



Republic of Serbia
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**AEBR's online forum: IPA COUNTRIES CROSS
BORDER COOPERATION CHALLENGES IN A
TIME OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC
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Programmes in Serbia - Evolution

CARDS
2004-2006

- **CADSES**
- **Adriatic CBC**
- **Hungary-Serbia**
- **Bulgaria-Serbia**
- **Romania-Serbia**

IPA
2007-2013

- **SEE**
- **Adriatic CBC**
- **Hungary-Serbia**
- **Bulgaria-Serbia**
- **Romania-Serbia**

- **Croatia-Serbia**
- **Serbia-BiH**
- **Serbia-Montenegro**

IPA II
2014-2020

- **Danube**
- **Adriatic-Ionian**
- **Croatia-Serbia**
- **Hungary-Serbia**
- **Bulgaria-Serbia**
- **Romania-Serbia**

- **Serbia-BiH**
- **Serbia-Montenegro**
- **Serbia-North Macedonia (2016-2020)**



ONGOING PROGRAMMES 2014-2020

- Online meetings of JMC and technical meetings of programme structures
- Allowed on line meetings and events (also allowed modifications in contracts with suppliers) – lower visibility
- Projects re-allocation of saved funds
- Suspension of projects implementation during the first wave of Covid 19 (strict curfew in Serbia 15 March-6 May 2020)
- Possibility to activate Force Majeure clause in contracts
- Control:
 - possibility to perform virtual FLC visits
 - Statement regarding the originality of the documents submitted on-line
- Contracting:
 - No pre-contracting visits
 - decreasing of the travel and events costs
 - Flexibility for submission of supporting docs



PROGRAMMING 2021-2027

Interreg programmes

- Most of the programmes well advanced in preparation of programme
- No possibility for meetings in person and dynamic exchange slowed down the process significantly
- Still no info on funds available

Covid 19 impact:

- PO5 challenge slowed down programming because of
 - no possibility for meetings and exchanges
 - Bottom-up approach for developing of territorial strategies
- No significant impact on territorial analysis or on decision on priorities

Year 2020: Covid + elections throughout the region



PROGRAMMING 2021-2027

IPA-IPA Programmes

- Light programming started with online meetings
- Still no instructions from DG NEAR on programming reg. priorities/clusters, no Country Strategy Papers, etc.
- Still no info on funds available
- 26 May 2020 DG NEAR issued the letter for NIPAC on programming focused mainly on main-stream IPA. For CBC:

‘In the case of IPA-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation (CBC) programmes, we invite you to prepare the draft IPA CBC Programmes covering the seven-year period, in cooperation with the EU Delegations and Headquarters as well as relevant CBC structures.’

Thank you!