



ERA IPA Project

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WHAT IS IPA?

IPA stands for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance

The total pre-accession funding for the period 2007-2013 is € 11.5 billion



IPA Project General Information

- **Community's Financial instrument for the pre-accession process for the period 2007 – 2013**
- **Beneficiary countries:**
 - **candidate countries: Turkey, Croatia, Iceland the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**
(EC recommendation for opening accession negotiations), Montenegro
 - **potential candidate countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, including Kosovo**



- **Legal basis**
 - The legal basis for this assistance is Council Regulation **1085/2006** , adopted on 17 July 2006, establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance.
 - More detailed implementing rules are laid down in Commission Regulation 718/2007 of 12 June 2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) 1085/2006.



In order to achieve the objectives of each candidate and potential candidate as efficiently as possible, IPA consists of the following five components:



- **Component I (Transition Assistance and Institution Building) provides financing for institution-building and associated investments. It supports measures to drive stabilisation and the transition to a democratic society and market economy. Component I is open to all candidates and potential candidates and is managed by Directorate-General Enlargement.**



- **Component II (Cross-Border Cooperation)** supports cross-border cooperation between candidates and potential candidates and with EU Member States.
- **Component III (Regional Development)** finances investments and associated technical assistance in areas such as transport, environment and economic cohesion.



- **Component IV (Human Resources Development)** aims to strengthen human capital through education and training and to help combat exclusion. It is open to candidate countries only and is managed by Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities.



- **Component V (Rural Development) contributes to sustainable rural development.**



- The IPA Programmes 2010 totalled €154 million in Croatia. In addition the country continues to benefit from different regional and horizontal programmes which include an IPA crisis response package developed in 2008.
- Croatia also participates in many EU Programmes: 'Seventh Research Framework Programme'; 'Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme'; 'Progress'; 'Culture'; 'Europe for Citizens' etc.



ERA IPA General Information

- **IPA Project designed so as to address the needs of the beneficiary countries**
- **IPA Project provides a unique and rationalized framework, and replaced the programs for candidate countries as of 1 January 2007**
- **Funded by the European Commission**
- **ERA IPA Project duration is 23 months:
January 2010 – November 2011**



ERA IPA PROJECT TARGET GROUPS

- **Target groups for this ERA IPA project are the officials and experts at the national transport authorities responsible for railway safety and interoperability. For the major part of the countries this authority shall be the ministry of transport when there is not yet established an NSA.**
- **The technical meetings and workshops organised in the beneficiary countries will give ERA the opportunity to meet also the local RUs, IMs etc.**



Main Aims of ERA IPA Project

- To ensure that the beneficiary countries (candidate and potential candidate countries) can participate effectively in some of ERA activities
- To strengthen the compliance of candidate and potential candidate countries' legislation with the EU railway legislation in the field of safety and interoperability
- Enhancing the flow of communication and information



Main Aims of ERA IPA Project

- To disseminate best practices in the area of railway safety and interoperability taking into account the experience of EU Member States NSAs and NIBs
- To start up training programs for officers belonging to the railway administrations of the beneficiary countries on the activities of the ERA, for instance in the field of safety management system and accident investigation



MAIN ACTIVITIES

In order to strengthen and to develop the participation of the beneficiary countries in the activities of ERA, the following main activities are proposed (in step by step approach):

- Organisation of seminars for the railway authorities of the beneficiary countries**
- Conducting visits to the beneficiary countries in order to meet the beneficiary railway authorities and local sector organisations**



- **Organisation of seminars, workshops and trainings, using ERA staff, based on the identified needs and experiences of the beneficiary countries**
- **Participation of trainees of the railway administrations of the beneficiary countries within the Networks of NSAs and NIBs**



Main Activities in 2010

- **Kick-off Seminar in Lille, France, in May 2010**
 - EU railway legislation and organisation
 - Activities and working methods of ERA



Main Activities in 2010

- **Visits and training sessions in the countries**
 - Seminar in Belgrade, Serbia, in November 2010
 - Possibility to meet railway authorities and local sector organisations
 - For ERA to discuss and understand the railway structure and actors
 - For the countries to have more detailed information on ERA activities and recommendations in the field of safety and interoperability
 - Topics agreed between the Agency and the country visited based on the needs of the country



Main Activities in 2011

- **Visits to IPA countries**
 - **visit to Turkey in January 2011**
 - **visit to F.Y.R.O.M. in February 2011**
 - **visit to Croatia in March 2011**
- **Dedicated Seminars for all IPA countries**
 - **ERA NIB Seminar in Belgrade, Serbia, October 2011**
 - **ERA NSA Seminar in Lille, France, November 2011**



- **Provision of:**
 - translations of ERA information materials and key publications
 - support with respect to translation of the relevant national railway legislation rules into English



Training:

- **2 trainees from IPA countries at ERA**
- **5 month training**



Project Progress Reporting

- **Reports on visits, seminars and dedicated seminars**
- **Yearly Progress Reports to the European Commission**
- **Final Report**



Thank you for your attention!





Useful links

www.era.europa.eu

<http://www.era.europa.eu/Core-Activities/Safety/Pages/IPA-support-to-accession-countries.aspx>