



Technical assistance to the Transport Operating Structure for management of the Operational Programme and implementation of projects

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IPA Component IIIA:

- IPA IR 718/2007 Article 147:
 1. The regional development component (IPA Component III) may support operations under the following priorities:
 - a) Transport infrastructure, in particular interconnection and interoperability between national networks and national and trans-European networks



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- **OS for implementation of IPA IIIA:**

1. Body Responsible for Operational Programme (BROP)

- Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure

2. Body Responsible for Priority / Measure (BRPM)

- Directorate for Transport Infrastructure

3. Implementing Bodies

- Croatian Railways Infrastructure (HŽ Infrastruktura d.o.o)
- Central Finance and Contracting Agency (Središnja agencija za financiranje i ugovaranje)



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Transport Operational Programme (TOP):

- OS responsible for implementation of the TOP:
 - Implemented over three priority axes:
 - Railway upgrade and improvement
 - Inland waterways
 - Technical assistance
 - Represents EU and national funds of in excess of 100 million euro
 - Work will continue after accession with enhanced funding under Structural Instruments




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Project target groups:

- The Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Directorate for Transport Infrastructure (Main final Beneficiary)
- Croatian Railways Infrastructure Ltd
- Central Finance and Contracting Agency
- Port Authorities and the Agency for Inland Waterways (End Recipients)




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Project Objectives:

- Overall objective:
 - To prepare Croatia for effective management and absorption of IPA assistance, thereby enhancing Croatia's capacity for effective use of the Structural and Cohesion Funds upon EU accession




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Project Objectives:

- Specific objective:
 - To enhance capacities of the Operating Structure bodies for project management and management of the Transport Operational Programme




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Project team:

- Team Leader / KE1: Michael Leckey
- KE2 / Financial Expert: Andrea Steigler
- KE3 / Procedural Expert Ilias Gkanoutas Leventis

- STNKEs:
 - Kristel Illaste Programming
 - Manfred Kojan Risk management
 - Marin Rajcic Visibility
 - Prof V. Skendrovic FIDIC / Legal



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Project timescale:

- Project kick off meeting 19th May 2010
- Project days:
 - KE1: 220 days
 - KE2: 110 days
 - KE3: 110 days
 - STNKE 40 days
- Missions grouped around SMC preparation
- Contract value of Euro 353.400




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Project approach:

- Close cooperation between the project experts and staff of the target groups
- Enabled deployment of the “advise and assist” nature of the project
- Workshop approach to facilitate the exchange of experience and knowledge
- Formal training in eight subject areas relevant to management of the operational programme and the implementation of projects




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Project results:

- Improvement of the efficiency and coordination of particular processes as set out in the Manuals of Procedures
- Direct assistance with the holding of Sectoral Monitoring Committee meetings
- Identification and improvement of the reporting requirements for sectoral and annual reporting by the OS to the SMC
- Assistance with effective programme monitoring
- Eight relevant training courses
- Risk assessments carried out at all levels of the OS
- Assistance with monitoring of the “N+3” rule relating to absorption of IPA funds



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Future actions:

- Support to the OS continuing with recent deployment of project for “Technical Assistance to the Transport Operating Structure in identification and assessment of projects”
- Second project for the management of the Operational Programme and implementation of projects:
 - Deployment in 2013
 - Will take up support of the OS after the end of identification and assessment project
 - Will provide relevant advice and assistance to the OS based on the expected needs of the OS at the time of deployment
 - Will be in place as Croatia joins the European Union and will provide support in the transition from IPA management to the management of Structural Instruments



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