



IPA CBC with MS Programme Structures and Implementation

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Transitional Approach

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IPA Implementing Regulation

Under transitional approach:

- The part of the programme concerning participating MS is implemented in accordance with Articles 101 to 138 (i.e. Section 2)
- The part of programme concerning participating CC/PCC is implemented in accordance with Articles 139 to 145 (i.e. Section 3)



The programme bodies

MSs part of the CBC programme:

- Managing, Certifying, Audit Authorities

CC/PCC side of the programme:

- National IPA Co-ordinator (CBC co-ordinator)
- Operating Structures (with or without Implementing Agency)
- EC Delegations (+ EAR in phasing out)
- decentralised management: bodies included under Part I, Title II (Nat. Authorising Officer, Audit Authority, ...)

Joint Structures:

- Joint Monitoring/Steering Committee
 - Joint Technical Secretariat
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CC/PCC side: Decentralised management

Operating structures:

- Responsible for managing and implementing the part of the programme concerning the participating CC/PCC
- Represented in the Joint Monitoring Cttee
- Include an Implementing Agency responsible for awarding grants, tendering, contracting, payments

EC Delegation:

- According to the accreditation process of CC/PCC bodies, may perform ex-ante control
 - Participate in Joint Monitoring/Steering Cttee (advisory function)
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CC/PCC side: Centralised Management

Operating structures:

- Functions and responsibilities to be specified in the CBC programme), except awarding grants, tendering and contracting (it does not include an Implementing Agency)
- Represented in the Joint Monitoring Cttee

EC Delegation:

- Contracting authority: responsible for awarding grants, tendering, contracting, payments
 - Performs ex-ante control on call for proposals
 - Participate in Joint Monitoring/Steering Cttee (advisory function)
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"Transitional" Programmes

Shall Include:

- One financial table for the part of the programme concerning all participating MS (ERDF contribution)
 - One financial table for each participating CC/PCC (IPA contribution)
 - Implementing provisions shall differentiate between modalities applying to MS and those applying to CC/PCC
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Adoption of Programmes

Two financing decisions:

- **One multi-annual financing decision (three years, but at start up will cover 2007-10) for the part of the programme concerning the participating MS (ERDF contribution)**
Responsible service: DG REGIO
- **One annual financing decision (relating to one year of the financial table(s) concerning CC/PCC) for the part of the programme concerning the participating CC/PCC (IPA contribution)**
Responsible service: DG ELARG

The cross-border programme is an integral part of the decisions.

- **Annual financing agreement(s) concluded between the Commission and the participating candidate/potential candidate countries. The cross-border programme is an integral part of the Financing agreement. Responsible service: DG ELARG**



Summary

IPA Cross-Border Co-operation Component				
	CBC between IPA countries and Member States			CBC between IPA countries
	"Cruising speed" Responsible: DG REGIO	"Transitional arrangements". Responsibility: ELARG for IPA countries REGIO for MS		
Implementing modalities	Shared management	IPA countries: centralised or decentralised management	MS: shared management	Centralised or decentralised management
Programme	Multi annual cross-border programme. Single financial table (ERDF + IPA funds pooled, no breakdown by country)	Multi annual cross-border programme. 1 financial table covering all participating MS (ERDF funds) + 1 financial table per each participating IPA country (IPA funds)		Multi annual cross-border programme. 1 financial table per each participating country
Adoption process	Under DG REGIO responsibility: single multi-annual financing decision covering the entire programme (ERDF and IPA funds)	under DG ELARG responsibility: annual financing decision (relating to one year of the financial table – IPA funds) covering the part of the programme concerning IPA countries	under DG REGIO responsibility: multi-annual financing decision (relating to all years included in the financial table – ERDF funds) covering the part of programme concerning MS	Annual financing decision (relating to one year of the financial table)
Financing Agreement	Under DG REGIO responsibility: multi-annual FA concluded with participating IPA countries	Under DG ELARG responsibility: annual FA concluded with participating IPA countries	N/A	Annual FA concluded with participating countries



Lead Partner Principle

A single "functional" Lead partner, but:

- One "financial" Lead partner for the part of the joint project implemented in the MS territory
- One "financial" Lead partner in each CC/PCC participating in the joint project



Implementing modalities transitional arrangements

1. *Joint monitoring/steering committee establishes the Call for proposals/Guidelines for applicants*
2. *As applicable, ECDs endorse the CFP/Guidelines for applicants prior to their publication*
3. *Joint monitoring/steering committee evaluates and select the projects. ECDs participate in an advisory capacity*
4. *As applicable, ECDs endorse the evaluation report (list of projects)*
5. *The MA for the participating MS and the ECD (centralised mngt) or the IA (decentralised mngt) in each participating CC/PCC issue the grant agreements to the beneficiary from the relevant country*