



# Technical assistance to the Transport Operating Structure for management of the Operational Programme and implementation of projects, Republic of Croatia

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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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# Operating Structure (OS)

- OS for implementation of IPA IIIA:
  1. Body Responsible for Operational Programme (BROP)
    - Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure
  2. Body Responsible for Priority / Measure (BRPM)
    - Directorate of Strategic Infrastructure Objects
  3. Implementing Bodies
    - Croatian Railways Infrastructure (CRI)
    - Central Finance and Contracting Agency



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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



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# Project Objectives

- Overall objective:
  1. 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:
  1. To enhance capacities of the Operating Structure bodies for project management and management of the Transport Operational Programme



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# Project

- Project approach:
  1. Project will address the objectives through three components:
    - i. *Operational Programme level management*
    - ii. *Priority level management*
    - iii. *Project level management*



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# Project

- Project approach:
  1. Operational Programme level management
    - This component will primarily support MSTI, as the Body Responsible for the OP management, and Head of Operating Structure (HOS) by providing technical assistance during implementation of the entire programme
      - Financial management
      - Programme monitoring
      - Work planning
      - Risk assessment
      - Control reporting



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# Project

- Project approach:
  2. Priority level management
    - This component will support the line ministry, i.e. DSIO in the MSTI as the Body Responsible for Priorities in the field of implementation of projects
      - Project financial management
      - Payment procedures
      - Accounting
      - Risk assessment
      - Managing exceptions



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# Project

- Project approach:
  3. Project level management
    - This component will support Croatian Railways – Infrastructure Ltd (CRI) and the Central Finance and Contracting Agency (CFCA) as Implementing Bodies in the technical implementation of projects
      - Control of project implementation
      - Payments and repayments
      - Monitoring of financial and physical progress



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# Project

- Project results:
  - Increased capacity of bodies within the IPA Operating Structure for III A component for operational programme level management, priority level management and project level management,
  - The Operating Structure trained to fulfil its responsibilities for implementing the Operational Programme,
  - All necessary reports, programmes, minutes and other documents required from the Head of the Operating Structure and bodies within prepared in a professional and timely manner,
  - The Head of the Operating Structure and all bodies within the Operating Structure adequately prepared for and supported during the regular sectoral monitoring committees



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