IPA CBC Programme Albania-Kosovo 2014-2020

Pre-announcement on the 2nd Call for Project Proposals

The IPA CBC Programme “Albania-Kosovo 2014-2020” announces that the 2nd Call for Project Proposals will be launched in December 2018 (indicatively).

The total available budget for the 2nd Call is 2.040.000 € (EU funding)

The call will focus on the following Thematic Priority and Specific Objective of the Programme:

* TP 1: Protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management.
* SO 1: Protection and preservation and valorisation of environmental resources in the Programme area

And it will indicatively target:

* Actions to protect and enhance biodiversity in rivers, lakes and other water landscapes;
* Actions to reduce surface water pollution through integrated solid waste management in lakes and rivers;
* Actions to support and promote the so-called “water corridors” in the cross-border area;
* Actions to support forestation as well as integrated landscape management;
* Actions for the restoration, protection and efficient management of natural protected areas;
* Encouragement of environmentally friendly economic activities through partnership and networking actions between local and regional authorities from both sides of the border to target environmental issues and ensure local ownership;
* Promotion of environmental awareness and education on the importance to protect environmental resources;
* Support to small scale environmental infrastructure interventions and procurement of equipment;
* Cross-border mapping and integrated environmental monitoring systems;
* Small-scale interventions to foster renewable energy;

Each operation shall have a substantial **infrastructure/investment component** that should constitute at least 70% of the total value of the operation

The eligible area of the Programme is the following:

* in Albania: the Regions of Kukes and the Region of Lezha
* in Kosovo: South Economic Region, and West Economic Region.

Potential applicants are encouraged to start preparing their project ideas and build their partnerships. In addition, potential applicants are strongly advised to carefully read the relevant sections of the Cooperation Programme on the priority, specific objective, results and indicative activities:

<https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/sites/near/files/pdf/kosovo/ipa/2015/2014_-_2020_ipa_cbc_albania-kosovo.pdf>

The overall objective of the CBC Programme is to stimulate more balanced, inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development of the cross border area.

The Programme Structures will organize two public Consultations with the local stakeholders prior to launching of the Call, more precisely:

* In Kukes, on 3rd of December 2018 (venue to be announced soon)
* In Prizren, on 4th of December 2018 (venue to be announced soon)