



# IPA TWINNING NEWS SPECIAL

## IPA Twinning Projects Pipeline - update July 2020

Project title	Circulation to Member States
<b>ALBANIA</b>	
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017  <b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management, CFCU; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 400,000  <b>Title:</b> Institution-building for alignment with the EU acquis on the protection of personal data  <b>Description:</b> Strengthening the institutional capacities of the Information and Data Protection Commissioner of Albania on supervision and monitoring the protection of personal data in both public and private sector.  <b>Sector:</b> Justice and Home Affairs  <b>Beneficiary:</b> IPA Unit of the Office of Data Protection Commissioner</p>	Launched in Q1 2020
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017  <b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management, CFCU; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 350,000  <b>Title:</b> Strengthening the Protection and the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights  <b>Description:</b> Supporting the Republic of Albania in aligning the standard of protection and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights with EU Best Practice in order to effectively conduct accession negotiations and successfully manage overall EU integration and pre-accession assistance.  <b>Sector:</b> Finance, Internal market and economic criteria  <b>Beneficiary:</b> General Directorate of Industrial Property (Autonomous Agency under the Ministry of Finance and Economy)</p>	Launched in Q1 2020
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017  <b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management, CFCU; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 400,000  <b>Title:</b> Support to the Albanian Customs Administration in relation to the implementation of the EU Customs Code and also in preparation for the interoperability with the EU-IT system for the counterfeit goods  <b>Description:</b> To assist the Albanian Customs Administration (ACA) in aligning tertiary legislation and guidelines with the EU acquis and best practices also in preparation for the interoperability with the EU-IT system for the counterfeit</p>	Launched in Q2 2020

<p>goods.</p> <p><b>Sector:</b> Finance, Internal market and economic criteria</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> General Directorate of Customs (Ministry of Finance and Economy)</p>	
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017</p> <p><b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management, CFCU; Standard Twinning</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> EUR 400,000</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Strengthening the overall capacity and effectiveness of the Agency for Energy Efficiency</p> <p><b>Description:</b> To assist the newly established Agency for Energy Efficiency to develop the legislative and institutional framework in accordance with Union acquis and law 124/2015 on Energy Efficiency, and support the development of its institutional functions as well as to implement the new regulations.</p> <p><b>Sector:</b> Energy</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Agency for Energy Efficiency (Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy)</p>	Postponed for 2021
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017</p> <p><b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management, CFCU; Twinning Light</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> EUR 250,000</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Support in upgrading tourism services</p> <p><b>Description:</b> To support the sustainable improvement of the performance of the tourism sector as part of the process for the diversification of the Albanian economy.</p> <p><b>Sector:</b> Other - Tourism</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> National Tourism Agency (NTA - under the supervision of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment)</p>	Postponed for 2021
<b>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</b>	
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017</p> <p><b>Management mode:</b> Direct management; Standard Twinning</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> EUR 600,000</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Further support to Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA) of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p><b>Description:</b> The aim of the Twinning is to improve overall performance of Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA) by applying new laws, procedures and well-developed effective systems of customs, VAT and excise controls.</p> <p><b>Sector:</b> Customs and Taxation</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	Launched in Q2 2020
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017</p> <p><b>Management mode:</b> Direct management; Standard Twinning</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> EUR 1,700,000</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Further support to the reform of statistics system in Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p><b>Description:</b> To strengthen the statistical system, institutional capacities and further harmonize statistics in Bosnia and Herzegovina with EU standards by improving Business statistics, Balance of payments; Agriculture statistics; Labor force statistics; Energy statistics; and to improve ITA Governing Board in the field of indirect tax policy by improving reporting/statistics on collected indirect taxes.</p> <p><b>Sector:</b> Statistics</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Institute for</p>	Planned for Q3 2020

<p>Statistics of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Institute for Statistics of Republika Srpska, the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Macroeconomic Analysis Unit of the Governing Board of the Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2020  <b>Management mode:</b> Direct management; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 1,000,000  <b>Title:</b> Enhance functioning and cooperation of the anti-corruption sector institutions while building on previous IPA projects dedicated to corruption prevention  <b>Sector:</b> Anticorruption  <b>Beneficiary:</b> 14 anticorruption bodies in Bosnia and Herzegovina and other relevant public institutions</p>	<p>Planned for Q4 2020</p>
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017  <b>Management mode:</b> Direct management; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 650,000  <b>Title:</b> Strengthening the Institutional Capacities of the Institution of the Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Efficient Implementation of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM)/ Preventive Mechanism (PM)  <b>Description:</b> To support the efficient implementation of anti-discrimination policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina within the process of harmonization of legislation with the Union <i>acquis</i> and international standards. To strengthen the capacities of the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina for combating torture and ill treatment of all persons deprived of liberty.  <b>Sector:</b> Human Rights  <b>Beneficiary:</b> Institution of the Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	<p>Planned for Q3 2020</p>
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> 2017/ 040-524 Objective 3  <b>Management mode:</b> Direct management; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 1,000,000  <b>Title:</b> EU 4 Fight against Cybercrime in BiH  <b>Description:</b> To combat illegal acts and fight against organized crime. The Twinning support by EU MS is expected to improve the operational capacity of law enforcement agencies to better fight against cybercrime in line with the EU and international standards and best practices.  <b>Sector:</b> Home Affairs  <b>Beneficiary:</b> The project will be target all law enforcement authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina responsible for combating cybercrime as main beneficiaries of the project:  - The Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the State Investigation and Protection Agency –SIPA, the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Agency for Forensic and Expert Examinations;  - The Ministry of Interior of Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina;  - The Ministry of Interior of Republica Srpska  - Ten Cantonal Ministries of Interior;  - The Brčko District Police</p>	<p>Planned for Q3/Q4 2020</p>

## KOSOVO<sup>1</sup>

**Budget Year:** IPA 2016

**Management mode:** Indirect management, CFCU; Standard Twinning

**Budget:** EUR 1,000,000

**Description:** The project will further build the Capacity of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Finance to effectively transpose and implement the EU Services Directive in the internal market in Kosovo. The Twinning will in particular focus on the amendment of the legislation, establishment of the Point of Single Contract and its impact assessment, simplification of administrative procedures, awareness campaign targeting the Kosovo private sector, service providers, professional associations, Chambers of Commerce as well as general public/Kosovo consumers and consumers association.

**Sector:** Internal market

**Beneficiary:** Ministry of Economy, Trade and Finance

Launched in Q1 2020

## SERBIA

**Budget Year:** IPA 2016

**Management mode:** Indirect management, CFCU; Standard Twinning

**Budget:** EUR 1,000,000

**Title:** Improvement of forest management in Serbia as a contribution to climate change adaptation and mitigation

**Description:** The overall objective of the project is to strengthen capacities of forestry sector in Serbia to be able to implement obligations stemming from EU standards and regulations in the field of forestry and forestry related fields, including timber market, subsidies, NATURA 2000 and bio economy.

**Sector:** Agriculture and Fisheries

**Beneficiary:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management - Directorate of Forests

Launched in Q1 2020

**Budget Year:** IPA 2017

**Management mode:** Indirect management, CFCU; Standard Twinning

**Budget:** EUR 2,000,000

**Title:** Strengthening capacities (human and legal) of administrative and law enforcement institutions responsible for financial investigations, fight against terrorism financing and fight against organized crime

**Description:** The overall objective of the project is to support Serbian administration to effectively meet requirements and conditions deriving from the accession negotiations and successfully manage overall EU integration and pre-accession assistance geared towards EU membership focusing on key areas, mainly in relation to fight against organized crime, fight against terrorism financing and fight against cybercrime.

**Sector:** Justice and Home Affairs

**Beneficiary:** Ministry of Interior

Planned for Q3/Q4 2020

**Budget Year:** IPA 2018

**Management mode:** Indirect management, CFCU; Standard Twinning

**Budget:** EUR 1,500,000

**Title:** Strengthening national institutional capacities in the field of Substance of

Planned for Q3/Q4 2020

<sup>1</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

<p>Human Origins (SoHO)</p> <p><b>Description:</b> The overall objective of the project is to support improvement of the competencies and functioning of the Competent Authority with specific emphasis on the surveillance and inspectorate system, and increase of the institutional capacities and technical conditions of the most relevant SoHO institutions. It will contribute to ensuring completion of the legislation in force, presenting Directive 2002/98/EC, 2004/23/EC and 2010/53/EU with corresponding technical directives fully transposed, and Competent Authority and SoHO institutions operating in accordance with the EU Directives and requirements in the field of biomedicine.</p> <p><b>Sector:</b> Health and Consumer Protection</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Ministry of Health</p>	
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2018</p> <p><b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management, CFCU; Standard Twinning</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> EUR 1,500,000</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Reinforcement of consumer protection in Serbia as a respond to the new market challenges</p> <p><b>Sector:</b> Health and Consumer Protection</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications</p>	Planned for Q3/Q4 2020
<b>THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA</b>	
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2018</p> <p><b>Management mode:</b> Direct management; Standard Twinning</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> EUR 1,600,000</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Strengthening external audit</p> <p><b>Description:</b> This call for proposals for a Twinning contract will aim at improving the improving the efficiency and impact of the external audit in North Macedonia. More specifically, the project will pursue the following results: 1). Strengthening the capacities of the State Audit office to perform financial and performance audits and increase the audit coverage of the total public expenditure and 2). Enhancing the interaction between the State audit office and the Parliament</p> <p><b>Sector:</b> Finance, Internal Market and economic criteria</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> State Audit Office</p>	Launched in Q1 2020
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017</p> <p><b>Management mode:</b> EUIF, Direct management; Standard Twinning</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> EUR 700,000</p> <p><b>Title:</b> Support to the implementation of the modernized data protection legal framework</p> <p><b>Description:</b> The Twinning will focus on: 1. Strengthening the legal and institutional framework for implementation novelties of the new Law for Personal Data Protection; 2. Enhanced capacity of DPDP staff to implement the new data protection framework according to European best practices; 3. Awareness about the rights and obligations of the new data protection framework improved</p> <p><b>Sector:</b> Justice and Home Affairs</p> <p><b>Beneficiary:</b> Directorate for Personal Data Protection of the Republic of North Macedonia</p>	Planned for Q4 2019
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2020</p>	Planned for Q4 2020

<p><b>Management mode:</b> Direct management; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 500,000  <b>Title:</b> Strengthened Freedom of expression  <b>Description:</b> Activity 5.1 - PSB and the Regulator. Assistance for the reform of the Public Service Broadcaster and strengthening the capacity of the Agency for audio and audio-visual media services. This activity involves strategic advice, coaching and on the job training for the two institutions.  <b>Sector:</b> Justice and Home Affairs  <b>Beneficiary:</b> Public Service Broadcaster</p>	
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> Multi-annual country action for environment and climate action (2014-2016)  <b>Management mode:</b> Direct management; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 1,000,000  <b>Description:</b> Support in the implementation of the waste management legislation and extended producer responsibility scheme  <b>Sector:</b> Environment  <b>Beneficiary:</b> Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning</p>	Planned for Q4 2020
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017 (AD EESP education, employment and social policy)  <b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 1,500,000  <b>Title:</b> Further support to the implementation of the National Qualifications Framework  <b>Description:</b> Under the IPA II the further implementation of the NQF will be built towards establishing a coordinated and more effective system of quality assurance in qualifications development, validation and accreditation process. This will enable the process of development and acquisition of knowledge, skills and competences. The IPA II support in this area will build on the groundwork of IPA I and will further strengthen the institutional structure responsible for the NQF. It will support establishment and operationalization of the sector qualifications committees, where the employers have an active and direct role. As vital to the employability of young adults, support for the process of development of learning outcomes, as well as validation of non-formal and informal learning is also foreseen.  <b>Sector:</b> Education  <b>Beneficiary:</b> Ministry of Education and Science</p>	Planned for Q4 2020
<b>MONTENEGRO</b>	
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2018  <b>Management mode:</b> Direct management; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 1,900,000  <b>Title:</b> Twinning To Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development  <b>Description:</b> The Twinning project is intended to provide support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development in order to further strengthened administrative capacities to design and program agricultural policy in the area of Common Market Organization, cross-compliance, direct payments and other key areas.  <b>Sector:</b> Agriculture and fisheries  <b>Beneficiary:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development</p>	Postponed
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2017  <b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management; Twinning light</p>	Planned for Q3 2020

<p><b>Budget:</b> EUR 250,000  <b>Title:</b> Development of Integrated Tool and Update of Air Emissions Inventory for the period 2011-2019  <b>Description:</b> The Twinning project is intended To build the capacity of Nature and Environmental Protection Agency of Montenegro (NEPA) for regular reporting on air emissions and emissions of greenhouse gasses (GHG) and enabling the sustainability of the national air emission and GHG inventory.  <b>Sector:</b> Environment and Climate Action  <b>Beneficiary:</b> Nature and Environment Protection Agency</p>	
<b>TURKEY</b>	
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> TR 16 IPA JH 01 20  <b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management CFCU; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 2,000,000  <b>Title:</b> Improving Turkish Notary System  <b>Description:</b> Overall objective is to provide a better functioning of the notary system in order to ensure public confidence to judiciary. The specific objective is to improve the institutional capacity of notary system and to diversify the works of the notaries in line with the European standards in order to ensure quality, effectiveness, efficiency and gender equality of its services.  <b>Sector:</b> Justice and Home Affairs  <b>Beneficiary:</b> Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Justice</p>	Cancelled
<p><b>Budget Year:</b> IPA 2016  <b>Management mode:</b> Indirect management CFCU; Standard Twinning  <b>Budget:</b> EUR 2,000,000  <b>Title:</b> Improving the Effectiveness of Family Courts: Better Protection of the Rights of Family Members  <b>Description:</b> The overall objective is to contribute to proper functioning and effectiveness of the judiciary with regard to family justice system in line with EU standards. The specific objective is to improve the effectiveness of family courts in order to provide better protection for the rights of women, children and other family members.  <b>Sector:</b> Justice and Home Affairs  <b>Beneficiary:</b> The Republic of Turkey, Justice Academy of Turkey (JAT)</p>	Cancelled