IPA Funds in EU Multiannual Financial Framework
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Workshop Report

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With the new financial framework for the period 2014–2020 the European Union (EU) continues its support to the enlargement countries in their preparations for EU accession. Through IPA the EU offers candidate and potential candidate countries technical and financial assistance to improve situation and develop sustainability with the emphasis on political, institutional, legal, administrative, social, and economic reforms that will align their practices to EU standards. 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 that need to be fulfilled. This workshop gave a detailed overview of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) for EU candidate and potential candidate countries. Course sessions used a seminar format with a number of practical examples and group work exercises built in to maximize learning.

**Topics:**
- 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 and implementation of the EU-funded projects
- Monitoring and evaluation.

**Lecturers:**
- Andreja Jerina, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Slovenia
- Mojmir Mrak, Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana

**Participants:**
There were 14 participants from Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey.
Evaluation:

**Overall satisfaction with the course**

- No. of all responses: 12, Average mark: **4.83**

- No. of all responses: 13, Average mark: **4.61**

**Selected Participants’ Comments:**

- Everything was perfect: lecturers, presentations, general atmosphere and organization.
- The workshop was very useful to me and it strengthened my concepts of EU public finances and EU financial framework 2014-2020.
- I acquired very useful information about EU finances.