

Regular IPA II assistance on migration & border control

Ongoing projects at the final stage of implementation:

- IPA 2015: Establishment of Video surveillance system at international border crossings in Bosnia and Herzegovina **(1.5 MEUR)**;
- IPA 2015: Provision of Automatic Licence Plate Recognition System at the BiH Border Points **(745,000 EUR)**

Projects under preparation:

- IPA 2017 - Upgrade the existing Migration Information System **2.5 MEUR** (supply)
- IPA 2017- Provision of the IT equipment to the BiH Border Police **2 MEUR** (supply)

Projects to be implemented

- Under IPA 2018, it is foreseen to provide **3.5 MEUR** assistance to establish an automated fingerprint and palm print identification system – **AFIS**
- Under IPA 2020, we have **planned 4 MEUR euro for the enhancement of the border management through two projects :**
 - 1.5 MEUR to ensure minimum equipment of border crossings in BiH in accordance with EU standards and the Rulebook on standards and conditions for the construction and equipment of border crossings.
 - The activity encompasses the procurement and equipping of border crossings with modern equipment for the detection of hidden persons in means of transport, equipment for authenticity control, analysis and verification of suspicious documents, equipment for inspection of space under and inside vehicles, luggage and all other hard-to-access and dangerous places, including the equipment for the control and surveillance of parts of the state border between border crossings and specialist equipment in accordance with the Rulebook on standards of construction and equipment of border crossings.
 - 2.5 million euro is planned for the upgrading and expansion of Migration Information System (ISM) through the expansion of biometrics module and security and availability of data in IMS. This activity is a continuation of activities to strengthen the capacity of agencies and institutions in the sector responsible for managing migration and asylum. Implementation of the first phase is planned through IPA 2017, while the second phase will be implemented through this activity.

Beside these four million euro allocated for the border management under IPA 2020, additional 16 MEUR have been allocated for the law enforcement agencies. Nine million are foreseen for the equipment and 11 will be implemented through different grants.

The main focus of the law enforcement assistance will be:

1) to enhance capacity of LEAs and specific authorities in relation to fight against transnational organised crime including fighting against terrorism, money laundering, drugs, cybercrime, prevention of radicalisation and violent extremism in BiH. In addition it will further support development of the country's personal data protection capacity.

2) to further enhance IT capacity of the LEAs and further increase data security and exchange. It will ensure and support the procurement of specific IT equipment for LEAs to better fight against transnational crime.

On going projects in the domain of Home Affairs

1. Support to law enforcement agencies (IPA 2015)

Project: IPA 2015 (4 M EUR): *Data Management and data protection, data security, electronic data exchange project is divided by two component (1.1) delivery of hardware (1.2) provision of professional and specialised IT training:*

"Enhance the quality and safety of information exchange among Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) in BiH" (3.2 M EUR IT supply)

"Improvement of the human resource capacities in the Law Enforcement Agencies IT sector in BiH" 0.5 M EUR IT Training, IPA/2019/408-147)

2. EU support to home affairs to combat illegal acts project are under preparation (IPA 2017)

- 1.) 1 M EUR *Cybercrime TWG* is under approval, project to start in Q4 2020
- 2.) 4 M EUR *Legal Interception* IT equipment, implementation to start in Q4 2020,
- 3.) 1,5 M EUR *Classified Information* IT project, preparation is ongoing

3. In the area of Civil Protection the supply (1,000,000 EUR) of civil protection equipment and vehicles to civil protection institutions is completely delivered. The ultimate aim was to enhance responsiveness and resilience of the civil protection sector in BiH. Some of the delivered equipment is used during the current C-19 pandemic.

The TA project '**EU4Civil Protection**' is funded by the EU with 1,5 MEUR and implemented by the Ministry of the Interior of Croatia and the Association for Risk Management (AZUR) from BiH.

This particular important EU project was designed in close cooperation with the Ministry of Security of BiH and the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) in Brussels.

The Action shall facilitate the cooperation of all civil protection actors in BiH for achieving increased coordination, interoperability and responsiveness in case of a disaster.

Ultimately the action shall help to prepare BiH to become a participating state in the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) and enhance resilience down to the municipal level.

Before joining the UCPM the EU needs to be assured that a functioning civil protection mechanism exists within BiH.

Already today BiH can receive assistance through the UCPM in a 'third country' capacity as already happened during the floods 2014 or also more recently following the C19 outbreak.

The project implementation is delayed due to the C-19 situation and this might result in a no-cost-extension of the action.