

IPA in the scope of ERA technical assistance to the Western Balkans and Turkey 2018/2019

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Who?

European Commission, DG NEAR

Biennial Pillar Assessed Grant Agreements of DG NEAR with ERA negotiated and signed in December 2015 (for 2016 – 2017) and December 2017 (for 2018 – 2019)

Project profile and scope

What?

A structured instrument for providing pre-accession assistance and support in the field of institutional building, transposition of EU law, training of experts of EU candidates and potential candidates.

Implementation period

When?

01/01/2016 – 31/12/2017

01/01/2018 – 31/12/2019

Budget available

How much?

300.000 EUR (2016 – 2017)

200.000 EUR (2018 – 2019)

Reasons/Necessity of the measures

Why?

Enhancement of cooperation and support to the Western Balkans and Turkey with view future or potential EU membership

EU Candidates

North Macedonia

Montenegro

Serbia

Turkey

Albania



EU Potential Candidates

Bosnia and Herzegovina

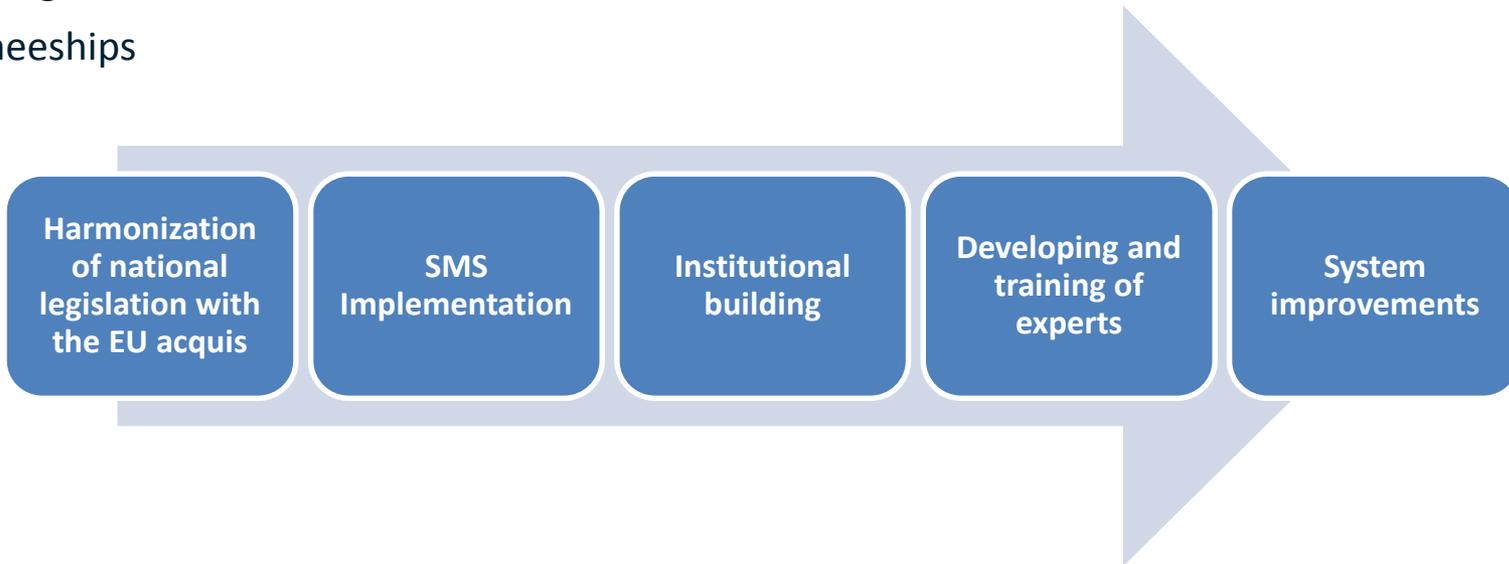
Kosovo*

* 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.

Description of the action

What was done?

- Dissemination activities by ERA staff
- Participation of officials of IPA beneficiaries to ERA networks
- Assistance (incl. collection and evaluation of national rules of Balkan countries and Turkey)
- Translations
- Trainings
- Traineeships



SUMMARY OF IPA II ACTIVITIES 2018

1. Workshop on International Railway Legislation 6 – 7 February 2018, Belgarde
2. Study visit to NIB Bosnia and Herzegovina 7 March 2018, Doboj
3. Participation of experts of Serbia, Turkey and North Macedonia to 7th TAF TSI Regional Workshop
7 – 8 March 2018, Bucharest
4. Participation of experts of IPA beneficiaries to the European Rail Safety Summit
11 - 12 April 2018 Dubrovnik
5. Participation of experts of IPA beneficiaries to the TEN-T Days 2018 25 – 27 April 2018, Ljubljana
6. Meeting with representatives of Institutions of North Macedonia 17 - 18 May 2018, Skopje
7. Participation of experts of IPA beneficiaries to the 48th Plenary meeting of the Network of NSAs
and 37th Plenary meeting of the Network of NIBs 29 – 31 May 2018, Valenciennes
8. Meeting with Railway Inspection Directorate of the Republic of Albania focused on EU
requirements for training and licensing of train drivers as well as requirements for recognition of
training organizations 27 June 2018 Durrës
9. Workshop on Rail Safety Accident Investigation 11 – 12 September 2018 Lisbon
10. Participation of experts of IPA beneficiaries to the 6th Regional Workshop on development of
Railway Safety and Interoperability 16 – 17 October 2018 Budapest

SUMMARY OF IPA II ACTIVITIES 2019

1. Seminar SMS, safety culture, human and organisational factors 12-14.02.2019 Belgrade
2. Accident investigation workshop with NIB AL 04.04.2019 Durres
3. Voluntary assessment visit of NIB Bosnia and Herzegovina 15.-17.05.2019 Doboij
4. Seminar NIB peer review 21.-22.05.2019 Valenciennes
5. Participation at 40th NIB network meeting 22.-23.05.2019 Valenciennes
6. 1st meeting of task force "cleaning up of rules" 27.06.2019 Istanbul
7. 2nd meeting of task force "cleaning up of rules" 24-25.09.2019 Durrës
8. meeting of ETCS experts at ERA CCRCC 2019 conference 15-17.10.2019 Valenciennes
9. NIB Peer review NIB Serbia 22.-24.10.2019 Belgrade
10. Participation at 52nd NSA Network meeting 05.-06.11.2019 Valenciennes
11. IPA II summit 13.-14.11.2019 Belgrade

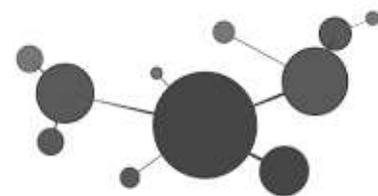
Translations: 100 - 150 pages translated upon request of beneficiaries

Trainees: 2 trainees (expected duration of traineeships max 3 months)

Participation to NSA Network meetings

29 – 30 May 2018, Valenciennes
05-06 November 2019, Valenciennes

- Integration of IPA beneficiaries' experts to the EU network of NSAs + NIBs
- Monitoring progress of IPA beneficiaries with the implementation of EU acquis
- Supporting beneficiaries in preparing their pre-accession action plans
- Facilitating the implementation of procedural and structural reforms in beneficiaries administrations



Expert Network

Participation to NIB Network meetings

30.-31.May 2018, Valenciennes
22.-23.May 2019, Valenciennes

- Integration of IPA beneficiaries' experts to the EU network of NIBs
- Monitoring progress of IPA beneficiaries with the implementation of EU acquis in the field of accident investigation
- Increasing the competence of accident investigators of IPA beneficiaries Accident Investigation Authorities
- Support institutional building in IPA beneficiaries



Better understanding of the EU legislative requirements in the field of railway safety

Integration to the EU networks of NSAs and NIBs

Increased competence and certification of experts on accident investigation, experts involved in recognition of railway training organizations, experts responsible to draft and harmonize national regulations

Better understanding of the newly adopted 4th Railway package

Alignment of national rules with EC and OTIF regulations

Awareness of EU methodology for accident investigation

Awareness of EU requirements on SMS implementation, safety culture and Human Fact.

Facilitation of experience exchange between experts of the region and EU experts

Detailed answers of sophisticated railway legislation issues

Guidelines and support to Institutional building



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