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Project title	To be circulated to Member States
ALBANIA	
<p>IPA 2017/040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility - Activity 1.5: “Institution building for alignment with the EU acquis and enhanced ability to meet economic criteria in relation to energy efficiency - Energy Efficiency Agency under the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy in relation to energy efficiency” Sector: Energy (EY) / Budget: TBD / Standard twinning project / Beneficiary: Energy Efficiency Agency / Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy</p>	Q4 2019
<p>IPA 2018/040-211 Title: “Support to the Security Academy” - Activity 1.4: This activity will indicatively support establishment of institutionalized training programs based on the Albanian legal system and institutional set up. It will enable increasing of the capacity of the Security Academy to deliver training and to develop an e-learning platform for district officials to better fight organized crime and drug trafficking. Key areas requiring capacity building are Strategic planning, policy development, leadership and co-ordination, Financial investigations, Intelligence led policing and proactive investigation, anti-terrorist activities; Performance management, M&E, Research and analysis, Decentralisation of management. Training programs should be tailored for law enforcement authorities and magistrates to deal with complex corruption, financial and economic crime cases / Sector: Justice and Home Affairs (JH) (Security) / Budget: €2.000.000 (TBD) / Standard twinning project / Beneficiary: Security Academy/Albanian State Police</p>	Q3 2019
<p>IPA 2017/040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility; Indirect management Title: “Support to the Albanian Customs Administration in relation to the implementation of the EU Customs Code and also in preparation for the interoperability with the EU-IT system for the counterfeit goods” Sector: Finance, internal market and economic criteria (FI) (Public sector policy and administrative management) / Budget: €250.000 - €400.000 (TBD) / Standard Twinning project or Twinning Light project (TBD) / Beneficiary: Albanian Customs Administration</p>	Q4 2019

<p>IPA 2017/ 040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility (indirect management CFCU) Title: Institution building for alignment with the EU acquis and enhanced ability to meet economic criteria. "Support upgrading of tourism services" - Possibly a Standard Twinning (TBD) The project's purpose is to provide support to National Tourism Agency by further aligning its legislation with EU acquis in issues such as improving tourism services / Sector: Standardisation and certification trade and industry (EC) / Budget: €600.000 (TBD) / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: National Tourism Agency under the Ministry of Tourism and Environment</p>	Q4 2019
<p>IPA 2017/ 040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility (indirect management CFCU) Title: "Institution-building for alignment with the EU acquis and enhanced ability to meet economic criteria - Support to implementation of intellectual property law (CH7)" The project's purpose provide support to the Ministry of Finance and Economy by further aligning its legislation with EU acquis in issues such as legal protection of intellectual property rights (IPRs) as for instance, patents and trademarks, designs, biotechnological inventions and pharmaceuticals and of copyright and related rights as for instance books, films, computer programs and broadcasting. Sector: Standardisation and certification trade and industry (EC) / Budget: €250.000 - €500.000 (TBD) / Standard Twinning project or Twinning Light project (TBD) / Beneficiary: Ministry of Finance and Economy</p>	Q4 2019
<p>IPA 2017/ 040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility (indirect management CFCU) - activity 1.5: "Institution-building for alignment with the EU acquis and enhanced ability to meet economic criteria" Support to Commissioner for Data Protection and Access to Information" - The project purpose provide support to the Commissioner office on further aligning Albanian legislation with EU acquis in issues such as personal data protection. Sector: Standardisation and certification trade and industry (EC) / Budget : €400.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Commissioner for Data Protection and Access to Information</p>	Q4 2019
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	
<p>Title: "Further improvement of the capacities of Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA) of BiH" (BA 17 IPA FI 01 19)/ Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria/ Budget: € 600 000/ Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Indirect Taxation Authority</p>	Q3 2019
<p>Title: "Support to the Ombudsman BiH in combating torture and ill treatment of all persons deprived of liberty" (BA 17 IPA JH 01 19) / Sector: Justice and Home affairs/ Budget: € 650 000/ Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Institution of Ombudsman of BiH</p>	Q3 2019
<p>Title: "Develop capacities of Cyber Crime Units in BiH" (BA 17 IPA JH 02 19) /Sector: Justice and Home affairs/ Budget: € 1 000 000/ Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ministry of Security</p>	Q4 2019
<p>Title: "EU Support to acquis alignment and capacity building of food safety sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (BA 18 IPA AG 01 19)/ Sector: Agriculture and Fisheries / Budget: € 1 500 000/ Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Food safety agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	Q3 2019
<p>Title: "EU Support to acquis alignment and capacity building of veterinary sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (BA 18 IPA AG 02 19)/ Sector: Agriculture and Fisheries / Budget: € 3 000 000/ Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary:</p>	Q3 2019

Veterinary Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Title: "EU Support to acquis alignment and capacity building of phytosanitary sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina" (BA 18 IPA AG 03 19)/ Sector: Agriculture and Fisheries / Budget: € 1 500 000/ Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Plant health protection	Q3 2019
KOSOVO¹	
Title: "Strengthening the Information and Privacy Agency in Kosovo" (KS 15 IPA JH 01 19) / Specific objective: To improve the performance of the Information and Privacy Agency (InPrA), by strengthening institutional capacities, legal and regulatory framework and public awareness on data protection and access to public information / Sector: Justice and Home affairs/ Budget: € 2 000 000/ Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Information and Privacy Agency as well relevant line institutions, especially in the sectors justice, telecommunication and health	Q3 2019
Title: "Assistance to implementing EU Service Directive 2006/123/EC" Specific objective: to build the capacity of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to effectively transpose and implement the EU Services Directive in the internal market in Kosovo (Directive 2006/123/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on Services in the Internal Market, OJ L 376 of 27.12.2006, p. 36) / Sector: Internal Market / Budget: €1 000 000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ministry of Trade and Industry	Q4 2019
SERBIA	
Title: "Support to the preparation for the establishment of the Supplementary Information Request at the National Entries (SIRENE) Bureau in Serbia" The overall objective is to contribute to meeting security standards for police information exchange between Serbia and EU Member States in accordance with EU standards based on the European Information Exchange Model (EIXM) and as defined in the Commission implementing Decision 2017/1528 of 31st August 2017 replacing the Annex to Implementing Decision 2013/115/EU on the SIRENE Manual and other implementing measures for the second generation Schengen Information System (SISII) (notified under document C(2017/5893) / Sector: Justice and Home affairs (JHA) / Budget € 1.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ministry of Interior	Q3 2019
Title: "Support to the Preparation for participation in the EUROSUR Network and the EURODAC system". The overall objective is to contribute to better Border Management and management of migration in line with the Union Acquis, and to increase the capacities of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia for timely response to challenges and threats as well as to participate in European and regional security. More specifically, the project will increase reaction capability at external borders through support to the preparation of the necessary steps required to join the EUROSUR (Euro surveillance) network and establish a national system of personal and biometric data bases for fingerprints from asylum seekers and irregular migrants on the territory of Serbia and build capacities for exchange of data in the EURODAC (European Dactyloscopy) system / Sector: Justice and Home affairs (JHA) / Budget € 1.000.000 / Standard	Q3 2019

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

Title: "Strengthening of core PFM Functions"

Objectives and foreseen results: This call for proposals for a twinning contract will aim at improving the budget planning, execution and internal control functions in the Ministry of Finance and across the public administration of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. More specifically, the project will pursue the following results: 1). Improved budget system based on implementation of a new organic budget law, completion of the Midium-term Budgetary and Expenditure Frameworks, improved budget forecasting tools and upgrading of the budget planning capacities of the employees in MoF and budget users, 2). Improved legal compliance, efficiency and transparency of the public procurement system, through methodological and capacity building support for the implementation of the new Law on Public Procurement harmonized with the 2014 EU Public Procurement Package, and strengthening the institutional and human capacities of the Public Procurement Bureau, the State Appeals Commission and procurement officers in the country to implement the new legal provisions, and 3). Strengthened internal control in line with the new PIFC Policy Paper through promotion and introduction of decentralised system for managing public funds in a number of budget users/
Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria/ Budget: € 3.700.000/
Standard Twinning Project/ Beneficiary: Ministry of Finance

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Title: "Improving Revenue Collection and Policy"

Objectives and foreseen results: This call for proposals for a twinning contract will aim at improving the improving the stability, efficiency and quality of revenue collection system of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, including tax system and policy and customs system. More specifically, the project will pursue the following results: 1). increased level of harmonization of the national legislation with the European legislation in the field of taxes and customs, 2). Remodelling and re-organisation of the business processes in the tax administration, 3).enhancing customs controls and financial investigations and 4). Enlarging the scope of use of simplified procedures in customs operations.
Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria/ Budget € 3.600.000 /
Standard Twinning Project/ Beneficiary: Ministry of Finance, Customs and Public Revenue Office

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Title: "Support in the implementation of the waste management legislation and extended producer responsibility scheme"

Sector: Environment / Budget € 1.000.000 / Standard Twinning Project/
Beneficiary: Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning

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Title: "Further support to the implementation of the National Qualifications Framework"

Under the IPA II the further implementation of the NQF will be built towards establishing a coordinated and more effective system of quality assurance in qualifications development, validation and accreditation process. This will enable the process of development and acquisition of knowledge, skills and competences. The IPA II support in this area will build on the groundwork of IPA I and will further strengthen the institutional structure responsible for the NQF. It will support establishment and operationalization of the sector qualifications

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committees, where the employers have an active and direct role. As vital to the employability of young adults, support for the process of development of learning outcomes, as well as validation of non-formal and informal learning is also foreseen.

Sector: Social Sector and Education / Budget € 1.500.000 / Standard Twinning Project/ Beneficiary: Ministry of Education and Science

MONTENEGRO

IPA 2016 (Indirect Management CFCU) “Alignment of National Legislation and Strategies with EU Acquis”

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Objectives: 1. Enhanced background knowledge on good practices in the implementation of EU acquis and international guidance in the field of medicines and medical devices leads to improved strategic planning capacity at institutional level, based on tailored support and exchanges of experience delivered by twinning partners to Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices (CALIMS) staff; 2. Secondary legislation developed in the field of Medicines as well as in the field of Medical Devices (MD) aligned with EU acquis following the approval of the relevant Laws. 3. CALIMS increased capacity to effectively communicate with stakeholders and to promote institutional visibility 4. Strengthening Post-Marketing Pharmacovigilance System and Medical Devices Surveillance System in Montenegro / Sector: Competitiveness and Innovation Budget €400.000 / Beneficiary: Ministry of Economy

TURKEY

Title: “Improving the Effectiveness of Family Courts: Better Protection of the Rights of Family Members”

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Objective: The Activity is aimed at the rights of children, women and other family members who come in contact with family courts through a variety of proceedings such as divorce, separation, custody and domestic violence.

Sector: Justice and Home Affairs / Budget € 2.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ministry of Justice

Title: “Improving Turkish Notary System”

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Objective: The Activity aims to diversify the works conducted by notaries with the transactions such as the ability of notaries to identify evidences, take further role in the sale of real estate properties, give order of payment in enforcement proceedings, by taking advantage of the roles undertaken by Notaries in European Union countries

Sector: Justice and Home Affairs / Budget € 2.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Union of Turkish Public Notaries