



TWINNING NEWS NEAR N.1

European IPA Twinning Projects Pipeline till June 2015

Project title	(To be) circulated to Member States
ALBANIA	
IPA 2013 - Support to the fight against corruption (Justice and Home Affairs/Good Governance) The Twinning will focus on anti-corruption prevention, by assisting the Anti-Corruption National Coordinator Office and supporting the High Inspectorate for the Declaration and Audit of assets and conflicts of interest, including support for the implementation of the upcoming whistle-blowing protection law. The budget for this project is 1 million euros (tbc if it can be increased to 1.5 millions).	Q1, 2015
IPA 2013 - Support to Anti-Money Laundering Structures and Financial Crimes Investigations Structures in Albania (Justice and Home Affairs/Good Governance), The Twinning is expected to focus on the following issues: 1) institutional cooperation and coordination against money laundering; 2) application of the Anti-Mafia Law; 3) judicial system and law enforcement agencies.	Q1/Q3, 2015
IPA 2013 - Aligning Customs legislation and procedures with the EU acquis, interoperability of IT systems with the EU – NCTS system. (Public Administration Reform) This twinning is expected to implement in Albanian Customs Administration the Common Transit of Goods, in accordance with EU – New Computerised Transit System, and prepare the ACA for other major EU – IIS, such as IMTS and ECMS for excise goods. Twinning costs EUR 1,8 M.	Q 1, 2015
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	
IPA 2014 Improving capacity of the Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH (€1 000 000) (Finance) The Twinning will focus on support for NCTS introduction and further alignment of legislation, procedures and working methods in the area of indirect taxation.	Q2 2015

CROATIA

IPA 2012: Support to the Prison System of the Republic of Croatia, Twinning (700.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is to further improve lifelong learning system for the prison and juvenile treatment staff.	Q1, 2015
Transition Facility: Improvement of Environment Pollutant Register (EPR) in Croatia and its Integration into Croatian Environmental Information System (CEIS) (CRO EPR), Twinning (900.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is to further develop Croatian EPR system, including improvement of collecting, validating and reporting process of Croatian EPR, and to improve consistency with other reporting systems in the Republic of Croatia, especially Geographic Information System (GIS) and the Common Reporting Format for National Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory system.	Q1, 2015
IPA 2012: Further assistance for establishment and implementation of 1st level control system within Territorial Cooperation and IPA Programmes(CRO ETC), Twinning light (222.222,00 EUR). The project purpose is to support Agency for Regional Development of the Republic of Croatia (ARD) in its role as the control body for ETC programmes and to enhance capacities of ARD for effective implementation of 1st level control of ETC programmes.	Q1, 2015
Transition Facility: Enhancing the Quality of Judicial Training - by Upgrading EU Law and On Line Trainings, Twinning (800.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is to upgrade and improve the current judicial training system as well as to further enhance lifelong learning system of the judicial officials in the Judicial Academy upon the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the EU.	Q1, 2015
Transition Facility: Improvement of Quality of the National Cancer Screening Programmes Implementation, Twinning (641.500,00 EUR). The project purpose is to enhance the quality of the National Cancer Screening Programmes implementation.	Q1 2015
IPA 2012: Support to the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs in capacity building related to the Membership in the European Union (EU) (CRO MFEA), Twinning light (222.222,00 EUR). The project purpose is to provide support to MFEA and its Centre of Excellence in building institutional capacities on national and regional level and to enhance visibility of the Centre of Excellence.	Q1 2015
IPA 2011: Improving the access to information in public administration, Twinning light (222.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is to support sustainable and efficient implementation of national and international legal framework on the right of access to information in order to contribute to accountable and transparent public administration and the exercise of citizens' rights.	Q2, 2015
Transition Facility: Support to the Gender Equality, Twinning (600.000,00 EUR).	Q2, 2015

The project purpose is to secure advancement in eliminating gender-based discrimination at all levels by establishing a coordinated system of implementation, monitoring and evaluation of related activities, by strengthening institutional mechanisms for gender equality, and efficiency of judiciary related to gender based discrimination.	
Transition Facility: Ensuring Optimal Health Care for People with Mental Health Disorders, Twinning (670.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is protection of mental health through strengthening community capacities and improving public knowledge on mental health issues.	Q2 2015
IPA 2013: Development of Geographic Information System with Geographic Profiling of Serial Criminal Offenders, Twinning (750.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is to improve capacities of the crime intelligence analysts within National Police Office for Suppression of Corruption and Organised Crime and Police Directorates of the MoI in order to support serial violent crime investigation.	Q2 2015
Transition Facility: Support to Further Development and Strengthening of the Probation Service in Croatia, Twinning (700.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is further improvement of institutional capacity of Probation Service and introduction of electronic surveillance in Croatia.	Q2 2015
IPA 2013: Strengthening capacities of public administration for implementation of the EU Timber Regulation in Croatia (CRO EUTR) Twinning light (250.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is to strengthen the role of the Ministry of Agriculture as the Competent Authority for supervision of the implementation of EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) in Croatia; to enhance capacity, awareness and knowledge regarding EUTR, Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) related policies and Chain of Custody controls and also to develop a national guideline guidebook for preparation of due-diligence systems that will greatly ensure the competitiveness of Croatian entrepreneurs that place wood-based products for the first time on the EU market.	Q2 2015
IPA 2012: Strengthening the capacities of MoPA in use of the EU Cohesion Policy instruments, Twinning light (222.222,00 EUR). The project purpose is to ensure capacities of Ministry of Public Administration (MoPA) in smooth and efficient use of EU Structural Funds in financial period 2014 – 2020, including mature project pipeline.	Q2 2015
IPA 2013: Support for setting up of the strategic planning system at the national level, Twinning light (250.000,00 EUR). The project purpose is to provide the support for setting up of an adequate institutional and legislative framework for strategic planning in the state administration in Croatia that consists of standardized practices for preparation of strategic documents, as well as for the monitoring of their implementation, supported through an IT system.	Q2 2015
IPA 2013: Strengthening capacities of the Ministry of the Interior to	Q2 2015

implement the automated exchange of DNA and dactyloscopic data, Twinning (600.000,00 EUR).

The project purpose is to develop procedures for the automated exchange of DNA and dactyloscopic data and to train forensic science experts in order to establish preconditions for implementation of Prüm Decisions.

Transition Facility: Education of Mentors for Nurses and Midwives in Health System in Croatia and Full Implementation of Educational Curriculums Adjusted with Directive 2005/36/EC, Twinning (690.000,00 EUR).

The purpose of the project is to improve the quality of education of nurses and midwives by training their mentors and improving the mentoring system.

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IPA 2012: Support to the Prison System of the Republic of Croatia, Twinning (700.000,00 EUR).

The project purpose is to further improve lifelong learning system for the prison and juvenile treatment staff.

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IPA 2014: Implementing SAA (€1,625,000), To contribute in establishing an effective and efficient public administration, capable of implementing SAA obligations and better service delivery for citizens and businesses.

Q2 2015

IPA 2014: Strengthening the efficiency, accountability and transparency of the judicial system in Kosovo (€3,000,000), To increase the efficiency, transparency and the sustainability of the judicial system by improving the planning and implementation of judicial/prosecutorial reforms, and enhancing the effectiveness of Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils in Kosovo, including the Special Prosecutors Office in Kosovo.

Q2 2015

SERBIA

IPA 2013, Prevention and Fight Against Corruption (2 mil EUR): The main aim of this Twinning is corruption prevention and fighting against corruption by strengthening accountability and integrity through more efficient asset declaration control, prevention and control conflict of interests.

Q1 2015

IPA 2013, Further Capacity Building in the Area of Plant Protection Products and Pesticide Residues (0,9 mil EUR):

The main goal of this twinning project is alignment of Serbian management of plant protection products and pesticide residues with EU requirements and strengthening of the controls on plant protection products (PPP) and pesticide residues.

Q1 2015

IPA 2013, Improving capacities and capabilities within the prison system in the Republic of Serbia (1 mil EUR):

Q1 2015

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 main goal is strengthening capacities for training, education and employment of convicted persons, and improving living and working conditions within the prison system in the Republic of Serbia.	
IPA 2013, Managing zoonoses and food borne disease control (1mil EUR): The main goal of this twinning project is to improve animal health, food safety, protection of consumer health and environment protection in the Republic of Serbia through increased alignment with the EU requirements	Q2 2015
IPA 2013, Fight Against Organized Crime (1,5 mil EUR): This twinning will support capacities of Criminal Police Directorate and Public Prosecutors Office to investigate and prosecute organized crime and human trafficking cases, drug trafficking cases, illicit arms trafficking cases and financial investigation cases.	Q2 2015
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	
'IPA 2011, 1 Twinning arrangement in order to build up the capacity within the department dealing with central and local government budgets, and strengthening medium term policy making capacity. The project purpose is to improve the effectiveness of medium-term budget planning (programme classification), programme budgeting and fiscal reporting, that will contribute to formulating sustainable medium term fiscal projections and strengthening fiscal discipline and credibility.	Q1 2015
'IPA 2011, Freedom of Expression – Support to Media Reforms; The aim of the project is to increase the efficiency of existing regulatory mechanisms and bodies in the media sector, ensure respect for the code of ethics, improve the profile of the media community and industry, and increase public awareness about issues related to media freedom protection. The purpose is also to build the skills of journalists and of editors regarding the new media environment and new media policies, as well as to improve the delineation of the competences among the different regulatory bodies. to ensure functioning of the Media Ethics Council and to improve the quality of the Public Service Broadcaster. The objective is to encourage and accelerate media reform, consolidate European standards focusing on media protection, professionalism and independence, improve the implementation of the media legislation by creating an environment for freedom of media, as well as to promote effective competition on the media market.	Q1 2015
'IPA 2011, project Further strengthening of AFSARD and preparing the Agency for new programming period 2014-2020 The purpose of the project is to strengthen the capacities of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE) and the Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural Development (AFSARD) in order to improve the national and regional capabilities to manage, enforce and apply the mechanisms of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), focusing on further strengthening of AFSARD and preparing the Agency for new programming period 2014-2020.	Q1 2015

<p>IPA 2011, Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights</p> <p>The project purpose is to provide efficient and quality support to the authorities in the Beneficiary Country having competences in the field of Intellectual Property Rights, to strengthen the institutional and administrative capacity of the State Office of Industrial Property, to provide efficient and quality support to the authorities in the Beneficiary Country having competences in the field of Intellectual Property Rights. The project will strengthen the operational capacity of the Custom Administration to fight against infringements of Intellectual Property Rights, according to their legal competences.</p>	<p>Q1 2015</p>
<p>IPA 2011, Support to the Ministry of Justice in Enhancing the capacities of the Ministry of Justice for the pre-and-post EU accession process and Improving the knowledge of the judiciary on CJEU case law: The projects aims at achieving the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - alignment with the <i>EU acquis</i> and European Standards in the area of Judiciary and Fundamental Rights and Freedom, Justice and Security by supporting the Ministry of Justice in its coordinating role in the accession process; - strengthening the judiciary's knowledge on the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union; - progress in execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights through support to the Government Agent and his staff; 	<p>Q1 2015</p>
<p>IPA 2012-2013:Measure 1: Operation 1.1: Support in establishment and the functioning of the administrative structures for decentralised management of EU funds without ex-ante controls by the EC;</p> <p>Operation 1.2: Ensuring coherence and coordination of the EU funded programmes and development of the national institutions responsible for management of EU Funds under the new EU Regulation and Financial Framework for the 2014-2020;</p> <p>The project purpose is to strengthen the capacities of NAO, NF, CFCD, Operating Structures, NIPAC office and AA for sound and efficient management and audit of EU Funds, as well as in view of the new EU Regulation for the upcoming 2014-2020 Financial Perspective;</p>	<p>Q3- 2015</p>
<p>IPA 2012-2013:Measure 1: Operation 1.3: Further development and strengthening of the organizational, administrative and technical capacities of the Audit Authority</p> <p>The project purpose is to further develop and strengthen the capacities of the Audit Authority for auditing EU Funds in view of the harmonisation of the audit procedures and legal framework with IAS, new EU Regulation and guidelines given by the EC for the upcoming 2014-2020 Financial Perspective.</p>	<p>Q1- 2015</p>
<p>IPA 2012-2013:Measure 3: Strengthening of the capacities for fight against financial crime and frauds of EU funds</p> <p>The project purpose is to improve the strategic, legislative, institutional framework and procedures for more efficient fight against financial crime and frauds involving EU funds and to enhance the analytical and investigative techniques and tools for detection and fight against financial</p>	<p>Q2- 2015</p>

crime and frauds of EU funds.	
IPA 2012-2013:Measure 4: Strengthening the judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters Strengthening the legal framework and practice on judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters, extradition and other international judicial cooperation matters fully in accordance with EU and International standards;	Q3-2015
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IPA 2012-2013:Waste Management The objective of this project will be: Strengthening the administrative capacity and measures for implementation of WFD and WEEEED through further development of implementing legislation, provision of training etc.	Q2- 2015
IPA 2012-2013:Measure 2: Technical support for classification of agricultural areas with natural handicaps The project purpose is alignment with the <i>EU acquis</i> , in particular thorough implementation of the legislation adopted. Support for classification of agricultural areas with natural handicaps towards better implementation of the Rural Development policy in the areas with restricted performing of agricultural activity in order to contribute to the protection of the environment, nature and biological diversity in accordance with EU regulations.	Q3- 2015
IPA 2012-2013:Measure 1: Strengthening the capacity of animal health and veterinary public health services regarding disease surveillance and implementation of hygiene standards in primary production for food of animal origin, respectively, as well as strengthening the capacity of Phytosanitary Directorate The project purpose is to provide additional assistance to the Food and Veterinary Agency and Phytosanitary Directorate in order to improve their overall ability for implementation of <i>EU acquis</i> and obligations addressed in the other relevant documents, with specific reference on improvement of the animal disease control, field inspection services, food and feed safety, primary production control and plant health control systems.	Q3 2015
IPA 2012 Support to the State Statistical Office for capacity building and improving compliance of statistics with EU standards The project purpose is to develop the capacity of the State Statistical Office to improve compliance with the <i>EU acquis</i> in statistics, with a focus on national accounts, economic statistics and social statistics.	Q1- 2015
IPA 2012 Further Harmonization with EU in the field of insurance and increase of market operations The purpose of this project is further approximation of the regulatory systems (legislation and related enforcement) with the <i>EU acquis</i> in order to be able to fully participate in the internal market at the time of	Q1- 2015

accession. This corresponds to the Government's efforts to improve the existing regulation governing the establishment, operations and obligations of all insurance sector participants in the country aimed at increasing competition in the insurance market by entering new companies and expanding the supply of insurance products and services.

IPA 2012 Supporting the improvement of business environment (harmonization of tax legislation)

The purpose of this project is improvement of the tax legislation in making the business environment more attractive for the FDI, further economic development and increasing the living standard.

The Ministry of Finance, as a creator of tax policy, must fully harmonize the tax legislation with the EU directives and implement the best practices. In this regard, the Ministry would need to improve the current legal framework for introduction and development of additional financial services on the market in order to enable companies to have better access to capital and to increase their export activities. This would also require further harmonization with the EU supervision standards by implementation of the Solvency II Directive which will contribute to modernized insurance sector and improved consumer protection.

Q2- 2015

TURKEY

IPA 2012 Enhancement of Administrative and Technical Capacity of Customs Laboratories

Expected results:

Trained Laboratory staff both using modern instruments to determine accurate and common tariff positions and controlling goods more effectively to fight against smuggling and frauds. Increased analysis capacity including alignment with procedures and working methods used by EU member's customs laboratories and co-operation with EU customs laboratories and/or with other analytical institution inside and outside the country improved.

2) Enhancement of quality management system according to ISO/IEC 17025 reference standard for customs laboratories.

30 analysis methods are ready for being accredited.

3) LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) will be improved and harmonized with EU customs laboratory.

Q1 2015

IPA 2012 Twinning Light: Harmonization of recovery of customs debts and repayment/remission of customs duties legislation with EU

Expected results:

Central and Regional Staff of the TCA are well informed on the matters of recovery of customs debt and repayment/remission of customs duty.

Comprehensive and applicable secondary legislation on the subjects of recovery, and repayment/remission is available. The flow diagrams for Recovery of Customs Debt Program and Repayment/Remission Program is ready for improving the programs.

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TCA staff is aware of the best practices of the Member States and efficient co-operation with counterpart departments in other Member States is achieved.	
IPA 2012 Twinning Light: Border Enforcement of IPR <i>Expected results:</i> Fully aligned customs legislation concerning the border protection of IPR with that of the EU. 2- The technical and administrative capacity of the TCA in the fight against counterfeiting and piracy is further improved through the equipment newly purchased. 3- The level of awareness of the public, customs officers and other stakeholders such as IPR related national bodies about the importance and value of intellectual property, customs measures and actions to combat counterfeiting and piracy is increased. The level of cooperation between different IPR related national authorities and stakeholders is increased.	Q1 2015
IPA 2013 Capacity Building Regarding Official Controls, Risk Communication and Risk Assessment , Animal Welfare, Zoonoses and Animal By-Product Management The project purpose is project purpose is to strengthen the technical and institutional capacity in Turkey for improving food and feed safety from production to consumption in order to increase to that of EU standards.	Q1 2015
IPA 2013 Harmonization of Cross Compliance Rules The project purpose is to establish a cross compliance system that will link agricultural supports for farmers to compliance with statutory management requirements related to all the elements of the cross compliance including public, animal and plant health, animal welfare as well as environmental protection by developing relevant standards in line with EU legislation, raising awareness among farmers and checking the compliance of farmers to the standards set.	Q1 2015
IPA 2013 Reinforcement of the Turkish Fisheries Management System The project purpose is: To improve the legal and technical capacity for fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) To develop more deterrent management measures to be implemented against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, To further improve the national fisheries (including inland fisheries and aquaculture) data collection system in Turkey in support of sustainable fisheries management	Q1 2015
IPA 2013 Improvement of Nuclear Safety Regulatory Infrastructure The project purpose is to gain EU experience in the fields of development and enforcement of the regulatory framework (acts, regulations, technical guides, etc.), enhance regulatory capacity in review and assessment of safety documentation and regulatory inspection of nuclear facilities and activities, and improve TAEK's self-sustainability in drawing up regulatory training programs.	Q1 2015
IPA 2013 An Independent Police Complaints Commission &	Q1 2015

<p>Complaints System for the Turkish National Police, Gendarmerie and Coast Guard</p> <p>The project purpose is to implement the primary legislation with regards a new independent complaints system for Turkish National Police, Gendarmerie and Coast Guard. Start full operations of the new complaints system and consolidate the system via a start-up (first year) business plan and 3-5 year strategic plan.</p>	
<p>IPA 2013 Strengthening the institutional capacity of Turkish National Police and Gendarmerie General Command regarding Public Order Management and Crowd Control</p> <p>The project purpose is to develop technical structure and human resources of Turkey's Law Enforcement Agencies and to improve current situation in accordance with the best practices of the European Union countries on crowd control. More specifically, the purpose of this project is to develop the institutional capacity of Turkish National Police on Public Order Management and Crowd Control in line with justice, freedom and security strategies and policies of the European Union.</p>	Q1 2015
<p>IPA 2013 Strengthening the Legal Aid Service in Turkey</p> <p>The project purpose is to establish a more effective, sustainable and satisfactory legal aid system in order to strengthen the right to a fair trial and access to justice.</p>	Q1 2015
<p>IPA 2013 Improving the maritime customs surveillance capacity and operational procedures of TCA</p> <p>The project purpose is to strengthen the customs surveillance and control function of the TCA throughout the Turkish customs territory by increasing its patrolling, searching, and intervention capacity in order to deal with both intended and committed offences more promptly and efficiently.</p>	Q1 2015
<p>IPA 2013 Improving the Crime Scene Investigation Capacity of Turkey</p> <p>The project purpose is to improve the efficiency of the CSITs through the introduction and nationwide dissemination of methods in line with EU best practices.</p>	Q1 2015
<p>IPA 2013 Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of General Command of Gendarmerie (GGC) Regarding Public Order and on Crowd Control</p> <p>The project purpose is to strengthen the capacity of GGC on crowd control with respect to human rights and to establish sustainable training/exercise system</p>	Q1 2015
<p>ESEI 2013 Strengthening the Turkish Copyright System with a Focus on Fostering Creative and Copyright Based Industries</p> <p>The project purpose is to strengthen the administrative capacities of all related institutions and providing additional support for judiciary in the copyright field as well as raising awareness of stakeholders regarding copyright, the importance and the benefits of an effective IP system for fostering the creative economy and also promoting strong coordination between the public institutions and the private sector.</p>	Q1 2015

