



## Ministry for Development and Competitiveness



IPA Cross-Border PROGRAMME  
**Greece - Albania**  
2007-2013  
FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD TO PARTNERSHIP

The Programme is co-funded  
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### **1<sup>ST</sup> CALL FOR STRATEGIC PROJECT PROPOSALS SUMMARY** **“GREECE – ALBANIA”** **IPA CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMME 2007-2013**

#### **1. Context**

The “Greece –Albania IPA Cross-border Programme” 2007-2013 is a cross border co-operation Programme co-financed by the European Union under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA).

Territorial cooperation for the eligible regions constitutes both a challenge and an opportunity for the programming period 2007-2013. Polycentric spatial development with a new relationship between urban and rural areas, parity of access to infrastructure and knowledge, along with wise management of the natural and cultural heritage, represent already major objectives for balanced and sustainable growth. Within this framework, the **priorities** which constitute the policy outline for the convergence in the area of intervention of the specific Programme are:

- **Priority 1:** Enhancement of cross-border economic development
- **Priority 2:** Promotion and development of the environment and natural and cultural resources

#### Suspension Clause

For project partners in Albania, the conclusion of contracts with the Albanian Lead Partner is subject to the entering into effect of the Financing Agreements between the European Commission and the Republic of Albania concerning the IPA Cross-border Programme Albania - Greece under the IPA Component II for the years 2012 and 2013.

#### **2. Priorities, Measures and Strategic Themes**

The present call for proposals is open to both Programme Priorities and to the two of the six related Measures, namely:

The priorities of the present call or the “Strategic Themes” are:

- **Theme 1:** Infrastructure for Cross-border accessibility, as part of **Measure 1.4: Facilitation of Border Accessibility Through Small-Scale Infrastructure**
- **Theme 2:** Fostering tourism, preferably with the synergy of energy efficiency, as part of **Measure 2.1: Promote and protect the environmental resources of the area.**

### 3. Programme Area

The eligible programme area is indicated in the table below:

**Table 1: Eligible NUTS III or equivalent regions**

Country	Prefecture/District
<b>GREECE</b>	Prefecture of Ioannina
	Prefecture of Thesprotia
	Prefecture of Florina
	Prefecture of Kastoria
	Prefecture of Kerkira
	Prefecture of Grevena*
<b>ALBANIA</b>	District of Gjirokaster
	District of Korçë
	District of Vlorë

\* adjacent area

### 4. Budget available

The total budget available for the present call is **7.892.788 €** (including EU Contribution and National Co-Financing) and is allocated by Country and **indicatively** per Priority Axis/Strategic Theme, as follows:

**Table 2: Budget Available for Beneficiaries from Greece**

PRIORITY AXIS:			
P.A · No	STRATEGIC THEMES	INDICATIVE BUDGET ALLOCATION (€)	
		EUROPEAN UNION CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL BUDGET
1	<b>Infrastructure for Cross-border accessibility</b>	1.050.000,00	<b>1.4000.000,00</b>
2	<b>Fostering of tourism, preferably with the synergy of energy efficiency</b>	2.100.000,00	<b>2.800.000,00</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>		3.150.000,00	<b>4.200.000,00</b>

The EU Co-Financing rate is 75%

**Table 3: Budget Available for Beneficiaries from Albania**

PRIORITY AXIS:			
P.A · No	STRATEGIC THEMES	INDICATIVE BUDGET ALLOCATION (€)	
		EUROPEAN UNION CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL BUDGET
1	<b>Infrastructure for Cross-border accessibility</b>	1.569.435,00	<b>1.846.394,00</b>
2	<b>Fostering of tourism, preferably with the synergy of energy efficiency</b>	1.569.435,00	<b>1.846.394,00</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>		3.138.870,00	<b>3.692.788,00</b>

The EU Co-Financing rate is 85%

## 5. Project size - Duration

Projects must have a minimum budget of **2.000.000 €**. The minimum budget per project Partner cannot be lower than 100.000,00 €. It should be noted that, the total amount of funding for the Greek Project Partners, or the total amount of funding the Albanian Project Partners, participating in each project should not overcome 60% of the project's total budget.

Projects should be concluded within a maximum period of twenty four (24) months after the signing of the Contract between the Managing Authority and the Overall Lead Partner.

## 6. Eligible Partnerships

Project proposals must include *at least* one partner from the Programme area (eligible or adjacent) of each country participating in the Programme. For Albania, an organization from central government may be considered as partner from the programme area according to its competences.

All projects shall be developed and managed according to the Lead Partner Principle. Partner's from each country shall appoint a Lead Partner among them that shall assume responsibilities according to the Lead Partner principle, for the part of the project taking place in the respective country. One of these two Lead Partners participating in the project will be also nominated as the Overall Lead Partner, in order to represent the entire partnership towards the Managing Authority and to ensure the sound implementation of the entire project.

**The Lead Partners for Greece and Albania should be Ministries, Central Level Bodies governed by public law (only for partners from Albania), or the Regional Authorities.**

Each applicant can participate as Overall Lead Partner in no more than one project proposal per strategic theme. If an applicant does not conform to the previous rule as explicitly stated above, **all of its project applications will be rejected.**

Partners shall cooperate in at least **two** of the following ways: joint development, joint implementation, joint staffing and joint financing.

The total number of partners must not exceed eight (8) including the Lead Partners.

This call for proposals is only addressed to:

- a. national, regional or local **public authorities**;
- b. **bodies governed by public law**<sup>1</sup>, having legal personality, other than legal entities defined under paragraph a, established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest (needs not having an industrial or commercial character), and which fulfil at least one of the following conditions:
  - I. be financed, for the most part, by the national, regional or local authorities, or other bodies governed by public law or
  - II. be subject to management supervision by those bodies or
  - III. have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the national, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;
- c. **private organizations**: non profit organizations founded according to applicable legal framework/law in the respective country can be eligible under the following conditions:
  - I. they do not have a commercial or industrial character or activities

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<sup>1</sup> *Bodies governed by public law as defined in Article 1(9) of Directive 2004/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2004:134:0114:0240:EN:PDF>) and in compliance with the national legislation of each participating country.*

II. they are non-profit<sup>2</sup> and have a legal personality.

**Bodies governed by public law (under category b. above) and private organisations (under category c. above) must be operational for at least 24 months before the launching of the call for proposals. If a body governed by public law or a private organization is participating through a branch located at the Programme area, the branch must be operational for at least 24 months before the launching of the call for proposals. The documentation required for the eligibility of a branch is described in paragraph 7.**

It should be noted that private entities not falling under the above categories b. and c. are not eligible.

Further information about the eligibility of partnerships and the Lead Partner Principle is provided in the Programme Manual (Part A. Applicant's Manual).

## **7. How to apply – deadline**

Each Project proposal must be submitted in a **single envelope / package and must bear the following indications:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Call for Strategic Projects Proposals of the "Greece-Albania IPA Cross-Border Programme" 2007-2013**

**Measure:.....**

**Project Acronym: .....**

**Overall Lead Partner: ....(Name).....**

**....(Address).....**

**NOT TO BE OPENED BEFORE THE OPENING SESSION**

**Project proposals without the above indications on the envelope will be automatically rejected.**

The Project Proposal must be submitted to the Programme's Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) **by post, private courier service or hand-delivery**, at the following address:

**Joint Technical Secretariat/Managing Authority of the  
"Greece - Albania IPA Cross-Border Programme" 2007-2013,  
65, Leoforos Georgikis Scholis, Pilea 570 01,  
Thessaloniki, Greece**

To be recognised as submitted within the fixed deadline, a proposal must be **submitted** until the, **30/09/2013 16:00** local time **at the latest**.

Proposals submitted after the above date will not be considered as eligible.

**Δ Attention:** *If the signed Project Proposal is submitted by registered mail or private courier service, **only the stamp indicating the postal date** proves that the Project Proposal has been submitted within the above deadline. In this case, the MA/JTS will accept only those project proposals, submitted within the deadline, which will be received up to ten (10) days after the deadline, which is **10/10/2013**.*

**If the signed Project Proposal is submitted in person, only the Managing Authority's register number is proof of timely submission.**

## **8. Additional information**

To obtain additional information on the project application procedure, please contact:

<sup>2</sup> Profit is the making of gain in business activities for the benefit of the owners of the business (paying out dividends).

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**Annexes:**

1. Applicant's Package (all standard forms provided)
2. Programme Manual for the 1st call for strategic project proposals