**ECRAN Working Group** **on Strategic Planning and Investments**

**Activity 2.2.4 Capacity building for IPA 2**

**INVITATION to the**

Regional training on IPA 2 requirements

Brussels, 5-6 June, 2014

**Background**

EU environmental acquis approximation process demands numerous actions in transposition and implementation of requirements, building institutional capacities and capabilities, investing into infrastructure. National resources available for approximation process are rather limited. EU financial support is playing a very important role in assisting the acceding countries to address the challenges of the approximation process.

The year 2014 is particularly important for planning of IPA 2 financial assistance for 2014 – 2020 period. The legal framework for IPA 2 has been recently adopted. All the enlargement countries are currently in an intensive programming stage. It is important that the new legal framework, implementation requirements, logic of programming, monitoring and assessment is well understood and capacities and capabilities in ECRAN countries are strengthened to address IPA 2 tasks in the best possible way.

This workshop aims to provide to the representatives from the enlargement countries the possibility to receive detailed information on the content and procedures of the new IPA Regulation and Rules of Implementation, to exchange experiences among countries related to programming and development of national planning documents and to discuss aspects of cross-border nature that could be require financial assistance.

**Objectives of the Workshop:**

General objective: to develop skills for IPA 2 programming and implementation.

Specific objectives:

* To present information about IPA 2 framework, requirements and procedures,
* To present information about programming requirements,
* To present information about the role of sector leading institutions in IPA 2 programming,
* To clarify financing, monitoring and other specific requirements,
* To exchange experience among countries in preparing for IPA 2.

**Expected results of the meeting:**

* Presentations delivered,
* Discussions and exchange of information,
* Increased knowledge regarding IPA 2 programming and implementation,
* Minutes and other materials of the meeting.

**Draft Agenda Outline**

**DAY 1: 5 June 2014,**

**Venue: DG Enlargement, Rue de la Loi, 15, Brussels**

| **Start** | **Finish** | **Topic** | **Speaker** | **Sub topic/Content** |
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| **08:30** | **09:00** | **Registration** | | |
| 09.00 | 09.20 | Opening remarks by the European Commission | ???? DG Environment  ???? DG Enlargement |  |
| 09.20 | 09.30 | Introduction to the agenda and participants | Arunas Kundrotas, ECRAN |  |
| 09.30 | 11.00 | IPA II: new legal framework and its implementation | ???? DG Enlargement | * Presentation of the IPA 2 Regulation and the Rules of Implementation * Main differences from previous IPA * Scope of assistance (priority policy areas) * Relevance of the programming process and implementation * Methods of implementation * Types of financing   + grants;   + procurement contracts for services, supplies or works;   + general or sector budget support;   + contributions to trust funds;   + financial instruments * Parallel and joint co-financing * Cooperation forms (twinning, etc.) * Deciding about modalities of financing, the type of contribution, the award modalities and the administrative provisions for the management of grants |
| 11:00 | 11:15 | ***Coffee Break*** | | |
| 11.15 | 12.00 | IPA II: new legal framework and its implementation – continued | ???? DG Enlargement | * Presentation of the IPA 2 Regulation and the Rules of Implementation * Main differences from previous IPA * Scope of assistance (priority policy areas) * Relevance of the programming process and implementation * Methods of implementation * Types of financing   + grants;   + procurement contracts for services, supplies or works;   + general or sector budget support;   + contributions to trust funds;   + financial instruments * Parallel and joint co-financing * Cooperation forms (twinning, etc.) * Deciding about modalities of financing, the type of contribution, the award modalities and the administrative provisions for the management of grants * Questions and answers session * Discussion |
| 12.00 | 13.00 | Programming IPA 2. Role of the sector leading institution |  | * IPA II programming guide * Types of Programmes * Programming news. Are programming requirements the same for all countries? * Programming documents: scope, content, interaction * Who is doing what * Programming sequence * The intervention logic, role of log frame approach * Implementation timeline (N+, D+) * Monitoring and evaluation of actions and results * Setting indicators |
| 13.00 | 14.00 | ***Lunch*** | | |
| 14.00 | 15.30 | Programming IPA 2 – Environmental sectors for consideration: **waste** | ???? DG Environment | * Discussion on priority areas and projects for the environmental sector * New developments * Achieving Waste Framework Directive targets * Approach to landfilling of waste and consequences for IPA 2 programming |
| 15.30 | 15.45 | ***Coffee Break*** | | |
| 15.45 | 17.00 | Programming IPA 2 – Environmental sectors for consideration: **waste continued** | ???? DG Environment | * Discussion on priority areas and projects for the environmental sector * New developments * Achieving Waste Framework Directive targets * Approach to landfilling of waste and consequences for IPA 2 programming * Question and answers * Round table discussion with representatives of DG Environment |
| 17.00 | 17.15 | Wrap up of the first day of the training |  |  |

**DAY 2: 6 June 2014,**

**Venue: DG Enlargement, Rue de la Loi, 15, Brussels**

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| **Start** | **Finish** | **Topic** | **Speaker** | **Sub topic/ Content** |
| 09.30 | 11.00 | Programming IPA 2 – Environmental sectors for consideration: **water** | ???? DG Environment | * Discussion on priority areas and projects for the environmental sector * New developments * Shall big agglomerations be addressed first? * Sewage networks and treatment facilities: how to prioritise? |
| 11.00 | 11.15 | ***Coffee Break*** | | |
| 11.15 | 12.30 | Programming IPA 2 – Environmental sectors for consideration: **water - continued** | ???? DG Environment | * Discussion on priority areas and projects for the environmental sector * New developments * Shall big agglomerations be addressed first? * Sewage networks and treatment facilities: how to prioritise? * Question and answers * Round table discussion with representatives of DG Environment |
| 12.30 | 14.00 | ***Lunch*** | | |
| 14.00 | 15.30 | Programming IPA 2 – Environmental sectors for consideration: **nature** | ???? DG Environment | * Discussion on priority areas and projects for the environmental sector * New developments * Question and answers * Round table discussion with representatives of DG Environment |
| 15.30 | 15.45 | ***Coffee Break*** | | |
| 15.30 | 16.30 | Combining resources: role of IFIs in extending IPA2 support | ???? IFIs coordination | * Possibilities for cooperation with IFIs when implementing IPA 2 * Available IFIs and resources for environment * IFIs priorities during 2014 - 2020 |
| 16.30 | 16.45 | Discussion |  | * Developing agenda for next IPA training |
| 16.45 | 17.00 | Wrap up of the workshop |  |  |