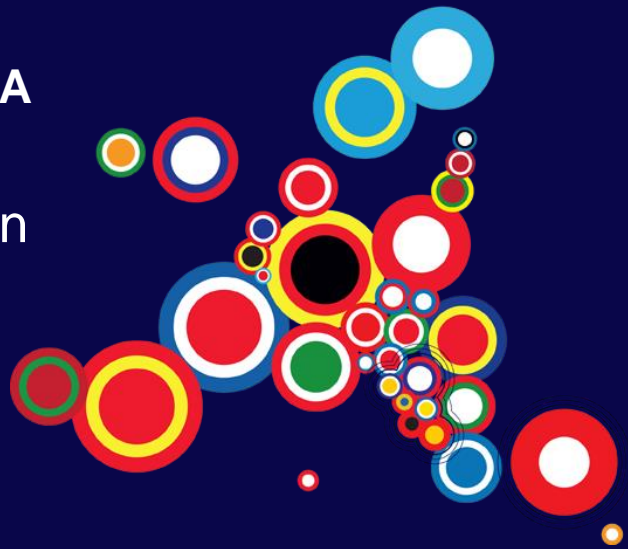




## INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE (IPA II) 2014-2020

### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EU Support to Bosnia and Herzegovina Participation in Union Programmes



#### **Action summary**

The Action provides support to Bosnia and Herzegovina participation in EU Programmes, through co-financing the costs of the entry tickets for specific EU programmes.

As a result, Bosnia and Herzegovina will actively participate in various EU programmes, such as Horizon 2020, Creative Europe, Erasmus+, Customs 2020, Fiscalis 2020, Europe for Citizens, COSME, Third Health Programme 2014-2020, and Employment and Social Inclusion.

This Action will further support the EU cooperation with BiH and preparation for EU integration in the areas covered by the EU programmes.

<b>Action Identification</b>	
<b>Action Programme Title</b>	Annual Action Programme on Bosnia and Herzegovina for the year 2018
<b>Action Title</b>	EU Support to Bosnia and Herzegovina Participation in Union Programmes
<b>Action ID</b>	IPA/2018/ 041-501/3
<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 2 785 446
<b>EU contribution</b>	EUR 1 882 832
<b>Management and Implementation</b>	
<b>Method of implementation</b>	Direct management
<i>Direct management:</i> <b>EU Delegation</b>	EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>Implementation responsibilities</b>	EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>Location</b>	
<b>Zone benefiting from the action</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>Specific implementation area(s)</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina
<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 concluding procurement and grant contracts</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>Final date for operational implementation</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

From January 2007, the EU Programmes became open for participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, based on the *Framework Agreement between the European Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina on the general principles for the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Community programmes*. The country is to pay the financial contribution for participation in specific EU programmes on an annual basis, which is determined by international agreements between the Commission, acting on behalf of the European Union, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

During the period 2007-2013, Bosnia and Herzegovina participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> *Framework Programme* (as of 2009), in the *Culture* programme (as of 2011), in the *Europe for Citizens* programme (as of 2012), and in the *MEDIA* programme (as of 2013). Bosnia and Herzegovina also participated in *Tempus* and *Erasmus Mundus* international cooperation programmes in the area of higher education, while the country was able to participate in some actions of the *Lifelong Learning Programme* and *Youth in Action* programme, as third country. Besides the FP7, Bosnia and Herzegovina also became a member of COST and has a National Information Point in EUREKA.

In the cycle of EU programmes for the period 2014-2020, Bosnia and Herzegovina continued to participate in the mentioned EU programmes and expanded its participation in the others.

As of 2014, Bosnia and Herzegovina is participating in the programme **Horizon 2020**. This enables research institutions, companies and individuals in Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in the European Research Area and Innovation Union, and provides opportunity for growth, competitiveness and new jobs creation. The programme supports research and innovation projects and helps authorities in setting up and aligning research and innovation policies with the EU standards.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is also participating in the programme **Creative Europe** (as of 2014) which brings together the former Culture and MEDIA programmes. The Programme benefits the cultural and audio-visual sectors in Bosnia and Herzegovina and aims to support them in order to increase their contribution to employment and growth. The country has established the Bosnia and Herzegovina Coordination Desk for the Creative Europe programme.

Furthermore, as of 2014, the country has become a member of the EU programme **Erasmus+** (the programme for education, training, youth and sports) with the right to partial participation. This enables the participation of the country in European education networks and IT platforms and activities have already taken place to join these networks and platforms. In the country there are contact persons appointed for networks Eurydice, Euroguidance, Europass, European Lifelong Guidance Policy Network (ELGPN), European Qualification Framework (EQF), Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe (EPALE), eTwinning platform, and for the implementation of the European agenda for adult education.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has also signed the international agreements for the EU programmes **Fiscals 2020** and **Customs 2020**, for becoming a member as of 2015, and started participation in these and their activities in November 2015. Participation in these programmes will strengthen customs and tax authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and will facilitate their cooperation with institutions in the EU and countries in the region. Customs 2020 supports customs administrations in the Member States and candidate and potential candidate countries in functioning and modernisation of the customs union in order to strengthen the internal market by means of cooperation between participating countries, their customs authorities and their officials. On the other hand, Fiscalis 2020 is very important for Bosnia and Herzegovina, primarily because of its main objectives: fight against tax fraud, tax evasion and aggressive tax planning and the implementation of Union law in the field of taxation.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has joined the **Europe for Citizens** programme. The International agreement was signed in November 2015, and Bosnia and Herzegovina started its participation in the Programme as of January 2016. The Programme will benefit civil society and local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Bosnia and Herzegovina signed the international agreement regarding the **COSME** programme on in June 2016 and started participation in the Programme as of 2016. The programme will provide support to

enterprises in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in particular small and medium enterprises, and entrepreneurs, and it will allow their cooperation with partners in the countries in the EU and in the region.

Bosnia and Herzegovina also joined the third Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) (hereinafter “the Third Health Programme 2014-2020”) which was initially titled “**Health for Growth** programme”. Its participation in this Programme started after the International agreement was signed in April 2017. The Programme will benefit public authorities, public sector bodies, in particular research and health institutions, universities and higher education establishments and NGOs in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Additionally, there is also interest among institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding the participation of the **Employment and Social Innovation Programme** (EaSI). In November 2017, Bosnia and Herzegovina submitted the Letter of interest for accession to the EaSI 2014-2020. The European Commissioner for Employment, Social Policy and Inclusion confirmed the receipt of the Letter of interest and informed the country that the preparation of the international agreement is underway. Bosnia and Herzegovina’s participation in the Program is an important step for a country in the process of European integration, as it would enable new opportunities for the employment and social policy sector in the country and thereby improve the conditions for job creation, quality of employment and working conditions through education, labour market and social policy.

Indicative list of programmes to be supported under this Action:

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Description of support</b>
Horizon 2020	Co-financing of entry ticket for 2019
Creative Europe	Co-financing of entry ticket for 2019
Erasmus+	Co-financing of entry ticket for 2019
Customs 2020	Co-financing of entry ticket for 2019
Fiscalis 2020	Co-financing of entry ticket for 2019
COSME	Co-financing of entry ticket for 2019
Third Health Programme 2014-2020	Co-financing of entry ticket for 2019
Europe for Citizens	Co-financing of entry ticket for 2019
EaSI	Co- financing of entry ticket for 2019

In the future, Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue to selectively approach other EU Programmes, taking into account its institutional, human and financial capacities and needs.

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

The Action will support and facilitate Bosnia and Herzegovina’s participation in EU Programmes in targeted areas, through co-financing of entry tickets, and enable enhanced participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its actors in European Union programmes.

The Action will, as such, benefit a wide range of actors from Bosnia and Herzegovina in targeted areas, and provide opportunities for cooperation with other countries in the region and the EU Member States, for gaining new knowledge and skills, learning about EU standards and policies in the areas covered by the EU programmes, as well as for receiving funding.

As far as Bosnia and Herzegovina's joining and participation in the EU programmes, the respective line ministries and institutions<sup>1</sup> will undertake coordination role for the programmes they are in charge of. The in-country support structures for participation in the individual programmes will be undertaking activities as regards information sharing about the programmes within the country and support to potential applicants, aimed at greater and more successful participation and utilisation of the programmes.

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

The Indicative Strategy Paper for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014-2020 (ISP) promotes the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Union Programmes and Agencies as a way to increase the exchanges with EU Member States on issues of common interest. The ISP envisaged IPA II support to partly cover the costs for participation in Union programmes, in all the sectors, following national prioritisation process among all the EU programmes. The ISP makes specific reference to Horizon 2020, Erasmus+, COSME, Customs 2020, Fiscalis 2020, Health for Growth and Employment and Social Innovation programmes.

In line with the European Commission Strategy for Western Balkans, the relevant EU programmes should be further extended to the Western Balkans and support is to be provided in order for the countries to make better use of their existing participation in these EU programmes.

The 2016 Report for Bosnia and Herzegovina<sup>2</sup> also makes specific to EU programmes stating the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the EU programmes such as *Horizon 2020*, *Creative Europe*, *Fiscalis 2020* and *Customs 2020*, *Europe for Citizens*, *COSME*, *Erasmus+*, as well as in education and research policy support networks and electronic platforms.

Additionally, the Report also notes that though some progress was achieved as regards the field of employment/social policy, education and research/innovation policy 'preparations are still at an early stage'. With reference to that, the Report states that 'there was limited progress in the field of research and innovation' and that in the field of education 'the lack of effective coordination at state level remains an issue of concern and it may put at risk the country's full participation in the EU's education programme'. However the Report also positively notes that in the field of culture, the functioning of the Creative Europe Desk generated great interest among cultural stakeholders through the organisation of various workshops and information days across the country. The Report also identifies that 'Bosnia and Herzegovina is at an early stage in the area of policy on industry and SMEs', although some progress was made in the field.

Participation in Erasmus+, Horizon 2020, Creative Europe as well as COSME will contribute to addressing the issues outlined in the Report. The same applies to other areas, where participation in EU programmes can contribute to advancement in the specific areas as far as European integration is concerned. Thus, the COSME programme will support BiH in its efforts to improve the provision of the services to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and the access to finance for SMEs through direct programme investments. Additionally, the Horizon 2020 programme aims to step-up BiH efforts to strengthen its research and innovation capacity in different areas, as well as in relation to the SMEs and their competitiveness. The Erasmus+ programme aims to support BiH in its efforts to increase the level of quality insurance and further develop EU standards in education. Creative Europe programme will strengthen up cultural sectors in BiH, especially in the field of international cultural cooperation and contribute to better international promotion of BiH cultural organization abroad. Participation in this Programme will alleviate the lack of budget funds for cultural programs and events and allow various domestic potential applicants from the media and culture sector to achieve stronger links with their counterparts from the EU. Europe for Citizens programme will support new and maintain old partnerships between the citizens from the EU and BiH cities and towns with the aim of solving issues that are significant for local level and have EU added value and thus give the BiH citizens the important notion of European unity. Participating in the Fiscalis 2020, BiH will continue to reform its tax system, fight against tax evasion and avoidance, excise related procedures and systems

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH (Horizon 2020, Creative Europe, the 3rd Health Programme, Erasmus+, EaSI); Ministry of Justice BiH (Europe for Citizens); Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH (COSME); Indirect Taxation Office BiH (Fiscalis 2020, Customs 2020);

<sup>2</sup> Annex I Relations between the EU and Bosnia and Herzegovina, page 77

optimisation, risk management and compliance, supporting the reform and implementation of EU law and development of e-services in tax administration. By actively participating in the Joint activities within Customs 2020, the officers from Indirect Taxation Office BiH have direct opportunities to better adopt best practices and solutions for improvement and modernisation of customs service in BiH, and to strengthen and improve international cooperation with customs administrations of the EU, candidate countries and potential candidate countries.

Overall, participation in the EU programmes contributes to improving the knowledge of the EU policies and the fulfilment of the EU standards. In addition, regarding the participation in the programmes specified above, the participation in the EU programmes contributes to the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, in particular, with respect to the following articles of the Framework Agreement: Article 102: Cooperation in the audio-visual field, Article 101: Cultural cooperation, Article 93: Small and medium-sized enterprises, Article 97: Customs, Article 98: Taxation, Article 100: Education and training, Article 109: Cooperation on research and technological development, Article 77: Working conditions and equal opportunities, Article 128: Participation in Community Programmes.

As regards Europe 2020 Strategy, the EU programmes such as Horizon 2020, Erasmus+ and COSME contribute to the areas of employment, research and innovation, and education. The participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in these programmes contributes to the educational improvement, competitiveness, and creation of jobs in the EU Programmes' areas by establishing partnerships and participating in the projects of joint interest, together with the partners from the EU and the countries in the region. BiH participation in the Third Health Programme 2014-2020 is linked to Europe 2020 Strategy in the area of Inclusive Growth with focus on defining and implementation measures, addressing the specific circumstances of groups at particular risk (such as people with mental disorders) and reducing health inequalities to ensure that everybody can benefit from growth.

Participation in the above-mentioned EU programmes directly contributes to implementation of strategies in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Participation of BiH in the Horizon 2020 and the Creative Europe directly contributes to implementation of strategies such as the Strategy for Cultural Policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Revised BiH Science Development Strategy 2017-2022, as well as for example, the Strategy of Scientific and Technological Development of Republika Srpska 2017-2021 "Knowledge for Development". Participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Third Health Programme 2014-2020 also enables the achievement of policy and strategic goals defined in relevant strategic and policy documents of Entities, since such document does not exist at state level. These goals refer to the reduction of health inequalities, control of communicable diseases, enhancing health security and emergency preparedness, strengthening health information capacities etc. Additionally, the Europe for Citizen programme will support BiH in further implementation of the Agreement between the Council of Ministers BiH and the Non-governmental Organisations signed in 2017, which also recognizes the importance of the knowledge on European integration among the citizens, for further development of BiH.

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

Previous annual IPA financial assistance (from 2009 onwards) co-financed the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the following EU programmes: Europe for Citizens, Creative Europe (previous Culture and media programmes), Erasmus+, Horizon 2020, Fiscalis 2020, Customs 2020, COSME, the Third Health Programme 2014-2020.

In addition, IPA financed several specific projects of support to participation in EU programmes, aimed at enhancing capacity of institutions and potential applicants with respect to EU programmes, and at a greater participation in the targeted programmes. These included projects "*Support to participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in specific EU Programmes: MEDIA, Creative Europe, Lifelong Learning, Youth in Action and Progress programmes*" and "*Support to participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Europe for Citizens programme*". One of the projects was also "*Support to participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the new 2014-2020 cycle of EU programmes*", aimed at enhancing capacity of institutions regarding the new EU programmes open to the country and possible participation in the programmes of interest. More than 350 representatives of institutions and NGOs were introduced to the new cycle of EU programmes, also resulting in concrete interest to join specific new EU programmes. Also info days and seminars on specific EU

programmes or EU programmes in general were organised for different stakeholders (for potential applicants and for government institutions at different levels), which showed that there is a great interest among stakeholders for respective programmes.

From the beginning of the BiH participation in the *Horizon 2020* (as of 2014 until 2017), BiH institutions submitted 292 applications, out of which 222 were evaluated as eligible, and 28 were main listed proposals with 40 participants in estimated amount of 3,55 million EUR, which gives the 14,5% success rate. In 2017 within the structure of National contact points for Horizon 2020, twenty info days, workshops and seminars were organized in cooperation with universities, development agencies, chambers of commerce. Also, within the same structure, the Guideline for the Horizon 2020 programme was prepared and financed through grant by the Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH. This grants scheme in the amount of BAM 444.000,00 annually, was disbursed both in 2016 and 2017 as a support to research and academic institutions, SME's and other R&D institutions in BiH for preparing and submitting Horizon 2020, COST and EUREKA applications. Information on BiH performance in Horizon 2020 for 2017 was adopted by the Council of Ministers BiH.

Regarding the *Europe for Citizens* program, when it comes to 2016, Bosnia and Herzegovina has participated in 2 projects as the coordinator in the total amount of EUR 75.250,00 and in 12 projects as the partner. From the start of its participation, 88 proposals were approved to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the amount of EUR 2.0 million. In 2017, 15 applicants from BiH participated in 10 projects as partners and not as the coordinators. This successful participation was due to the activities that were organised by the Ministry of Justice BiH in cooperation with the organisations of civil society and relevant authorities in the country. Thus in 2016 and 2017, 18 info days were organised all over the country, with the participation of 800 representatives of the civil society, local authorities and other potential applicants.

The trend of successful participation continued with *Creative Europe* programme participation. From 2014, the country participated in 45 projects and applicants received grants in the amount of EUR 1.855.637,00. During 2016, the Coordination desk of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Creative Europe held 13 Info days in various parts of the country. The Coordination Desk achieved successful cooperation with many institutions and organisations. During 2017, the Coordination desk of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Creative Europe organized or participated at 39 different promotional events (Info days, conference, meetings and workshops) in the country.

Since 2014, Bosnia and Herzegovina actively participates in *Erasmus+ programme* in activities such as International credit mobility, Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees, Capacity Building projects in the field of higher education, Jean Monnet activities. Also, contact points appointed within European education networks and IT platforms are actively involved in networks' activities. The National Erasmus+ Office in BiH regularly organized Info days (one per year). The trainings were also organized for potential Programme beneficiaries at universities and responsible ministries of education – thus, in 2016 nine trainings were organized. To promote the Programme among the youth, in 2016 and 2017, the Contact Point for youth component organized Info days and trainings for youth organisations on the Programme possibilities and the projects' preparation.

As for the programme *Fiscalis 2020*, the beneficiaries of the Programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina (as of November 2015), have participated in 24 events – workshops, seminars, working groups meetings and working visits. Benefits of the Programme have been various - some targeted aligning the national legislation to Acquis by gathering experience and know-how from a member state countries. Other addressed specific problems within our tax administrations (ITA, as well as entities' tax administrations).

Regarding the programme *Customs 2020*, during the year 2016, a total number of 33 participants from the ITA and one from MOFTER took part in 17 programme activities (mainly workshops, project groups and working visits) covering different topics. The main focus was on developing and implementing New Computerized Transit System (NCTS), Authorized Economic Operator, IT and program management issues. In 2017, there were 13 programme activities, mainly working visits and meetings with 23 participants taking part in them. Those program activities were covering topics such as: customs laboratory, NCTS, communication and program management.

The first year of participation in the *Third Health Programme 2014-2020* was very successful for Bosnia and Herzegovina, as the country succeeded to withdraw more than EUR 100.000,00 for participating in the



four Joint Actions of the Programme for 2017. This includes developing joint project activities with other interested EU countries in the following thematic areas: Health Information; Vaccination; Preparedness and Action at Points of Entry (air, maritime and ground crossing) and Health Inequalities. In cooperation with the CHAFEA, Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized national info days on the Programme in 2017 and 2018, gathering potential applicants from governmental and non-governmental sector.

By participating in the EU programmes, applicants from Bosnia and Herzegovina had the opportunity to establish partnerships with the applicants from other countries in the region and from the EU Member States. They were able to become a part of the networking and exchange ideas, experiences, best practices, know-how and information technologies with the applicants from other countries. Cross-border cooperation and mobility of stakeholders are highly encouraged, as the programmes offer various types of trainings, seminars, workshops, info-days, study visits for the coordinators and the partners within a project.

Although, the participation of the country in the EU programmes in the previous years demonstrated significant potential for good projects' submission and programmes' utilisation, there is still need to increase awareness of the EU Programmes in Bosnia and Herzegovina among public institutions and to increase capacities for utilisation of EU Programmes and applying for funds. With reference to that, the National focal points and the competent stakeholders (e.g. Desk offices, Erasmus+ office) will continue with the organisation of the info days, seminars and workshops for the potential applicants. In that regard, the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH will continue to support work of the Desk for Creative Europe in BiH with sum up to BAM 50.000,00 per year to the end of the Programme in 2020. The Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations BiH will increase the effort for better coordination with the existing EEN consortia in BiH.

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

### **INTERVENTION LOGIC**

#### **Objective:**

- To ensure participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in European Union Programmes by co-financing the costs of the entry-tickets/participation fees in areas such as research and innovation, culture and audiovisual activities, education, employment, customs and fiscal policies, competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs, health and civil society.

#### **Result:**

- Enhanced participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in European Union Programmes, including increased exchanges with EU Member States;
- Strengthened ownership and responsibility of Bosnia and Herzegovina (including in financial terms) for participation in European Union Programmes.

#### **Indicators:**

- Number of programmes for which an International Agreement has been concluded
- Bosnia and Herzegovina's participation rates in the respective European Union Programmes
- Ratio of amount paid for entry tickets and amount of co-financing of projects, that BiH applicants annually receive

#### **Assumptions**

- Each institution signatory to an agreement for participation to a Union Programme has earmarked sufficient budget allocation for its annual contributions;

- Agreement signatories establish necessary support systems such as intermediary organisations or helpdesks and contact focal points per programme to support applicants and promote the EU programmes.

## **IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**

IPA funds will co-finance entry tickets for Bosnia and Herzegovina's participation for selected EU programmes. Normally, IPA funds of year N will co-finance entry tickets/participation fees for year N+1 or in case of frontloading also for years N+1 and N+2 (e.g. IPA 2018 could co-finance 2019 fees).

The participation of the IPA II beneficiary in EU 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. IPA co-financing rates from previous participation shall be taken into account and, in line with the principle of increasing Bosnia and Herzegovina ownership and responsibility, IPA II funding rates shall decrease over the years in real or relative terms.

Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is critical that institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina make timely payment to avoid penalties.

The responsible line Ministries or institutions will monitor Bosnia and Herzegovina's participation in the relevant EU programmes. Bosnia and Herzegovina's participation will be supported through the contact points or programme coordinators established in Bosnia and Herzegovina and their activities.

The risk associated with the successful participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the EU programmes is if insufficient number of good quality project proposals is submitted. Risks would be mitigated through the national contact points or programme coordinators established in Bosnia and Herzegovina and nominated entity contact points, who would promote the specific programme through info days, seminars, workshops, programme material across the country and would guide applicants in preparing good quality project proposals. The key precondition is the interest of relevant authorities and from all levels of government in Bosnia and Herzegovina to initiate the procedures for the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the respective EU programme.

In case of delayed participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the above listed programmes, the allocated funds can co-finance entry tickets for the following years to those specified. In addition, in the event that certain savings/left-overs from the allocated funds under this Action arise within the contracting deadline of the IPA 2018 Action Programme, this Action might cover the co-financing of entry tickets for participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to other EU Programmes and support to the relevant preparatory and accompanying measures.

## **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.

### 3. BUDGET BREAKDOWN (INDICATIVE)

	Total expenditure	IPA II contribution		IPA II beneficiary contri
	EUR	EUR	%	EUR
Entry ticket for Horizon 2020 (2019)	1,870,000	1,215,500	65	654,500
Entry ticket for Creative Europe (2019)	205,000	133,250	65	71,750
Entry ticket for Erasmus+ (2019)	115,000	74,750	65	40,250
Entry ticket for Europe for Citizens (2019)	15,000	11,250	75	3,750
Entry ticket for Customs (2019)	55,000	38,500	70	16,500
Entry ticket for Fiscalis (2019)	45,000	31,500	70	13,500
Entry ticket for COSME (2019)	325,503	244,127	75	81,376
Entry ticket for Third Health Programme (2019)	54,943	43,954	80	10,989
Employment and Social Innovation (2019)	100,000	90,000	90	10,000
<b>TOTAL for ACTION</b>	<b>2,785,446</b>	<b>1,882,832</b>		<b>902,614</b>

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## ANNEX

In the period 2007-2013, Bosnia and Herzegovina has signed the following International Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding for participation in specific EU programmes:

- Agreement/Memorandum of understanding on participation in the *FP7* programme, responsible institution Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Agreement/Memorandum of understanding on participation in the *Culture* programme, responsible institution Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Agreement/Memorandum of understanding on participation in the *Europe for Citizens* programme, responsible institution Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Agreement/Memorandum of understanding on participation in the *MEDIA* programme, responsible institution Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

With the cycle of EU programmes for the period 2014-2020, all above-mentioned Agreements/ Memoranda of understanding ceased to be valid. Bosnia and Herzegovina responsible institutions, in coordination with responsible line institutions from other levels of government, signed International Agreements for, and as of 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 joined the following programmes:

- *Horizon 2020*, Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Agreement signed on 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2014.
- *Creative Europe*, Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Agreement signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014.
- *Erasmus+*, partial participation, Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Agreement signed on 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2014.
- *Customs 2020* programme, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Agreement signed on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014, and entered into force in December 2015.
- *Fiscalis 2020* programme, Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Agreement signed on 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 and entered into force in November 2015.
- *Europe for Citizens* programme, Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Agreement signed on 27 November 2015.
- *COSME* programme, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Agreement signed on 2 June 2016 and entered into force in February 2017.
- *Third Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)*, Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Agreement signed on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and ratified on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2018.

In addition, the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in cooperation with the competent entity ministries of labour and social policy and the Government of the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina, expressed the interest in participating in the Employment and Social Innovation Program 2014-2020, as confirmed by the Council of Ministers of BiH. A Letter of interest was sent to the European Commission in November 2017.

The Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (HJPC) of Bosnia and Herzegovina and entity Ministries of Justice are interested in joining the *Justice* programme as of 2019. With reference to that, they will be conducting necessary preparatory activities for participation in the Programme during 2018.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is also interested in joining other EU programmes in the future, in line with its interests, needs and capacities.