

Interreg - IPA CBC Greece - Albania



Overview of the Programme

Joint Secretariat / Managing Authority of
Interreg IPA CBC Programme "Greece - Albania
2014 - 2020 "

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The Programme is co-funded
by the European Union
and by National Funds
of Greece & Albania



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Overall Strategy

- ▶ to find the balance between sustainable regional development and enhancement of cross-border cooperation among local population & regional institutions, in accordance with EU & national policies, in order to address common challenges through joint interventions

Wider Strategic Frame work

The programme “Greece–Albania 2014–2020” conforms with two over – arching strategies of prime importance:

1. Europe 2020



2. EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)



Eligible NUTS III or equivalent regions

GR – Regional Units:

- ▶ EL131 (Grevena)
- ▶ EL132 (Kastoria)
- ▶ EL134 (Florina)
- ▶ EL211 (Arta)
- ▶ EL212 (Thesprotia)
- ▶ EL213 (Ioannina)
- ▶ EL214 (Preveza)
- ▶ EL221 (Zakynthos)
- ▶ EL222 (Kerkyra)
- ▶ EL223 (Kefallinia)
- ▶ EL224 (Lefkada)

AL – Regions:

- AL031 (Berat)
- AL033 (Gjirokastër)
- AL034 (Korçë)
- AL035 (Vlorë)

Map of the Expanded Eligible Area



Steps taken from submission until approval

- 22 September 2014 : Submission of the 1st Draft of the Programme Document to the EC
- 12 May 2015 : Submission of the final Draft of the Operational Programme, via SFC, to the EC
- 30 June 2015 : Meeting of the IPA Committee, to approve the New Programme

Approval Decision of the Programme by the EC:
C (2015) 5482

Date of Approval : 30 July 2015

Period of eligibility of expenditure

The starting date for the eligibility of expenditure of beneficiaries is:

- Greece: the 1st of January 2014
- Albania: the 22nd of September 2014

The closing date of the eligibility period of the expenditure should be the end date of the subsidy contract in force.

The final date of eligibility of expenditure cannot exceed the 31st of December 2023.

Overview table per Priority Axis and Thematic Priority and budget allocated per Specific Objective

Priority Axis	Thematic Priority	Specific Objective	Budget Allocated per S.O.	Total Budget (EUR)
PA 1: Promotion of the environment, sustainable transport & public infrastructure	(c): Promoting sustainable transport, information and communication networks and services & investing in cross-border water, waste & energy systems & facilities	1.1: Increase the capacity of CB infrastructure in transport, water & waste management	40%	16.924.811 €
Total T.P. (c):			40%	16.924.811 €

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PA 1: Promotion of the environment, sustainable transport & public infrastructure	(b): Protecting the environment & promoting climate change adaptation & mitigation, risk prevention & management	1.2: Increase the effectiveness of environmental protection & sustainable use of natural resources	3%	1.269.360 €
		1.3: Increase energy efficiency and the use of RES	2%	846.242 €
		1.4: Improve the effectiveness of risk prevention and disaster management with a focus on forest fires	5%	2.115.601 €
	Total T.P. (b):		10%	4.231.203 €
Total P.A. 1:			50%	21.156.014 €

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PA2: Boosting the Local Economy	(d): Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage	2.1: Preserve cultural and natural resources as a prerequisite for tourism development of the cross border area	25%	10.578.008 €
	(g): Enhancing competitiveness, the business environment and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, trade & investment	2.2: Improve CB capacity to support entrepreneurship, business survival and competitiveness	15%	6.346.804 €
Total P.A. 2:			40%	16.924.812 €
Total P.A. 3:			10%	4.231.203 €
Total Programme Budget			100%	42.312.029 €

Programme Structures

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- European Commission (DG Regio)
- National Authorities (Member State & Participating Country)

Programme Structures

- Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC)
- Joint Steering Committee (JSC)
- Managing Authority (MA)
- Joint Secretariat (JS)

Programme Structures

- Certifying Authority (CA)
- Audit Authority (supported by Group of Auditors) (AA & GoA)

Guiding Principals for Selection of Operations

General Rules

- ▶ For all thematic areas priority will be given to:
 - Projects with **broad area impacts/significance** over projects with **localized effects**, unless the latter are pilot actions with best practice potential (in this case transferability will have to be demonstrated)
 - Projects following the principles (as applicable) of **equality between men and women, non-discrimination and accessibility to persons with disabilities, and sustainable development.**
 - Projects with **significant cross border impacts**
 - All **infrastructure and media** (including electronic media) projects shall meet the requirements of the General Regulation 1303/2013, **article 7** concerning the implementation of the principles of non discrimination and accessibility to persons with disabilities.

Main differences compared to the 2007–2013 Programme

- Over 50% increase on Programme's total budget (42.312.029€, instead of 27.825.759€)
- Eligible cross-border area has expanded greatly
- National contribution of Greece declined 10 percentage units (from 25% to 15%)
- New Regulations
- Implementation under the shared management approach

Main differences compared to the 2007–2013 Programme

- Single Managing Authority (MA)
- Single Certifying Authority (CA)
- Single Audit Authority (AA) supported by Group of Auditors
- One Subsidy Contract
- Single reporting procedure
- Single Lead Beneficiary

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