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Interreg VI-A IPA Programme

Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro 2021-2027

**Small project fund**



# About the Programme



The Interreg VI-A IPA Programme Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro belongs to the **cross-border strand (A) of Interreg** and is supported by ERDF/IPA III funds



The new Interreg Programme was approved by the European Commission on 3 Nov 2022 and represents the continuation of the successful cooperation of the three countries in 2014-2020 period, with a significantly larger financial aspect in the 2021-2027 period

**Total Financial Allocation of the Programme: EUR 138.453.765,00, consisting of 85% of EU share (EUR 117.685.699,00) and 15% national co-financing (EUR 20.768.066,00)**

# Programme Area

Same as in the 2014-2020 period

Covers 87.453,95 km<sup>2</sup> and 5,1 million people

Includes:

**12** counties in Croatia

**109** municipalities/cities and District Brčko in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**12** municipalities in Montenegro



# Programme Intervention Logic

Each Priority consists of at least one **Specific Objective**, which represents a positive change that the Programme aims to achieve in the cross-border area.



To foster smart, green and inclusive development of Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro cross-border region



**SO 1.1** Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies  
**SO 1.3** Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments

**SO 2.1** Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions  
**SO 2.4** Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience considering eco-system-based approaches  
**SO 2.6** Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

**SO 4.5** Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care and promoting the transition from institutional to family-based and community-based care

**SO 4.6** Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation



## Why SMEs and SPF?

Great potential and wish to include new type of beneficiaries

Need for raising the level of competitiveness of SMEs and supporting their sustainable development

Lagging behind in competitiveness compared to other EU Member States

## About SPF project

Covers entire SO 1.3.  
with 10 mil. EUR (EU  
share)

Start date: January 2024

Duration: 5 years

Acronym:

**EmBRACE** (Enhancing SMEs  
sustainaBle gRowth And  
CompEtitiveness)

**SPF beneficiary: HAMAG-BICRO**  
Croatian Agency for SMEs, Innovation and  
Investments established by the Government  
of the Republic of Croatia

## Programme indicators covered by SPF

Output Indicator	Result Indicator
<b>RCO 01 - Enterprises supported (of which: micro and small)</b> <b>Target: 120</b>	<b>RCR 03 – Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) introducing product or process innovation</b> <b>Target: 40</b>
<b>RCO 02 - Enterprises supported by grants</b> <b>Target: 120</b>	
<b>RCO 84 - Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects</b> <b>Target: 12</b>	<b>RCR 104 - Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organizations</b> <b>Target: 4</b>
<b>RCO 116 - Jointly developed solutions</b> <b>Target: 8</b>	

## Discussed and agreed so far

- At least 3 calls, probably 4 calls for small projects
- Partnership obligatory: 2 – 4 partners, still under discussion if trilateral partnership will be obligatory or only encouraged by additional points
- Max support per project 130.000 eur (EU)
- Use of SCOs: Programme rules (flat rates for staff, admin and travel) + draft budget methodology which is under preparation for projects up to 100.000 total costs.
- Duration: 6-12 months.
- No Lead partner/final recipient but one application
- Selection Committee: 2 members from each of three countries from chamber of commerce and/or Ministries of economy with MA/JS/NAs as observers.
- Assessment of small projects will be done by SPF beneficiary (internal staff).
- SPF beneficiary electronic system for small projects/applications



## Still to be decided

- Management verification of real costs in small projects





# Thank you for the attention!

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