IPA II
February 2–4, 2015
Workshop Report

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This workshop provided a detailed overview of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II), the main financial instrument for the EU candidate and potential candidate countries.

With the new financial framework for the period 2014–2020 the EU continues its support to the beneficiaries in implementing reforms with respect to their preparations for EU membership. The new instrument aims to operate more flexibly and intends to use innovative financing instruments. In addition to this, IPA II regulation brings several new elements such as simplified regulatory environment and facilitation of the Union's assistance to beneficiary countries and regions, civil society organisations, SMEs, support for economic, social, territorial development, and political reforms, with a view to a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

**Main objectives:**

- EU financial frameworks 2014–2020
- EU Structural and Investment Funds (SIF) 2014-2020 IPA II in the 2014–2020 financial framework
- Programming of EU structural action funds
- Programming of EU-funded projects
- Management, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the EU-funded projects

**Lecturers:**

- Mojmir Mrak, Professor of International Finance, University of Ljubljana, and CEF Associate Fellow
- Andreja Jerina, National Coordinator EU Macroregional Strategies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

**Participants:**

There were 15 participants from Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.
Evaluation:

**Overall satisfaction with the course**

- **No. of all responses:** 15, **Average mark:** 4.60

**The lecturers were knowledgeable**

- **No. of all responses:** 15, **Average mark:** 4.74

**Selected Participants’ Comments:**

- The participants were very satisfied with excellent lecturers, particularly with their practical knowledge of the workshop topics, their coherent presentations, and that the lecturers highly informed about the topic.
- When we are making the Project Fishe, I will use the information that I learned here – the interactive projects with group works were very useful.
- I am responsible for initiating projects in the Central bank of Montenegro. The knowledge gained during this seminar is very applicable to my scope of duties.
- Keep up the good work!