



EU funds and programs

Improvement of the Roma position

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- EU funds made available to Serbia in order to prepare it for EU membership
- Necessity to meet conditions, including protection of human rights and minority rights
- Assistance can be financial (IPA) and also technical – assistance in adoption of the harmonized laws (example law banning discrimination)



IPA - *Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance*

- Financial grant is donated to EU candidate countries and potential candidate countries for EU membership
- Includes existing pre-accession instruments: PHARE, SAPARD, ISPA, CARDS, as well as pre-accession instrument for Turkey
- Unified pre-accession instrument for EU for the budget period from 2007 to 2013
- Available funds for all the potential candidate countries/ candidate countries : **11,5 billion Euro**



Allocations foreseen per countries

IPA financial framework (in billion of Euro)	2007	2008	2009
Croatia	138.5	146.0	151.2
Macedonia	58.5	70.2	81.8
Turkey	497.2	538.7	566.4
Albania	61.0	70.7	81.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	62.1	74.8	89.1
Montenegro	31.4	32.6	33.3
Serbia	186.7	190.9	194.8
(Kosovo – RSBUN 1244)	63.3	64.7	66.1



Components of IPA

1. Assistance in transition and institution building
2. Cross border cooperation
3. Regional development
4. Human resource development
5. Rural development

Authorized proposal makers: responsible ministries; special organizations established by the law on ministries; Government services; National assembly; National bank of Serbia.



Access to the components by countries

Beneficiary countries	Access to components
Candidates for membership in EU (Turkey, Croatia and Macedonia)	1,2,3,4,5
Potential candidates for membership (Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania)	1,2



IPA funds anticipated for Serbia

Components	2007	2008	2009	2010
Assistance for transition and institution building (million €)	164.8	179.4	182.6	186.2
Cross border cooperation (million €)	8.2	11.5	12.2	12.5
Total (million €)	186.7	190.9	194.8	198.7



National IPA program of Serbia for 2007

- 36 projects accepted (from the first component of IPA – transitional support and capacity building)
- Total value: 164.836.352 Euro



Project 11 (IPA 2007):

Human rights and minority protection

- Support given to the agency for human rights with the aim to achieve the priority of the European partnership in the area of human and minority rights
- Agency capacity building including the Roma National Strategy Secretariat
- Project budget: 1,5 billion Euro



CARDS 2004

- Support for return and reintegration process of refugees and internally displaced persons in Serbia (9 million Euro), part of which was particularly related to displaced persons of Roma nationality (for training and obtaining education for “life skills” **self sustainable independent life**; *Legal Assistance related to registration and documentation will be provided as well as projects to support income generation to facilitate self reliance*).

CARDS 2005

- Support devoted to refugees and internally displaced persons (12.5 million Euro) Part of which, also, was particularly related to displaced persons of Roma nationality

CARDS 2006 (multi-beneficiary)

- Social inclusion and access to human rights for the Roma , Ashkalis and Egyptians in the West Balkans
- Struggle against social exclusion: Universal registration of birth in Serbia (which will be financed by European Union through UNICEF and UNHCR)



Programs of European Union

- **CULTURE 2007**

→ http://ec.europa.eu/culture/index_en.htm
<http://www.ccp-serbia.org/>

- **YOUTH IN ACTION (*Youth in action*)**

→ http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm

- **PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SAFETY (*Progress*)**

→ http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/progress/index_en.html

- ***Erasmus Mundus***

→ http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72_en.htm
<http://tempus.ac.yu/erasmus-mundus>



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