

IPA Annual Programme 2008 for Kosovo

Summary of Projects grouped per priority axis:

Priority axis	IPA support (EUR m)	Project Description (Expected Results and Indicative Implementation Schedule)
Priority axis 1 Political Criteria		
Project 1 Strengthening the Rule of Law	13,00	<p>Results: Capacity of Kosovo's institutions to provide legal education, to approximate legislation with EU standards, to tackle asylum and migration issues, and border/boundary management is strengthened.</p> <p>Implementation: 3 twinning contracts (EUR 3,5 million, EUR 2,5 million and EUR 1 million indicatively), at least one works and 1-3 supplies accompanied with relevant services if appropriate, executed in Q1 2009- Q3 2011.</p>
Project 2 Preserving Cultural Heritage in Kosovo	2,50	<p>Results: Legal, educational and economic aspects of the rehabilitation of cultural heritage are increasingly managed by the Kosovo authorities, and relevant actions are integrated in the local development strategies in pilot regions.</p> <p>Implementation: Joint management (contribution agreement) with the Council of Europe executed in Q1 2009- Q3 2011.</p>
Project 3 Public Finance Administration	6,00	<p>Results: Increased financial management capacity of Kosovo's public institutions including Supreme Audit Institution, and subsequent capacity of Kosovo's ministries to plan and implement public investments.</p> <p>Implementation: 1 twinning contract (EUR 1 million indicatively) and 1-2 service contracts executed in Q2 2009 – Q3 2011.</p>
Project 4 Public Administration Reform (EU Integration)	4,00	<p>Results: Enhanced management and coordination capacities of the Agency for European Integration under the Deputy Prime Minister's Office, including the coordination of EU assistance to Kosovo and ensuring enhanced knowledge on the EU among civil servants.</p> <p>Implementation: 1 twinning contract (EUR 2,5 million indicatively) and a service contract executed in Q2 2009 – Q3 2011.</p>
Project 5 Support to Media and Civil Society	2,50	<p>Results: Capacity of Kosovo Media Institute and involvement of the civil society in policy-making and awareness-rising in the areas of environment and equal opportunities are strengthened.</p> <p>Implementation: 2 service contracts, a grant scheme to civil society organisations executed in Q2 2009 – Q3 2011.</p>
Project 6 Sustainable Return and Reintegration	4,00	<p>Results: Increased capacity at municipal level to design and manage return and reintegration projects to ensure sustainable return of IDPs and refugees in target municipalities.</p> <p>Implementation: A grant contract after (or without if appropriate) calls for proposals with an international organisation executed in Q1 2009 – Q4 2010.</p>
Priority axis 2 Economic Criteria	69,10	
Project 7 Rural Development	4,00	<p>Results: The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development is prepared for the administration and implementation of the Agriculture and Rural Development Plan 2007-2013 of Kosovo, reviewed for consistency</p>

System and Pilot Testing		with EU pre-accession assistance to agriculture and rural development provisions. Farm register is set up and organisational structures for land consolidation are operational. Implementation: 1 twinning contract (EUR 1,5 million indicatively) and 1-2 service contracts executed in Q3 2009 – Q3 2011.
Project 8 Support to Energy Efficiency and Transmission	9,50	Results: Energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy resources is promoted and increased, and electricity transmission systems are upgraded in line with the requirements deriving from the Energy Community Treaty. Implementation: 2-3 service contracts, at least 1 works and 1 supply executed in Q4 2009 – Q4 2012.
Project 9 Support to Privatisation Process	6,00	Results: The privatisation and liquidation of remaining socially owned enterprises in Kosovo is completed. Implementation: A grant contract without calls for proposals as provided in Article 168 of the IR with the Kosovo Trust Agency executed in Q3 2009 – Q3 2011.
Project 10 Support to Mines and Minerals Sector	1,00	Results: Credible baseline information on Kosovo's mineral resources available for sustainable planning and management of mines and minerals sector, including for attracting foreign investments. Implementation: A service contract executed in Q2 2009 – Q2 2011.
Project 11 Municipal Infrastructure	14,00	Results: Improved social and economic infrastructure in selected municipalities in Kosovo. Implementation: One service contract and up to 7 works contracts executed in Q1 2009 – Q4 2012.
Project 12 Regional Development Structures and Instruments	6,60	Results: A structure with corresponding instruments for regional development created and put in operation in Kosovo. Implementation: 1-2 service contracts, grant contracts with regional development agencies, a grant scheme for local beneficiaries ¹ executed in Q4 2008 – Q4 2011.
Project 13 Support to Education and Employment	10,00	Results: Vocational Education and Training sector's accreditation and standards are established, and the quality and management of the general education system in Kosovo are improved. Implementation: 3-4 service contracts and 1-2 supplies executed in Q2 2009 – Q2 2012.
Project 14 Improving Environment	18,00	Results: Drinking water supply is improved in Mitrovica and Pristina regions and remaining dumpsites in Kosovo are closed. Implementation: 6-7 service contracts and 4 works contracts executed in Q4 2008 – Q4 2012.
Priority axis 3 European Standards	10,02	
Project 15 Support to Animal	3,02	Results: Improved animal identification and registration system in Kosovo and strengthened control and eradication of classical swine fever and rabies

¹ A grant scheme for local beneficiaries will be financed through the funds transferred from Component II to Component I and will serve as pilot testing of structures and instruments needed for the implementation of further CBC activities.

Identification and Registration		in the Western Balkans' region. Implementation: 1-2 service contracts and 1-3 supplies executed in Q2 2009 – Q4 2010.
Project 16 Support to Civil Aviation Regulatory Office	1,00	Results: Capacity of the Civil Aviation Regulator in Kosovo enhanced enabling aviation authorities to implement the European Common Aviation Area Agreement and to carry out aviation activities in accordance with the EU aviation acquis and the International Civil Aviation Organisation standards and recommended practices. Implementation: A twinning contract (EUR 1 million indicatively) executed Q3 2009 – Q3 2011.
Project 17 Support to the Statistical Office of Kosovo	1,50	Results: Capacity of the Statistical Office of Kosovo is strengthened including to prepare, carry out and disseminate the results of the Population and Housing Census following international standards and requirements. Implementation: A service contract executed in Q3 2009 – Q4 2011.
Project 18 Support to Health	1,50	Results: Donor coordination is enhanced in the health sector in Kosovo with a view to also develop a health strategy that helps improve national preparedness to human health threats and develop systems for health monitoring and diseases surveillance. The Kosovo Medicines Agency is able to comply with the European Medicines Agency's Standards. Implementation: 1 twinning contract (EUR 1 million indicatively) and a service contract executed in Q2 2009 – Q2 2011.
Project 19 Strengthening Customs and Taxation	3,00	Results: Efficient and EU standardised Customs and Tax Services in Kosovo are set up enabling a reduction of smuggling and organised crime and improved domestic revenue collection. Implementation: 1-2 service contracts executed in Q1 2009 – Q2 2011.
Priority axis 7 Support Activities	11,58	
Project 20 Reserve and Technical Assistance Facility	11,58	Results: The Agency for European Integration under the Prime Minister's Office is able to timely initiate and prepare interventions related to capacity building or of other urgent and currently unforeseeable nature. Implementation: Procurement (services, works and supplies) and grants, in total 10-15 contracts indicatively executed in Q1 2009 – Q4 2013.
TOTAL	122,70	

Projects under the IPA Multi-Beneficiary Programme 2008, and other linked horizontal measures for 2008 complementing the current programme

Close coordination and complementarity will be sought with the other EU instruments which are not part of this annual programme.

Two **multi-beneficiary** projects, supporting the whole Western Balkans' regions are financed from the IPA geographical envelopes, including Kosovo:

- TEMPUS – EUR 1.8 million to ensure that Mitrovica and Pristina universities in Kosovo and the teachers and students are fully included in partnership and studies with and/or in European universities.
- Nuclear Safety – EUR 0.2 million for Kosovo to participate in regional activities of nuclear safety and radiation protection.

Other projects under the Multi-Beneficiary Programme should also cover Kosovo in the scope of their activities attributed to the whole Western Balkans' region. They should complement the Kosovo programme in respective sectors with regional cooperation and coordination dimensions.

In addition to IPA programme the 2007-2010 programme of the AIDCO-managed **European Instrument for Human Rights and Democracy (EIDHR)** includes an annual allocation of €0.9 million for Kosovo in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The programme should result in responding to the human rights challenges identified in the 'Political Requirements' section of the MIPD. The programme should be implemented through grant schemes to civil society organisations.

In addition to IPA programme in 2008, a pilot action on **cultural heritage** in war affected areas of the Western Balkans is foreseen with sub-projects in Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina, both coordinated by DG ELARG Regional Programmes' unit. The allocation for Kosovo is EUR 1.5 million.