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European IPA Twinning Projects Pipeline 2019

Project title	(To be) circulated to Member States
ALBANIA	
<p>IPA 2015 (indirect management CFCU) "Support to the Bank of Albania for the Technical Cooperation Programme with the Central Banks of the Western Balkans" - Standard Twinning project, beneficiary Bank of Albania.</p> <p>- The overall objective of the project is to strengthen macroeconomic and financial stability of Albania, by providing support to the central bank of Albania in its preparation for membership in the ESCB and eventually the Eurosystem.</p> <p>- The project purpose provide support to the Bank of Albania by further aligning its legislation with EU acquis in issues such as: improving BoA governance with a special focus on independence, accountability and transparency, maintaining price stability, deepening and broadening the financial market, strengthening banking supervision and banking resolution, ensuring a more efficient and secure payment systems, reinforcing the fight against financing terrorism, money laundering and money counterfeiting. Sector: Finance, Internal market and economic criteria (FI) /Budget: €800.000 /Beneficiary: Bank of Albania</p>	Q1 2019
<p>IPA 2015 Action Programme for Albania (Indirect Management) 2015/038715: AL 15 IPA FI 02 18 Title: "Further Strengthening the Competition Authority's capacities to protect the free and effective competition in the market" "Support to ACA to increase skills for planning and conducting inspections and solve competition cases and capacity building actions in order to prepare accession negotiations"-Standard Twinning, beneficiary Albanian Competition Authority. The overall objective is to contribute in strengthening the administrative institutional capacity of Albanian Competition Authority. The project purpose is to increase and support for ACA in order to ensure the mission of ACA to protect the free and effective competition in the market based on legal framework in force and Union acquis. Sector: Finance, Internal market and economic criteria (FI) / Budget: €700.000 Beneficiary: Albanian Competition Authority</p>	Q1 2019 (already circulated 22 January 2019 with deadline 21.03.2019)
<p>2016 / 038-718 - IPA 2016 - Annual Action Programme for Albania - objective 2: Twinning Project Albanian Roads Authority : The purpose of the project is to</p>	Q1 2019

<p>support the Albanian Road Authority (ARA) for: consolidating, sustaining, strengthening, extending the staff's competences and the implementation of adopted road standards, focusing on project planning and elaboration of the feasibility study, quality control processes, procurement, monitoring and maintenance of road assets; ensuring sufficient institutional capacity to improve Public Financial Management (PFM) effectiveness and implementing good governance focusing on public investment management in line with the EU and international audit standards. Sector: Transport (TR) / Budget: €1.300.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Albanian Road Authority</p>	
<p>IPA 2017/040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility; Indirect management - Support to the Albanian Customs Administration in relation to the implementation of the EU Customs Code and also in preparation for the interoperability with the EU-IT system for the counterfeit goods. Budget: €250.000 - €400.000 (TBD) / Standard Twinning project or Twinning Light project (TBD) / Sector: Finance, internal market and economic criteria (FI) (Public sector policy and administrative management) / Beneficiary: Albanian Customs Administration</p>	Q2 2019
<p>IPA 2017/040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility - Activity 1.5: Institution building for alignment with the EU acquis and enhanced ability to meet economic criteria in relation to energy efficiency - Energy Efficiency Agency under the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy in relation to energy efficiency; Sector: Energy (EY) /Budget: TBD / Standard twinning project / Beneficiary: Energy Efficiency Agency / Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy</p>	Q2 2019
<p>IPA 2017/ 040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility (indirect management CFCU) - activity 1.5: "Institution-building for alignment with the EU acquis and enhanced ability to meet economic criteria. "Support upgrading of tourism services" - Possibly a Standard Twinning (TBD) - The project purpose provide support to National Tourism Agency by further aligning its legislation with EU acquis in issues such as improving tourism services. Sector: Standardisation and certification trade and industry (EC) Budget : €600.000 (TBD) / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: National Tourism Agency under the Ministry of Tourism and Environment</p>	Q2 2019
<p>IPA 2017/ 040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility (indirect management CFCU) - activity 1.5: "Institution-building for alignment with the EU acquis and enhanced ability to meet economic criteria. "Support to implementation of intellectual property law (CH7) - The project purpose provide support to the Ministry of Finance and Economy by further aligning its legislation with EU acquis in issues such as legal protection of intellectual property rights (IPRs) as for instance, patents and trademarks, designs, biotechnological inventions and pharmaceuticals and of copyright and related rights as for instance books, films, computer programs and broadcasting. Sector: Standardisation and certification trade and industry (EC) / Budget: €250.000 - €500.000 (TBD) / Standard Twinning project or Twinning Light project (TBD) / Beneficiary: Ministry of Finance and Economy</p>	Q2 2019
<p>IPA 2017/ 040-209.01/AL/EU Integration Facility (indirect management CFCU) - activity 1.5: "Institution-building for alignment with the EU acquis and enhanced ability to meet economic criteria. "Support to Commissioner for Data Protection and Access to Information" - The project purpose provide support to the Commissioner office on further aligning Albanian legislation with EU</p>	Q2 2019

acquis in issues such as personal data protection. Sector: Standardisation and certification trade and industry (EC) / Budget : €250.000 (TBD) / Twinning Light project / Beneficiary: Commissioner for Data Protection and Access to Information

IPA 2018/040-211 - Support to the Security Academy - Activity 1.4: This activity will indicatively support establishment of institutionalized training programs based on the Albanian legal system and institutional set up. It will enable increasing of the capacity of the Security Academy to deliver training and to develop an e-learning platform for district officials to better fight organized crime and drug trafficking. Key areas requiring capacity building are Strategic planning, policy development, leadership and co-ordination, Financial investigations, Intelligence led policing and proactive investigation, anti-terrorist activities; Performance management, M&E, Research and analysis, Decentralisation of management. Training programs should be tailored for law enforcement authorities and magistrates to deal with complex corruption, financial and economic crime cases. Sector: Justice and Home Affairs (JH) (Security) / Budget: €2.000.,000 (TBD) / Standard twinning project / Beneficiary: Security Academy/Albanian State Police

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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

IPA 2016 (direct management) / Title: Empowerment and Further support to the Parliaments of Bosnia and Herzegovina in EU integration tasks / Sector: Justice and Home Affairs (JH) (Good Governance) / Budget: €2.300.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiaries: Parliaments at all levels in BiH

Q1 2019 (selection meeting scheduled for 31/01/19)

IPA 2018 (direct management) Title: "EU Support to acquis alignment and capacity building of Veterinary sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina" - The overall objective of the project is to modernise agri-food sector and foster rural economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) by providing support to the veterinary sector in BiH in its enhancing institutional capacities and gradual acquis approximation.
- The project purpose is to provide support to veterinary administrations and services at all levels in BiH by further aligning its legislation with EU acquis in prioritised fields of interventions like animal health and protection, animal welfare, animal by-product management etc. and strengthening their capacities for upgraded functionality of the veterinary system in BiH in their further approximation to relevant EU sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements. Sector: Agriculture and Fisheries (AG) (veterinary) / Budget : €3.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Veterinary Office of BiH, in cooperation with all other relevant competent authorities at all levels in BiH

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IPA 2018 (direct management)
Title: "EU Support to acquis alignment and capacity building of Food safety sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina" - The overall objective of the project is to modernise agri-food sector and foster rural economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) by providing support to the food safety sector in BiH in its enhancing institutional capacities and gradual acquis approximation.
- The project purpose is to provide support to food safety administrations and services at all levels in BiH by further aligning its legislation with Union acquis in prioritised fields of interventions like hygiene package implementation, quality policy, consumer protection, GMO etc. and strengthening their capacities for upgraded functionality of the food safety system in BiH in their

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further approximation to relevant EU sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements.

Sector: Agriculture and Fisheries (AG) (food safety) / Budget : €1.500.000 / Standard Twinning project

IPA 2018 (direct management)

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Title: "EU Support to acquis alignment and capacity building of Phytosanitary sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina" - The overall objective of the project is to modernise agri-food sector and foster rural economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) by providing support to the phytosanitary sector in BiH in its enhancing institutional capacities and gradual acquis approximation. - The project purpose is to provide support to food safety administrations and services at all levels in BiH by further aligning its legislation with Union acquis in prioritised fields of interventions like plant health, seed and seedling, plant protection products, variety rights, official controls etc. and strengthening their capacities for upgraded functionality of the phytosanitary system in BiH in their further approximation to relevant EU sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements. Sector: Agriculture and Fisheries (AG) (phytosanitary) / Budget : €1.500.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Plant Health Protection, in cooperation with all other relevant competent authorities at all levels in BiH

IPA 2017: (direct management)

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Title: "Support to the Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH in further EU Acquis alignment in the area of indirect taxation and NCTS"; -The overall objective is to provide further assistance to the ITA BiH in further alignment with the EU Acquis and to provide assistance in NCTS implementation; -Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria (FI) / Budget €600.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina

IPA 2016: (direct management)

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Title: "Support to development of effective internal control and audit environment in the ITA BiH" Budget: €250.000 / Twinning Light project / Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria (FI) / Beneficiary: Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina

IPA 2017: (direct management)

Q2 2019

Title: "EU for human rights and anti-discrimination" -The overall objective is Institutional strengthening of the Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina / Sector: Justice and Home Affairs (JH) / Budget: €650.000.00 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ombudsman institutions in BiH

IPA 2017 (direct management) Law enforcement agencies in BiH / Title: "Develop capacities of Cyber Crime Units in BiH" / Sector: Justice and Home Affairs (JH) / Budget: €1.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Law enforcement agencies in BiH

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KOSOVO¹

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.

Further strengthening of Kosovo National Audit Office impact, IPA 2017 funds, Specific objective is to support the National Audit Office of Kosovo (KNAO) to further develop its capacities for sustainable delivery of its mission's objectives according to ISSAIs and enhance its impact through an intensified communication with citizens, Parliament and other stakeholders. Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria (FI) / Budget: €700.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Kosovo National Audit Office	Q1 2019
EU Services Directive, IPA 2015 funds, The project will further build the Capacity of the Ministry of Trade and Industry to effectively transpose and implement the EU Services Directive in the internal market in Kosovo: amendment of the legislation, establishment of the Point of Single Contract and its impact assessment, simplification of administrative procedures, awareness campaign targeting the Kosovo private sector, service providers, professional associations, Chambers of Commerce as well as general public / Kosovo consumers and consumers association. Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria (FI) / Budget: €1.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ministry of trade and Industry	Q3 2019
SERBIA	
IPA 2016 (direct management) Title: "Support to the Preparation for participation in the EUROSUR Network and the EURODAC system" The overall objective is to contribute to better Border Management and management of migration in line with the Union Acquis, and to increase the capacities of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia for timely response to challenges and threats as well as to participate in European and regional security. More specifically, the project will increase reaction capability at external borders through support to the preparation of the necessary steps required to join the EUROSUR (Euro surveillance) network and establish a national system of personal and biometric data bases for fingerprints from asylum seekers and irregular migrants on the territory of Serbia and build capacities for exchange of data in the EURODAC (European Dactyloscopy) system Sector: Justice and Home affairs (JH) / Budget € 1.000.000 / Standard Twinning project/Beneficiary: Ministry of Interior	Q2 2019
IPA 2016 (indirect management CFCU) "Strengthening capacities of the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration and other relevant institutions for implementation of migration and asylum policy and procedures in line with the Acquis" The overall objective: To contribute in strengthening the capacities of the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration and other relevant institutions for implementation of migration and asylum policy and procedures in line with the acquis. The project purpose: To contribute to strengthening the capacity for implementation of asylum and migration policies in line with international and EU standards concerning both, procedure and reception condition. / Sector: Sector Justice and Home Affairs (JH) / Budget: €1.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Commissariat for Refugees and Migration	Q1 2019
THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA	
IPA 2015- EUIF (centralised management mode) / MK 15 IPA FI 01 19 Title: "Strengthening the institutional capacity of the National Bank (NBRM) in the	Q1 2019

<p>process of its accession to the ESCB"</p> <p>The overall objective of the project is to support the National Bank (NBRM) in maintaining the macroeconomic and financial system stability through the harmonization of rules, policies and operations with the ESCB standards and best international practices and thereby help the NBRM fulfil its mandate in the most efficient and effective way. The direct beneficiary of the project would be the NBRM, but all economic agents in the Beneficiary country would have a long-lasting benefit from the monetary and financial stability, secured by the institutional capacity of the NBRM that is strengthened through the implementation of this project. / Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria (FI) / Budget: €600.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: National Bank</p>	
<p>IPA 2016 (centralised management mode) / MK 16 IPA JH 03 19 Title: "Building the national capacities for fight against terrorism and radicalization and implementation of the National anti-terrorism strategy"</p> <p>The overall objective of this project is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the national authorities for border control, management of migration flows, fight against terrorism and organized crime /Sector: Justice and Home Affairs (JH) / Budget: €1.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ministry of interior</p>	<p>Q1 2019 ((circulated in January 2019))</p>
<p>IPA 2018- (centralised management mode) / Title: "Strengthening of core PFM Functions" / <u>Objectives and foreseen results:</u></p> <p>This call for proposals for a twinning contract will aim at improving the budget planning, execution and internal control functions in the Ministry of Finance and across the public administration of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. More specifically, the project will pursue the following results: 1). Improved budget system based on implementation of a new organic budget law, completion of the Medium-term Budgetary and Expenditure Frameworks, improved budget forecasting tools and upgrading of the budget planning capacities of the employees in MoF and budget users, 2). Improved legal compliance, efficiency and transparency of the public procurement system, through methodological and capacity building support for the implementation of the new Law on Public Procurement harmonized with the 2014 EU Public Procurement Package, and strengthening the institutional and human capacities of the Public Procurement Bureau, the State Appeals Commission and procurement officers in the country to implement the new legal provisions, and 3). Strengthened internal control in line with the new PIFC Policy Paper through promotion and introduction of decentralised system for managing public funds in a number of budget users. Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria (FI) / Budget: €3.700.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ministry of Finance</p>	<p>Q2 2019</p>
<p>IPA 2018- (centralised management mode) "Improving Revenue Collection and Policy" / <u>Objectives and foreseen results:</u></p> <p>This call for proposals for a twinning contract will aim at improving the improving the stability, efficiency and quality of revenue collection system of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, including tax system and policy and customs system. More specifically, the project will pursue the following results: 1). increased level of harmonization of the national legislation with the European legislation in the field of taxes and customs, 2). Remodelling and re-organisation of the business processes in the tax administration, 3).enhancing</p>	<p>Q2 2019</p>

customs controls and financial investigations and 4). Enlarging the scope of use of simplified procedures in customs operations. Sector: Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria (FI) / Budget: €3.600.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: PRO/customs	
MULTI-ANNUAL COUNTRY ACTION PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION (2014-2016) / Title: "Support in the implementation of the waste management legislation and extended producer responsibility scheme " / Sector: Environment (EN) / Budget: €1.000.000 /Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning	Q3 2019
MULTI-ANNUAL COUNTRY ACTION PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION (2014-2016) Title: "Strengthening Capacity for Enforcement of Environmental and Climate Change Legislation" / Sector: Environment (EN) / Budget: €1.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning	Q3 2019
Title: "Support to the Civil Aviation Agency - participation in the Common Aviation Area" under EUIF 2015 / centralised management mode / Sector: Transport (TR) / Twinning Light project / Budget: €250.000 / Beneficiary: Civil Aviation Agency	Q2 2019
Under IPA 2017 (AD EESP education, employment and social policy) (indirect management) / Title: "Further support to the implementation of the National Qualifications Framework" Under the IPA II the further implementation of the NQF will be built towards establishing a coordinated and more effective system of quality assurance in qualifications development, validation and accreditation process. This will enable the process of development and acquisition of knowledge, skills and competences. The IPA II support in this area will build on the ground work of IPA I and will further strengthen the institutional structure responsible for the NQF. It will support establishment and operationalization of the sector qualifications committees, where the employers have an active and direct role. As vital to the employability of young adults, support for the process of development of learning outcomes, as well as validation of non-formal and informal learning is also foreseen / Sector: Social policy and employment (SO) Budget: €1.500.000 / Standard Twinning project	Q3 2019
MONTENEGRO	
No Twinning fiches expected to be launched until further notice	
TURKEY	
IPA 2015 (indirect management CFCU)– TR 15 IPA JH 10 19 / Title: "Improvement of the Efficiency of Pre-service Trainings for Candidate Judges and Prosecutors" Objective: Standard Twinning 'to improve the efficiency of the training and internship of candidate judges and prosecutors in line with the European standards with a view of enhancing the independence, quality, effectiveness and efficiency of the judiciary' ./ Sector: Sector Justice and Home Affairs (JH) / Budget : €2.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Turkish Ministry of Justice	Q1 (in circulation with submission deadline 11 February 2019)
IPA 2016 (indirect management CFCU) / - TR 16 IPA JH 04 19 Title: "Improving Administrative and Institutional Capacity of the Law Enforcement Agencies in Fighting against All Form of Terrorism" / Sector : Justice and Home Affairs (JH) / Budget : €2.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Turkish	Q1 2019

Ministry of Justice	
IPA 2016 (indirect management CFCU) / - TR 16 IPA JH 05 19 - Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of Personnel Training Centres of the Penal Institutions. Objective: To improve the service quality of the prison staff and raise operational standards by strengthening the institutional capacity of personnel training centres of the penal institutions in Turkey in line with the EU principles. Sector : Justice and Home Affairs (JH) / Budget: €2.000.000 / Standard Twinning project / Beneficiary: Turkish Ministry of Justice	Q1 (in circulation with submission deadline 25 March 2019)