

IPA partners in MED cooperation programme

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Integrated management of IPA and ERDF funds

- In the beginning of the programme (2008-2010), IPA partners could participate with annual bilateral IPA funds, allocated separately
- In 2010 the Commission proposed a multilateral IPA envelope and shared management of IPA/ERDF directly by the MED Managing authority
- The MA and the JTS produced all necessary modifications to the audit trail, programme management system and implementing tools
- The Operational Programme was modified to integrate management of IPA funds
- Signature procedure of the Financing Agreements between the Commission, the MA and each IPA country, took more than a year. 3 Agreements out of 4 were completed by the end of 2012.

Why IPA partners in the MED programme?

9 Mediterranean EU Member states participate to the MED transnational cooperation programme

All Northern (EU) side of the Mediterranean is eligible to the programme. Coastal West Balkan States contribute to the geographical continuity of the programme from East to West of the area

MED is the fourth programming generation of transnational cooperation programmes, and opening to new partners is interesting to the programme and to EU partner structures

MED and European integration process

Similarity of procedures between IPA and ERDF reinforces the link between IPA and EU partners and facilitates the understanding of Structural funds intervention logic

National IPA coordinations are full members of programme decision making bodies (Monitoring and Selection Committees) and participate as any other programme member country

IPA partners in MED projects are full members of the cooperation and operate similarly as EU partners. Even if there is a separate Subsidy contract, all activities and all procedures are done together with other partners and under the coordination of the LP

What do we expect from IPA partners in MED projects?

Contribution to project results and their capitalization between partners and towards target audiences

- Support the Lead Partner with timely submission of reports and payment claims
- Delivery of expected activities and openness in case of difficulties: solutions are sought jointly on the project level and if necessary, together with the JTS
- Transnational added value: local studies and activities contribute to a larger analysis/strategy
- Efforts to transfer and diffuse results towards local and national stakeholders: defined target groups

What do we expect from IPA partners in MED projects?

- Mutual learning process to both the LP and the IPA partner = Active participation to project's decision making mechanisms
- Learning process also between the JTS and each IPA partner = establish good communication practise
- Integrating the Adriatic area into the MED programme priorities = visibility and quality of projects and activities
- Looking beyond Adriatic = contribution to the development of the Mediterranean area

IPA partners in the new MED programme 2014-2020

- MED Task Force was constituted in May 2012 to draft the new Operational Programme
- IPA national coordinations are members of the TF and the actually eligible IPA countries will again be part of the new cooperation programme
- Future MED programme will seek synergies and cooperation with the other Mediterranean programmes: Neighborhood MED CBC and 'South East Gateway'
- Experience accumulated during this programme period (advance payments, Subsidy Contracts..) will be analysed and improvements proposed
- Programme procedures should be identical to IPA and ERDF partners

Thank you for your attention!

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