



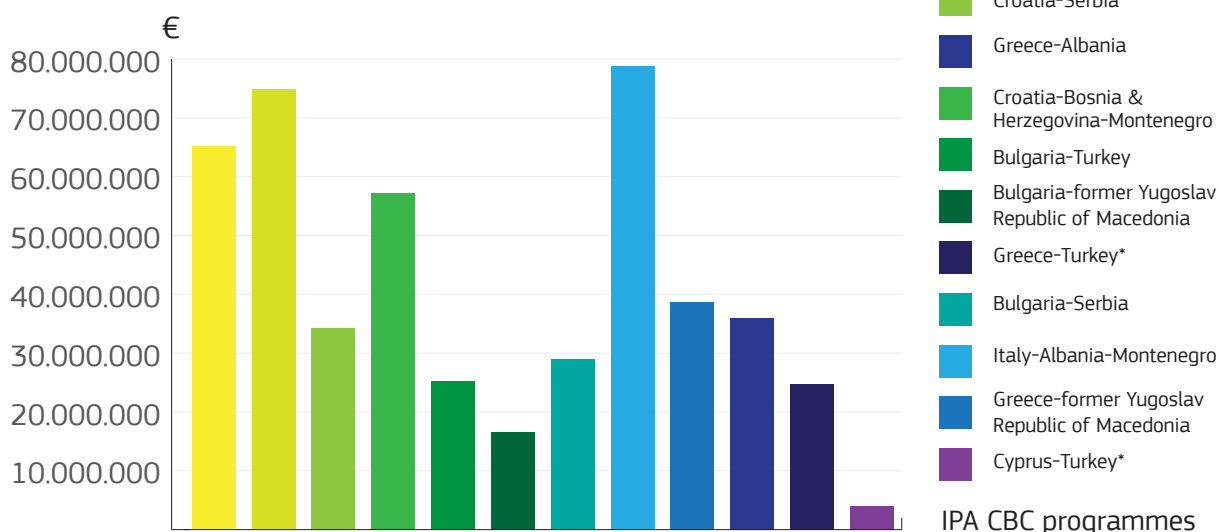
## INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION (IPA)

supporting cooperation between EU Member States  
and IPA beneficiary countries

In the programming period 2014-2020, the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) supports **10\* cross-border cooperation programmes** on EU external borders with candidate (or potential candidate) countries. These programmes are financed on equal share by the cohesion policy (European Regional Development Fund – ERDF) and enlargement policy (IPA) funding. Their total budget for 2014-2020 period is **EUR 455 million**. They

aim to tackle obstacles identified jointly in the border regions and to exploit the untapped growth potential in border areas. **The programmes provide a unique opportunity for local actors from non-EU countries to work with their EU Member States counterparts on equal footing.** They thus enhance cooperation and contribute to the reconciliation and the accession process.

INTERREG CBC programmes financed under IPA II (2014-2020)



IPA CBC programmes

\*As both Interreg IPA CBC Programme Greece-Turkey\* and Interreg IPA CBC Programme Cyprus-Turkey\* have not been submitted to the Commission for implementation pursuant to Article 4(7) of the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation, Cyprus and Greece have transferred their ERDF allocations to their internal cross-border cooperation programmes.

## WHAT IS SUPPORTED? EXAMPLE OF AN IPA CBC PROJECT:

### BUSINESS LINKAGES AMONG WOMEN LIVING IN RURAL AREAS

Supported by: Hungary-Serbia IPA CBC programme 2007-2013

EU funding: **EUR 68.879,75**

The project aimed to bring rural women from both sides of the border together, through trainings, cooperation events and web portal, to acquire new skills, develop their businesses, cooperate, make contacts and exchange ideas by means of intense cultural and economic interaction, which would make them more economically independent and resourceful, create new job openings, diversify products and services, ensure greater quality of life, and influence sustainable economic, cultural and social growth of the entire cross-border region, while minimizing the isolating effects of the Hungary-Serbia border.



Enlargement countries – Albania, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia also cooperate with EU Member States in **four transnational cooperation programmes**, supported by both ERDF and IPA funding (see below). These programmes concentrate on cooperation in larger functional areas having a common geographical feature, e.g. sea or river basin and aim at tackling issues such as flood management, international business and research linkages, development of more viable and sustainable markets.

Furthermore, Albania, Montenegro and Serbia participate in two EU macro-regional strategies – for the Danube and the Adriatic and Ionian regions. These offer an integrated framework endorsed by the European Council to address common challenges and opportunities relating to EU Member States and non-EU countries located in the same geographical (functional) area. The implementation of EU macro-regional strategies can be supported by any EU funds or other sources of funding.

### Transnational cooperation programmes 2014-2020 involving IPA beneficiary countries

TITLE OF THE PROGRAMME	FUND	TOTAL (EUR)
Mediterranean	IPA	9,355,783
	ERDF	224,322,525
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMME</b>		<b>233,678,308</b>
Adriatic-Ionian	IPA	15,688,887
	ERDF	83,467,729
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMME</b>		<b>99,156,616</b>
Balkan-Mediterranean	IPA	5,126,138
	ERDF	28,330,108
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMME</b>		<b>33,456,246</b>
Danube	IPA	19,829,192
	ERDF	202,095,405
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMME</b>		<b>221,924,597</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	IPA	50,000,000
	ERDF	<b>538,215,767</b>



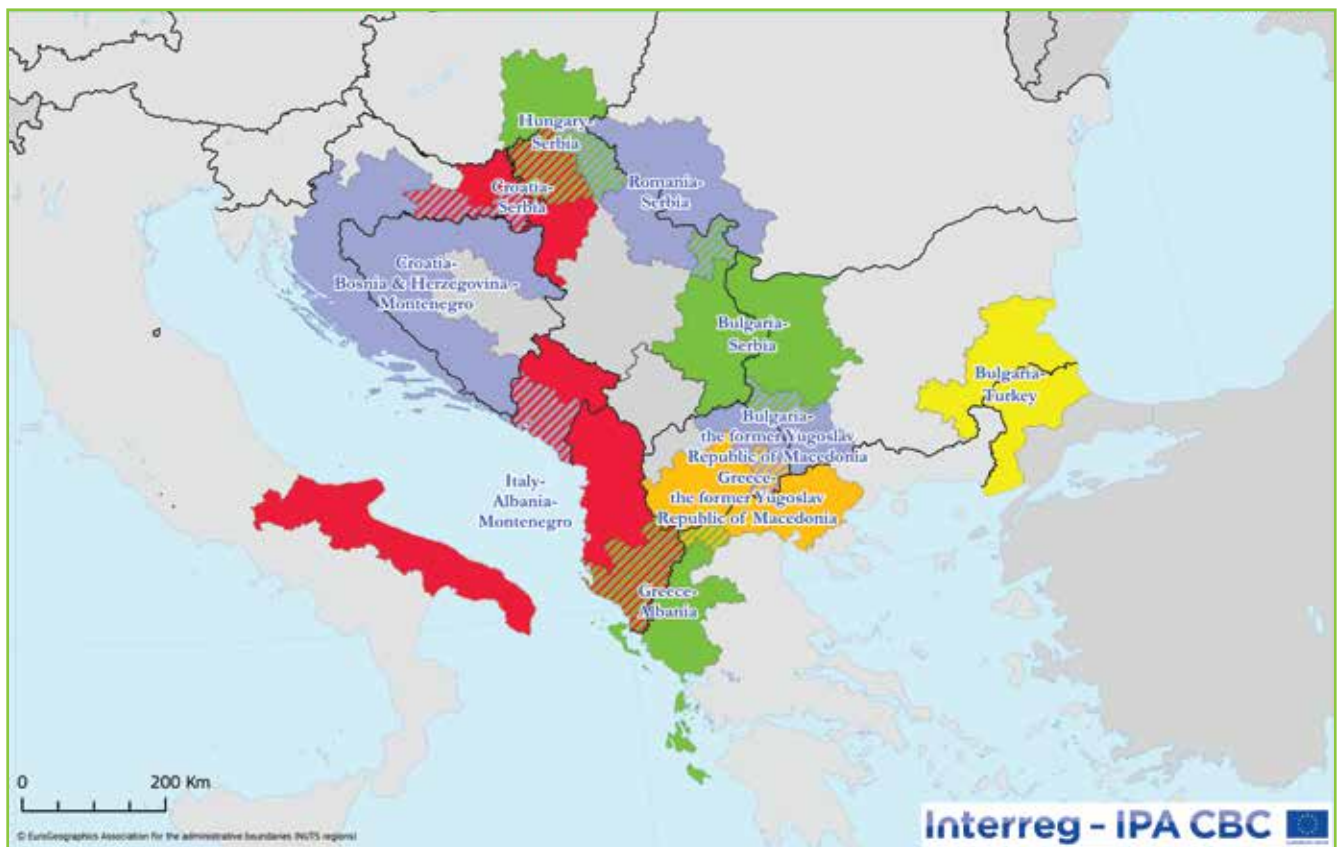
Map of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region



Map of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region



Map of the INTERREG IPA Cross-border Cooperation programme 2014-2020 between Member States and IPA II beneficiaries



## More information

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/funding/ipa/cross-border/](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/funding/ipa/cross-border/)



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