

## **IPA National Programme 2008 Part II – Bosnia and Herzegovina**

### **Fiche 21: Community Programmes**

#### **1. Basic information**

**1.1. CRIS Number:** 2008/20-339

**1.2 Title:** Entry ticket for 7th Framework Programme (FP7) and for Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP)

**1.3 ELARG Statistical code:** 04.65 Supporting programmes/ Participation in Community programmes and Agencies

**1.4 Location:** Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### **Implementing arrangements:**

**1.5 Contracting Authority:** European Commission

**1.6 Implementing Agency:** European Commission

#### **1.7 Beneficiary:**

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Secondary beneficiaries: entity ministries, cantons ministries, universities, research centers, SMEs, development agencies, social partners, academies or arts and sciences, industry, business and public and private sector actors.

The beneficiaries/partners in the project should be the state, entity and cantonal ministries, universities, research centers and institutes, academies of science, SMEs, industry, chambers of commerce, regional development agencies.

The final beneficiaries will be the research, academic and business community in BiH.

## **Financing:**

**1.8 Overall cost (VAT excluded):** EUR 1,500,000

**1.9 EU contribution:** EUR 1,350,000 (EUR 1,124,813.21 for FP7 and EUR 225,186.79 for CIP)

**1.10 Final date for contracting:** Two years following the date of the conclusion of the Financing Agreement

**1.11 Final date for execution of contracts:** Two years following the end date of contracting

**1.12 Final date for disbursements:** One year following the end date for the execution of contracts

## **2. Overall Objective and Project Purpose**

### **2.1. Overall Objective:**

Integration of BiH Institution into EU wide activities and networks

### **2.2. Project purpose:**

To provide access to BiH institutions to participate in 7th Framework Programme for Research and Development (R&D) and the CIP Programme.

### **2.3. Link with AP/NPAA / EP/ SAA**

The Project is in compliance with European Partnership Document, and 'EU – Balkan countries Action Plan in S&T' in 2003 in Thessaloniki and Article 97 of SAA

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in civil scientific research and technological development on the basis of mutual benefit and, taking into account the availability of resources, adequate access to their respective programmes, subject to appropriate levels of effective protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property rights.

Cooperation shall take due account of the priority areas related to the Community acquis in the field of research and technological development.

### **2.4. Link with MIPD**

The Project is linked with MIPD under *Axe 4: Supporting programmes* (Community agencies, Community institutions).

### **2.5. Link with National Development Plan**

Bosnia and Herzegovina included Science & Technology sector within the Mid-Term Development Strategy of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### **3. Description of project**

#### **3.1. Background and justification:**

The European Council in Thessaloniki in June 2003 adopted the decision whereby the Western Balkan countries may participate in the Community programmes in line with the principles laid down for participation by the candidate countries.

For BiH the participation in Community Programmes is one of the priorities for financing from IPA funds (Instrument for Pre-Accession). The Council of Ministry of BiH concluded that it would ask to use IPA funds for “Entry tickets”, in a session dated from the 24.01.2008.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has expressed its desire to participate in certain Community Programmes. The Framework Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Community on the general principles for the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Community Programmes was signed in November 2004 and ratified by BiH Parliament. According to the list of Community programmes defined in June 2004, listed in the Annex of the Framework Agreement, Bosnia and Herzegovina can participate in 24 programmes. The Framework Agreement also stipulates the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in established or renewed Community Programmes, containing an opening clause which foresees the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The impact of being a member and having access to the community programmes provides the opportunity for members of the community in BiH to join into networks for research energy and enterprise support. All of these sectors have been operating in isolation for a long time and little funding was available for them to participate in international programmes and projects to improve access to discussion, debate and resources for further projects. An important impact is also to demonstrate the state of development and the ability to participate in Europe wide programmes successfully.

#### **3.2 Assessment of project impact, catalytic effect, sustainability and cross border impact**

The cross border impact of this project is the motivation for undertaking the project. EU integration beyond legal approximation and the systems is important and EU programmes are one of the few vehicles for non state actors and research institutions to benefit directly from the EU accession process in the short term. Furthermore, one of the effects of the recent history of BiH is a relative isolation from previous networks and new networks that fertilize development and innovation. As a small country BiH depends on innovation and knowledge for future development and that implies networking into existing innovation and learning systems the exchange experience and drive development forward on a technical level.

The sustainability of the programme is assured through the SAA and the accession process which will see an increase in the availability of funding for these programmes over the years through the reform process in BiH. Key developments in this area is the reform of the Higher Education system, the energy sector and increasingly providing a facilitatory business environment.

### **3.3 Results and measurable indicators:**

Bosnia and Herzegovina is full member of FP 7.

The BiH scientific community will join the European Research Area and be more involved in international scientific cooperation.

The BiH scientific community will be strongly involved in regional and European cooperation in research projects, funded by the European RTD Framework Programme, for the duration of the 7th Framework Programme.

### **3.4 Activities:**

Upon the payment of the respective entry ticket, eligible BiH research and academic institutions and the business community will participate in the two programmes.

### **3.5 Conditionality and sequencing:**

No formal conditionality. BiH has taken the decision to enter 7<sup>th</sup> FP R&D from January 2009. DG RTD and Commissioner Potocnik strongly support this initiative

### **3.6 Linked activities**

The DEI has taken the first steps in BiH preparations for participation in the EC Community Programmes. The ToR (initially funds under CARDS 2005) was prepared by DEI with the aim to support the building up the BH capacities for participation in these Community Programmes.

### **3.7 Lessons learned**

Insofar as research is concerned, the capacity within BiH to benefit and to contribute to 7<sup>th</sup> FP R&D is low. Most universities carry out little, if any, research activities and the sector needs strong external stimulation allied to significant political will and desire from the academic community itself in order to succeed. Bearing this in mind, a first project is currently being prepared under CARDS 2006 funds in order to determine what measures should be taken to maximise impact.

#### 4. Indicative Budget (amounts in EUR)

			SOURCES OF FUNDING									
			TOTAL EXP.RE	IPA COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION		NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION					PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION	
ACTIVITIES	IB (1)	INV (1)	EUR (a)=(b)+(c)+(d)	EUR (b)	% (2)	Total EUR (c)=(x)+(y)+(z)	% (2)	Central EUR (x)	Regional/ Local EUR (y)	IFIs EUR (z)	EUR (d)	% (2)
Activity 1		x	1,249,792.45	1,124,813.21	90	124,979.24	10	124,979.24				
Entry ticket for FP7		x	1,249,792.45	1,124,813.21	90	124,979.24	10	124,979.24				
Activity 2		x	250,207.55	225,186.79	90	25,020.76	10	25,020.76				
Entry ticket for CIP		x	250,207.55	225,186.79	90	25,020.76	10	25,020.76				
TOTAL IB												
TOTAL INV			1,500,000	1,350,000	90	150,000	10	150,000				
<b>TOTAL PROJECT</b>			<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>1,350,000</b>	90	<b>150,000</b>	10	<b>150,000</b>				

Amounts net of VAT

- (1) In the Activity row use "X" to identify whether IB or INV
- (2) Expressed in % of the **Total** Expenditure (column (a))

## 5. Indicative Implementation Schedule (periods broken down per quarter)

Contracts	Signature of contract
Contract	Q3 2009/Q1 2010 / Q1 2011

All projects should in principle be ready in the 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter following the signature of the FA

## 6. Cross cutting issues

### 6.1 Equal Opportunity

Equal opportunity for participation of men and women will be assured in all aspects of project implementation.

### 6.2 Environment

The project will not have any negative environmental effects.

### 6.3 Minorities

Participation in the project activities will be guaranteed on the basis of equal access regardless of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, sex or sexual orientation.

## ANNEXES:

ANNEX I: Logical framework matrix in standard format

ANNEX II: Amounts (in EUR) Contracted and disbursed by quarter for the project

## ANNEX I: Logical framework matrix in standard format

LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR Project Fiche	<b>Programme name and number: Entry ticket for 7th Framework Programme (FP7) and CIP</b>	
	Contracting period expires: N+2	Disbursement period expires: N+5
	Total budget : 1.500.000 EUR	IPA budget: 1.350.000 EUR

<b>Overall objective</b>	<b>Objectively verifiable indicators</b>	<b>Sources of Verification</b>	
Integration of BiH Institution into EU wide activities and networks	Assessment: - full participation in all horizontal and vertical activities under the FP7, - All beneficiaries are using FP 7.	Project reports Annual activity reports	
<b>Project purpose</b> To provide access to BiH institutions to participate in EU Programmes	<b>Objectively verifiable indicators</b> Assessment : 1.BiH active participation in conducting policy of EU and by that to enter European Research Area and to build the structure that would be compatible to European standards, 2.the possibility to intensify the international cooperation by signing Agreement on Scientific &Technological cooperation with EU and bilateral agreements with EU member states.	<b>Sources of Verification</b> Project reports	<b>Assumptions</b>
<b>Results</b> Bosnia and Herzegovina is associate member of FP 7. The BiH scientific community will be join the European Research Area and to be more involved in international scientific cooperation.	<b>Objectively verifiable indicators</b> Number of joint scientific projects undertaken Number of SME projects	<b>Sources of Verification</b> Project reports	<b>Assumptions</b> R: Delay in payment of entry ticket for FP7
<b>Activities</b> Eligible BiH research and academic institutions and the business community will participate in FP7 and CIP	<b>Means</b> Contracts to be signed between institutions concerned.	<b>Costs</b> 1.500.000 EUR	<b>Assumptions</b>

**ANNEX II: amounts (in EUR) Contracted and disbursed by quarter for the project**

<b>Contracted</b>	<b>1stQ 2009</b>	<b>2rdQ 2009</b>	<b>3rdQ 2009</b>	<b>4thQ 2009</b>	<b>1stQ 2010</b>	<b>2ndQ 2010</b>	<b>3rd Q 2010</b>	<b>4thQ 2010</b>	<b>1stQ 2011</b>	<b>2ndQ 2011</b>	<b>3rd Q 2011</b>	<b>4thQ 2011</b>	<b>1stQ 2012</b>	<b>2ndQ 2012</b>	<b>3stQ 2012</b>
Contract 1			468,168.05		656,645.16										
Contract 2									225,186.79						
<b>Cumulated</b>			<b>468,168.05</b>		<b>1,124,813.21</b>				<b>1,350,000</b>						
<b>Disbursed</b>															
Contract 1			468,168.05			656,645.16									
Contract 2										225,186.79					
<b>Cumulated</b>			<b>468,168.05</b>			<b>1,124,813.21</b>				<b>1,350,000</b>					