Agreements have been signed, such as: education, culture, media, health, competitiveness, research, innovation, technological development, etc. This will help Serbia in its continued participation to selected Union programmes during 2014-2020, as well as in those programmes Serbia plans to participate.

Serbia's participation in a broad range of previous Union programmes enabled citizens, institutions, civil society and the private sector to become acquainted with EU values, policies in different fields, legal regulations and their implementation, to gain experience from EU countries related to methods and rules by which the EU functions.

Lessons learned during this process shall facilitate Serbia's preparation to become member state and for using other EU financial instruments in the future. Ultimately, this Action shall strengthen Serbia's efforts in meeting the EU accession Agenda.

<b>Action Identification</b>	
<b>Action Programme Title</b>	Annual Action Programme for the Republic of Serbia for 2018
<b>Action Title</b>	Support to participation in Union Programmes
<b>Action ID</b>	IPA 2018/041-249/3/Serbia/ /Support to participation in Union Programmes
<b>Sector Information</b>	
<b>IPA II Sector</b>	Democracy and governance
<b>DAC Sector</b>	43010 (multisector aid)
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Total cost</b>	EUR 16,153,004.95
<b>EU contribution</b>	EUR 11,593,674.78
<b>Budget line(s)</b>	22.02 01 01
<b>Management and Implementation</b>	
<b>Management mode</b>	Indirect management
<i>Direct management:</i> <b>EU Delegation</b>	Ministry of Finance National Fund
<i>Indirect management:</i> <b>National authority or other entrusted entity</b>	
<b>Implementation responsibilities</b>	National Fund is responsible for the reimbursement of the entry ticket and for implementation of this Action
<b>Location</b>	
<b>Zone benefiting from the action</b>	Republic of Serbia
<b>Specific implementation area(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Timeline</b>	
<b>Final date for concluding Financing Agreement(s) with IPA II beneficiary</b>	At the latest by 31 December 2019
<b>Final date for contracting, including the conclusion of contribution/delegation agreements</b>	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
<b>Indicative operational implementation period</b>	6 years following the conclusion of the Financing Agreement
<b>Final date for implementing the Financing Agreement (date by which this programme should be de-committed and closed)</b>	12 years following the conclusion of the Financing Agreement

<b>Policy objectives / Markers (DAC form)</b>			
<b>General policy objective</b>	<b>Not targeted</b>	<b>Significant objective</b>	<b>Main objective</b>
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"/>
<b>RIO Convention markers</b>	<b>Not targeted</b>	<b>Significant objective</b>	<b>Main objective</b>
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

Participation in Union Programmes represents an opportunity for the Republic of Serbia, to acquaint itself with the European institutions, legislation and their application in practice, with EU policies as well as with the system of values and mechanisms on which the EU is based. Union Programmes are one of the instruments European Union uses to support implementation of necessary reforms and fulfilment of EU accession standards and criteria through strengthening and fostering of cooperation between EU member states and potential and candidate countries.

The Republic of Serbia signed the Framework Agreement on participation in Union Programmes on 22 November, 2005, which came into force on 27 July, 2005, by which the Republic of Serbia became eligible to use the funds available through this instrument. In the period 2007 – 2013 the Republic of Serbia participated in 12 Union programmes<sup>1</sup>. In order to establish the legal basis for participation in each individual Union Programme in the period 2014-2020, an International Agreement must be signed between the European Commission and the Republic of Serbia, which sets the general principles for participation, including administrative capacities (e.g. financial control, satisfactory number of people dealing with their implementation, financial resources for participation, mechanisms of participation in programme management etc.). In order to participate in Union Programmes, Serbia has to pay a contribution in the form of an annual fee to the general budget of the EU (“entry tickets”). IPA National Programmes can be used to a certain extent to complement national funds in the form of contribution to "entry tickets".

The new EU financial perspective brings about an opportunity for the Serbia to participate in the new Union Programmes for the period 2014-2020. Although most of the new EU Programmes are successors of the previous ones, some changes are introduced in terms of new modalities, administration and dynamics. In particular, significant change in the new programmes' structure is merger of education and youth programmes to Erasmus +, and of Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) with the Programme for Research and Innovation (FP7) into Horizon 2020. So far Serbia signed, and is paying entry tickets to the following International Agreements:

**Erasmus+** Programme supports the country's efforts to efficiently use the potential of Europe's human and social capital, while confirming the principle of lifelong learning by linking support to formal, non-formal and informal learning through education, training, youth and sports. The programme also enhances the opportunities for cooperation and mobility with Partner Countries, notably in the fields of higher education and youth. The Ministry in charge of Education, Science and Technological Development and the Ministry in charge of Youth have been participating in the programme implementation and they are responsible for the strategic decisions.

**Horizon 2020** is the EU Research and Innovation programme established by Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 December 2013. The goal of the programme is to ensure that Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation. The Ministry in charge of Education, Science and Technological Development is in charge of this programme in Serbia.

**Cosme** is the Programme for Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-Sized enterprises. This EU Programme was established by Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 December 2013, with the goal to strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of the Union's enterprises, to encourage an entrepreneurial culture, and promote creation and growth of SMEs. Measures that also support this programme include training for writing projects, activities that enable access to new markets and promoting the establishment of many transnational partnerships. The programme supports educational exchanges between entrepreneurs (Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs – EYE). The Ministry in charge of Economy is in charge of this programme.

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<sup>1</sup> The Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7), Progress, Culture, CIP, CIP EIP, Fiscalis, Customs, Safer Internet, Lifelong Learning Programme, Europe for Citizens and two programmes, which were carried out through MB IPA: Tempus/Erasmus Mundus and Youth in Action

**Creative Europe** is the programme for support to the culture and creative sector. The programme consists of two sub-programmes: Culture for the promotion of culture and Media to support the audio-visual sector. The sub-programme Culture promotes cooperation between cultural and creative organizations from different countries, supports initiatives to translate and promote literary works throughout the European Union and develop networks that allow the competitiveness and international presence of the cultural and artistic works. The sub-programme Culture includes four competitions: Cooperation projects, European networks, European platform projects, and Literary translation projects.

The **MEDIA** Programme – is the sub-programme of the Creative Europe programme. The sub-programme Media funds activities relate to the development of the European audio-visual sector, respecting and showing Europe's cultural identity and heritage, promotion of European audio-visual works inside and outside EU, strengthening the competitiveness of the audio-visual sector, facilitating access to financing and promoting the use of digital technologies. The funds shall finance the European Capital of Culture and the designation of European heritage, as well as the European prize for literature, architecture, protection of heritage, film and pop/rock music. Serbia joined the Media sub-programme in 2015.

**Customs 2020** programme supports cooperation between the customs authorities of EU member states and candidate countries and potential candidates. The aim is to improve their efficiency, achieve better cohesion, with the aim of avoiding any kind of damage to the Customs Union. The programme supports the following measures: joint actions, seminars and workshops, project groups, teams of experts, administrative capacity building in the Customs administration, studies, information campaigns, the development of IT skills, training to develop necessary professional skills and knowledge in the field of customs.

**Fiscalis 2020** is a programme which deals with the exchange of information and experiences between tax authorities of European countries. The aim of the programme is to develop a trans-European information system in partnership with other European countries, and build networks between users in national governments. The programme supports the following actions: combating tax evasion and tax avoidance, tax policy planning and implementation of EU law in the field of taxation through the exchange of information, support to administrative cooperation and increasing the administrative capacity of participating countries in order to reduce the administrative burden of the tax authorities and achieve compliance of costs for taxpayers.

**The Europe for Citizens** programme aims to promote European identity and European citizenship. The programme is designed for associations, civil society organizations and local self-governments. The general objectives of the programme are financing projects that are aimed at a better understanding of the EU, its history and diversity, as well as the promotion of European citizenship and promotion of civic and democratic participation at the EU level.

**EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)** is aimed at achieving a high level of quality and sustainable employment, while ensuring adequate social protection and social inclusion, and preventing and reducing poverty and improving working conditions in the period 2014-2020. The current programme united the three programmes from the previous budget period (Progress, EURES and European Progress Microfinance Facility) and consists of three complementary axes: Progress axis-focused on the modernization of employment and social policy (61%), EURES axis-labour mobility (18%) and Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis (21%). The main objectives of the programme are as follows: promotion of quality and sustainable employment, the fight against all forms of social exclusion, guaranteeing dignified social protection, improvement of working conditions and combating poverty.

EU Programme for **Health** is established by the Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014. It is the main instrument of the European Commission to implement the EU Health Strategy. The main objectives are to improve the health system and reduce disparities in the provision of medical assistance. The programme has four areas of support: Health promotion and healthy lifestyles, disease prevention; Protection of EU citizens from serious cross-border health threats; Contribution to the creation of innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems; Easier access to better and safer healthcare for EU citizens. The Republic of Serbia acceded to the European Health programme in March 2016.

**The Civil Protection Mechanism** coordinates the EU's response to natural and man-made disasters within and outside the Union. It is established by the Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013. The Civil Protection Mechanism facilitates cooperation in emergency response, while activating the Mechanism is envisaged when preparedness and available resources of the country affected by a disaster are not sufficient for an adequate response. States participating in the Mechanism gather resources that can be made available to countries inside and outside the European Union. The European Commission manages the Mechanism through the work of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre – ERCC.

In addition to the above mentioned Union Programmes for which the Republic of Serbia has signed the International Agreement, one more Union Programme is in the process of signing the International Agreement with the European Commission, the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme. The International Agreement will be signed during the 3Q of 2018.

The Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme is established by the Article 6.1 (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013. This programme shall contribute to the further development of an area where equality and the rights of persons, as enshrined in the Treaty, the Charter and international human rights conventions, are promoted and protected.

In order to further encourage and support Serbian participation in Union programmes, reimbursement of entry tickets with the decreasing percentage rate compared to IPA 2017 is applied from the IPA 2018 Action programme contribution as presented in the budget table in Annex I.

The overall coordination of Union Programmes in Serbia lies within the mandate of the National IPA Coordinator Technical Secretariat (NIPAC TS) whose responsibilities include: programming of IPA assistance to cover parts of entry tickets, reporting to the Government and informing the public about international development assistance including Union Programmes, communication with the EC as the main interlocutor concerning programmes, coordination and organization of the meetings with line ministries.

Individual programmes are coordinated by the responsible line ministries in accordance with EC rules. National Contact Points (NCPs), within the ministries, are responsible for coordination of individual Union programmes in Serbia. They perform different tasks related to the program coordination by organizing info days, trainings for applicants, providing specific programme-related information to potential applicants, advising potential applicants on application preparation, supporting applicants in partner research, seminars, workshops etc.

The following national institutions are nominated NCPs and are responsible for coordination of specific Union Programmes:

Union Programme	National Contact Points
Horizon 2020	Ministry in charge of Education, Science and Technological Development
Cosme	Ministry in charge of Economy
Creative Europe	Ministry in charge of Culture
EaSI	Ministry in charge of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs
Europe for Citizens	Office in charge for Cooperation with Civil Society Organisations
Customs	Ministry in charge of Finance, Customs Administration
Fiscalis	Ministry in charge of Finance, Tax Administration
Erasmus +	Ministry in charge of Education, Science and Technological Development and Ministry in charge of Youth and Sports
Health programme	Ministry in charge of Health
Civil Protection Mechanism	Ministry in charge of Interior
Media	Ministry in charge of Culture
Rights, Equality and Citizenship	Ministry in charge of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs

In order to improve visibility of particular Union Programmes in Serbia, increase outreach to more potential applicants, support applicants during the application procedure, a few of the Union programmes are coordinated by other structures such as: NGOs (e.g. Foundation Tempus – National Erasmus+ office),

internal organisational and coordination structures within Ministries (e.g. the Creative Europe Desk within the Ministry in charge of Culture and the Media Desk within the Serbia Film Centre). Outreach supporting the increase of the participation of members of vulnerable groups in the Union Programmes is particularly encouraged.

EC General Directorates or their Executive Agencies are responsible for the implementation of individual Union Programmes which brings centralization in their management. The latter does not apply to Erasmus +, since it is the only Union Programme whose management is by the Commission delegated to a National Agency in each participating country. Promotion and implementation of the Erasmus + in the Republic of Serbia in the fields of education, training and youth is delegated to the Foundation Tempus. The Foundation Tempus was founded in 2002 to enable the Republic of Serbia's participation in the Tempus Programme, aimed at supporting the improvement of higher education. Since then, the Tempus Foundation has gradually become responsible for other Union programmes, such as Erasmus Mundus and the Lifelong Learning programme. Since 2014, the Foundation has been responsible for the implementation of the education component of the Erasmus + programme for the education, youth and sport. Following the beginning of preparatory measures for Serbia's full participation in this programme in July 2016, the Foundation Tempus also became responsible for the implementation of the programme's youth component. The Foundation Tempus primarily cooperates with educational and youth institutions and provides support to all organisations in applying for project funding. In addition, the Foundation provides support to individuals through a number of activities.

#### **OUTLINE OF IPA II ASSISTANCE**

IPA II assistance will provide a share of EU contribution to the Union Programmes entry ticket for 2018. The EU contribution to the entry ticket is decided between the beneficiary and the EC, normally before the International Agreement (IA) is signed. The beneficiary participation in the Union Programmes, including payment of the entry ticket, shall follow the specific terms and conditions set out for each programme in the IA.

Based on the 2008 Enlargement Strategy paper it is possible for the candidate countries and potential candidate countries to request co-financing through IPA II of up to 90% of the country contribution to the specific Union Programme in the first year of participation with the following decreasing percentage rate:

1 <sup>st</sup> year of participation	up to 90%
2 <sup>nd</sup> year of participation	up to 85%
3 <sup>rd</sup> year of participation	up to 80%
4 <sup>th</sup> year of participation	up to 75%
5 <sup>th</sup> year of participation	up to 70%
6 <sup>th</sup> year of participation	up to 65%
7 <sup>th</sup> and following years of participation	up to 60%.

The Serbian Government shall provide not only the national contribution, but also the funds necessary for the payment of the total entry ticket, prior to receiving the partial reimbursement from IPA II.

Serbia has already reserved funds from the state budget for the financing of the annual contribution (entry tickets) for its participation in the Union Programmes for 2018. Participation of Serbia in the Union Programmes in the previous financial perspective 2007-2013 has been co-financed from IPA funds following the percentages defined in each MoU that Serbia signed with the EC. New IAs for the participation of Serbia in Union Programmes do not include percentages of IPA II reimbursement, but stipulate that the Serbian contribution may be financed under the relevant Union external aid instrument, if Serbia so requested.

#### **RELEVANCE WITH THE IPA II STRATEGY PAPER AND OTHER KEY REFERENCES**

The continuation of participation of the Republic of Serbia in Union Programmes is reflected and supported by the *Indicative Strategy Paper 2014-2020* (ISP) through continuation of IPA support “to co-finance Serbia's contribution for its participation in the Union programmes, subject to the national prioritisation process among the different programmes”. Setting down the priorities of IPA support, the Strategy Paper defines results / targets expected to be achieved during the defined period, in order to enable Serbia to fulfil

accession agenda. In this regard, since each Union Programme is reflecting the ISP sectorial priorities, Serbia's participation in specific Union Programme will additionally support Serbia's efforts in meeting accession criteria.

Therefore, participation to the Union Programmes such as Fiscalis 2020 will contribute to the fight against tax fraud and revenue collection, which is in line with the IPA priorities for Serbia in the PAR sector. Participation to the Europe for Citizens programme and Creative Europe programme could benefit the achievement of priorities defined within the Rule of Law sector. Serbia's participation to Horizon 2020 programme and COSME programme are in line with the Strategy Paper priorities defined in the Competitiveness sector. Participation to the Erasmus + programme and the programme Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) is in line with priorities defined in the HRSD sector. Participation to the Civil Protection Mechanism can contribute to the achievement of priorities defined in the environment sector.

*The EC Annual Report 2018* acknowledges that Serbia continues to actively participate in EU programmes: Horizon 2020; COSME, Erasmus+ and Creative Europe; Europe for Citizens; Employment and Social Innovation. Serbia became member of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and was granted position of observer status in the EU Fundamental Rights Agency.

This Action shall contribute to all sectors of the *“Priorities for International Assistance in period 2014-2017 with 2020 projections” (NAD)*, by facilitating the preparation of Serbia's accession to the EU, as well as by enhancing the absorption of funds and implementation efficiency.

*The NPAA 2014-2018* also recognises the importance of Serbia's participation to the Union Programmes, reflected in numerous sections through identification of preparatory measures and priorities for the inclusion to the new EU programmes 2014-2020 – COSME, HORIZON 2020, Copernicus, Erasmus +, etc.

Furthermore, the Action is in line with the *EU-Western Balkan “Credible enlargement perspective for and enhanced EU engagement with the Western Balkans”* in such a way that the proposed activities will contribute to the achievement of full compliance with all membership criteria.

#### **LESSONS LEARNED AND LINK TO PREVIOUS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Participation of Serbia to the Union Programmes is of primary importance to Serbia's European efforts. This participation was therefore, encouraged by providing EU funds under National IPA Programmes for 2007 (EUR 2,000,000), 2008 (EUR 5,000,000), 2011 (EUR 6,000,000), 2012 (EUR 4,169,995), 2013 (EUR 6,500,000), 2014 (EUR 6,563,840), 2015 (EUR 12,089,326), 2016 (EUR 10,900,000) and 2017 (EUR 11,235,886.928).

Participation and implementation of Union Programmes brings valuable experiences and lessons learned to wide range of stakeholders particularly through: strengthening of their capacities and preparation for using other EU instruments in the future; active participation in the implementation of EU policies; enabling access to available EU funds; intensifying international cooperation and initiating mobility with EU countries. Participation in the Union Programmes is open to SMEs, Universities, research institutions, cultural institutions, CSOs, students and academic staff, etc. Additionally the experience of neighboring countries shows that participation in Union Programmes is an important feature of a successful pre-accession strategy.

The recent experience of Serbia's involvement in Union Programmes shows that Serbian citizens and institutions had access and opportunity to acquaint themselves with the EU standards, different EU policies, successful solutions and experience from EU countries, etc. The participation of Serbia to Union Programmes has contributed to a deeper knowledge and capacity building of many stakeholders when dealing with European issues and projects.

Due to the fact that new financial perspective of IPA II covers the period 2014-2020, there are no recent evaluations of Serbia's participation to the Union Programmes. However, the “Evaluation of participation of the Republic of Serbia to the EU Programmes in the period from 2007-2012”, indicates that: strong national coordination mechanism between all relevant institutions responsible for Union Programmes is needed in order to ensure absorption of available funds cost effectiveness of the entry ticket payment; regular exchange of information between relevant DGs for Union Programmes and line ministries must be secured in order to enable national authorities to regularly monitor, on an annual basis, the efficiency and effectiveness of Serbia's participation to the Union Programmes.



Furthermore, the evaluation showed that: existing capacities of both management structures and applicants to the Union Programmes shall be additionally strengthened in order to maximise the benefits that Serbia can draw from the participation in Union Programme; additional trainings and awareness-raising should be envisaged in order to strengthening institutional capacities of programme coordinators and potential beneficiaries; it is necessary to ensure and deliver better access to information for all potential applicants, as well as budget support for partial co-financing of these projects. Furthermore, in order to improve effectiveness and efficiency of Serbia's participation in Union Programmes, potential stakeholders and beneficiaries still lack systematic support in managing and implementing Union Programmes.

In order to adequately address all abovementioned, the intervention "Support to participation in Union Programmes" was envisaged within the IPA 2014 National Programme. The beginning of the intervention is planned for the 1Q of 2019, and will support relevant national authorities, governmental bodies and adequate administrative structures, as well as potential applicants in efficient and effective management, coordination and implementation of Union Programmes. Designed activities are twofold and are aimed to build capacities of two groups: National Contact Points (NCPs) and public administrations responsible for management of Union Programmes and on the other side potential Union Programmes beneficiaries and applicants (such as CSOs, SMEs, Institutes, youth, students, public administration agencies, etc.) to timely and adequately address Union Programmes application and implementation requirements.

## **2. DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

### **INTERVENTION LOGIC**

#### **Objective:**

- To ensure participation of the Republic of Serbia to the Union Programmes by co-financing the costs of the entry-tickets/participation fees to be paid in areas such as: education, youth, culture, customs, tax, employment, social sector activities and innovation, SMEs, research and innovation, health, civil protection and justice.

#### **Result:**

- Enhanced participation of the Republic of Serbia to the Union Programmes, including an increased exchanges with EU Member States;
- Strengthened ownership and responsibility of the Republic of Serbia (including in financial terms) for participation to the Union Programmes.

#### **Indicators:**

- Number of Union Programmes to which Serbia takes part in;
- Number of institutions and organisations benefitting from Union Programmes and initiatives.

### **IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**

The participation of the IPA II beneficiary to the Union Programmes, including payment 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 the previous participation shall be taken into account, and in line with the principle of increasing the Republic of Serbia ownership and responsibility, IPA funding rates shall decrease over the years in real or relative terms (see "Outline of IPA II assistance" above).

The Republic of Serbia must not only provide the co-financing but also the funds necessary for the payment of the total entry ticket, prior to receiving partial reimbursement from IPA II. The reimbursement will be paid as a grant to the Republic of Serbia.

IPA II reimbursement of entry tickets for the year 2018 is presented in the Annex 1: Indicative Budget Breakdown. The Ministry in charge of European integration (MEI), in capacity of NIPAC TS/Body responsible for coordination of programming, monitoring and evaluation (BCPME), will be responsible for overall coordination of the Serbian participation in Union programmes. National institutions/ministries are responsible for the coordination of participation in the individual programmes in accordance with EC rules.

The National Fund is responsible for the reimbursement of the entry ticket, in line with the indicative breakdown table and thus for implementation of this Action.

The NIPAC will regularly monitor the participation rates and report on them as well as on co-financing trends in the context of IPA monitoring committees. The IPA II monitoring process is organized and lead by the NIPAC/NIPAC TS. The NIPAC is the main interlocutor between the Serbian Government and the EC regarding strategic planning, co-ordination of programming, monitoring of implementation, evaluation and reporting of the overall IPA assistance and is responsible for ensuring the linkage of IPA assistance to the EU accession process. The NIPAC, together with the National Fund being in charge for the actual administration of payments/reimbursements, will regularly monitor the participation rates and report on them, as well as on the co-financing trends in the context of IPA monitoring committees. The NIPAC monitors the process of programming, preparation and implementation, as well as the sustainability and effects of Actions aiming to improve these processes, timely identify, remedy and alleviate potential issues in the process of programming and implementation of these Actions.

### **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 needs to 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.

**ANNEX 1: INDICATIVE BUDGET BREAKDOWN**

	Total expenditure	IPA II contribution		IPA II beneficiary contribution		TIMELINE	
	EUR	Max EUR	Max %	EUR	%	Launch of procedure	Contract signature
<b>Activity 1.1: IPA Contribution for Entry Tickets</b>							
Total entry ticket for <b>Creative Europe</b> for 2018 is EUR 160,000 (5 <sup>th</sup> year of participation)	160,000	112,000	70	48,000	30	N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for <b>Media</b> sub-programme for 2018 is EUR 285,000 (3 <sup>rd</sup> year of participation)	285,000	228,000	80	57,000	20	N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for <b>Horizon 2020</b> for 2018 is EUR 14,087,816.49 (5 <sup>th</sup> year of participation)	14,087,816.49	9,861,471.543	70	4,226,344.947	30	N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for <b>Erasmus +</b> for 2018 is EUR 185,000 (5 <sup>th</sup> year of participation)	185,000	129,500	70	55,500	30	N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for <b>Civil Protection Mechanism</b> for 2018 is EUR 117,054.46 (4 <sup>th</sup> year of participation)	117,054.46	87,790.84	75	29,263.62	25	N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for <b>Customs 2020</b> for 2018 is EUR 120,000 (5 <sup>th</sup> year of participation)	120,000	84,000	70	36,000	30	N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for <b>Fiscalis 2020</b> for 2018 is EUR 85,000 (4 <sup>th</sup> year of participation)	85,000	63,750	75	21,250	25	N/A	N/A

Total entry ticket for <b>COSME</b> for 2018 is EUR 760,791 (3 <sup>rd</sup> year of participation)	608,633	608,633	80	/ <sup>2</sup>		N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for <b>Europe for Citizens</b> for 2018 is EUR 55,000 (5 <sup>th</sup> year of participation)	55,000	38,500	70	16,500	30	N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for <b>Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)</b> for 2018 is EUR 200,000 (4 <sup>th</sup> year of participation)	180,000	150,000	75	30,000 <sup>3</sup>		N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for 2018 is EUR 144,286 (1 <sup>st</sup> year of participation)	144,286	129,857.4	90	14,428.6	10	N/A	N/A
Total entry ticket for <b>Health Programme</b> for 2018 is EUR 125,215 (3 <sup>rd</sup> year of participation)	125,215	100,172	80	25,043	20	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,153,004.95</b>	<b>11,593,674.78</b>	/	<b>4,559,330.17</b>	/		

*Note: Taking into account that all payments will be made according to the debit notes sent by the EC, amounts provided in the table are indicative and represent the maximum amount of IPA II contribution.*

<sup>2</sup> According to the recalculation of the financial contribution for 2018-2020 that was foreseen in the International Agreement the entry ticket for the COSME programme for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of participation is EUR 760,791. The level of IPA and National co-financing (NC) should be presented in the relation 80/20% (IPA EUR 608,633 and NC EUR 152,185). National contribution for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of participation is not presented in this AD since it is already calculated and ensured within AD for IPA 2014 for participation in Union programmes. The IPA II part of the entry ticket remains EUR 608,633.

<sup>3</sup> According to the International Agreement the entry ticket for the 4<sup>th</sup> year of participation is EUR 200,000. The level of IPA and National co-financing (NC) should be presented in the relation 75/25% (IPA EUR 150,000 and NC EUR 50,000). Since we have some savings for NC left from previously programmed years in the amount of EUR 20,000 the level of NC will be EUR 30,000 (EUR 50,000 – EUR 20,000). The IPA part of the entry ticket remains EUR 150,000.

## ANNEX 2

### Overview of Serbia'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

- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on the participation of the Republic of Serbia to **Creative Europe**: the Union programme for the cultural and creative sectors – signed by the Ministry of Culture on June 19th 2014.
- On 2 December 2015, the Republic of Serbia was notified that it had fulfilled the conditions for participation in the **MEDIA sub-programme** of the Creative Europe programme. Official letter for participation to this programme was received on the 2 December 2015 and it stipulates that participation to this sub programme is valid from the date of signature.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on the participation of the Republic of Serbia to the Union programme **Horizon 2020** - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) – signed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development on 1 July 2014.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on the participation of the Republic of Serbia to **Erasmus +**: the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport, signed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development on 11 June 2014.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on the participation of the Republic of Serbia to the **Civil Protection Mechanism** – signed by the Minister of Interior on 16 April 2015.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on the participation of the Republic of Serbia to the **Customs 2020 programme** – signed by the Minister of Finance on 3 November 2014, with application date as of 1 January 2014.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on the participation of the Republic of Serbia to **Fiscalis 2020** signed by the Ministry of Finance in June 2015, with the application date as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on the participation of the Republic of Serbia to **COSME** – the EU programme for Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises signed by the Ministry in charge of Economy on 10 November 2015, with the application date as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on the participation of the Republic of Serbia to **Europe for Citizens** – signed by the Director of the Office for Cooperation with the Civil Society on 27 October 2014.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia on the participation of the Republic of Serbia to the **Employment and Social Innovation programme (EaSI)** - signed by the Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social affairs on 5 June 2015.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia for the participation of the Republic of Serbia to the **EU Health Programme** has been signed in March 2016.
- International Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Serbia for the participation of the Republic of Serbia to the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme will be signed during the 3Q of 2018.