

A map of Europe with the Province of Vojvodina highlighted in blue. The map shows the outlines of countries and regions, with the highlighted area located in the southern part of the Balkans, bordering Hungary and Romania.

Cross-border Cooperation in South East Europe: regional cooperation perspectives from the Province of Vojvodina

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The **Autonomous Province of Vojvodina** is an autonomous province in Serbia. Its capital and largest city is Novi Sad.

Area: 21.506 km²

Sub-regions:

- Backa
- Banat
- Srem

- Vojvodina prides itself on its multi-ethnicity and multi-cultural identity with a number of mechanisms for the promotion of minorities.

- There are more than **26 ethnic minorities** in the province, with **six languages in official use.**



A faint, light gray map of the Balkan region, including parts of Greece, Bulgaria, and the Balkan Peninsula, serves as the background for the slide. Two white boxes with red borders are overlaid on the map, containing text.

Strengths

- Geographical position in the region that can be developed and strengthened through construction and reconstruction of roads and infrastructure
- Natural resources in water and agriculture that can be developed through IPA components III and V

Opportunities

- Experience in project implementation through IPA components I and II
- A number of trained human resources in public administration
- In process of preparation of new and updated strategic documents and actions plans

Western Balkans 1991-2006

- Since 1991, EU has invested more than **6.8 billion euros** in the Western Balkans countries through various assistance programs.
- When humanitarian and bilateral assistance is added, it is more than **20 billion euros**.
- Community Assistance for Reconstruction, Development and Stabilization (CARDS) program had a budget of **4.6 billion euros** from 2000 to 2006 with priorities:
 1. reforms in the justice and home affairs
 2. administrative capacity building
 3. economic and social development
 4. democratic stabilization
 5. protection of the environment and natural resources

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance

2000-2006

2007-2013



*** Total budget
11.468 billion
euros

IPA components

1. Assistance for transition and institution building

2. Cross border cooperation

3. Regional development

4. Human resources development

5. Rural development



IPA

Serbia 2007-2013



1.395,7 billion euros

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
181,50	179,44	182,55	186,2	189,96	193,80	203,1
8,200	11,46	12,25	12,50	12,74	13,00	11,6
189,70	190,90	194,85	198,70	202,70	206,80	214,7

**Numbers are in million euros*



Component I - Assistance for transition and institution building



Component II - Cross-border cooperation



Total

WHY CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMMES?

AIM: Promotion of good neighbourly relations and cooperation between the bordering regions.

- Learning of procedures for the use of EU pre-accession funds modelled by the Structural funds, in order **to prepare the candidate countries and potential candidates for membership**
- **Solving problems and issues of common concern in cross-border regions**, reducing regional disparities
- Achieving balanced and sustainable socio-economic development of the region
- Ensure efficient and secure borders and increase security in the region
- Promote people-to-people cooperation



Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes - CBCs

IPA 2007-2013

CBC Programs:

1. Hungary-Serbia
2. Bulgaria-Serbia
3. Romania-Serbia
4. Croatia-Serbia
5. BiH-Serbia
6. Montenegro-Serbia

Transnational programs:

7. South-East Europe Program
8. Adriatic Programme
(2012 is the last year of our participation in the program)

HU-SRB

CRO-SRB

BiH-SRB

MNE-SRB

- PROGRAM PREKOCGRANICNE SARADNJE RUMUNJA - SRBIJA
- PROGRAM PREKOCGRANICNE SARADNJE MAĐARSKA - SRBIJA
- PROGRAM PREKOCGRANICNE SARADNJE BUGARSKA - SRBIJA
- PROGRAM PREKOCGRANICNE SARADNJE SRBIJA - BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA
- PROGRAM PREKOCGRANICNE SARADNJE SRBIJA - CRNA GORA
- PROGRAM PREKOCGRANICNE SARADNJE HRVATSKA - SRBIJA

ROM-SRB

BUL-SRB

Hungary-Serbia



Hungary-Serbia
IPA Cross-border Co-operation Programme





Priority 1: INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Area of intervention 1.1: Infrastructure for physical connections

- 1.1.1 Border crossing infrastructure, construction, reconstruction of lead up roads
- 1.1.2 Planning transport lines, harmonisation of public transport

Area of intervention 1.2: Common responsibility for the environment

- 1.2.1 Minor actions in water management
- 1.2.2 Animal health monitoring, minor actions for improving the quality of the environment

Priority 2: ECONOMY, EDUCATION and CULTURE

Area of intervention 2.1: Stimulating a synergic economy, tourism and R&D

- 2.1.1. Trainings and partner finding facilitation for businesses
- 2.1.2. Development of thematic routes of cultural heritage
- 2.1.3. Coordinated studies for territorial and sectorial development of the region
- 2.1.4. Product oriented research, development and innovation

Area of intervention 2.2: Education and culture for a common mind

- 2.2.1. Educational co-operation
- 2.2.2. People to people co-operation

Summary of projects approved by the Hungary-Serbia IPA Cross-border Program for applicants from Vojvodina

Cross Border Cooperation	Number of selected projects	Number of selected projects that is realized in AP Vojvodina	Total value of IPA contribution	Total value of approved projects	Number of projects approved in APV compared to all projects approved	The allocation of EU funds for projects in Vojvodina over the entire budget of the calls
First call Hungary – Serbia (2009)	69	69	18.213.039,00	21.427.096,00	100,00%	100,00%
Second call Hungary – Serbia (2011)	69	69	12.363.001,58	14.217.451,82	100,00%	100,00%
Third call Hungary-Serbia (2012)	61	60	14.870.297	17.100.841,55	100,00%	100,00%

***** Information on the value of approved projects is not available; it has been estimated on the assumption that the EU share in most of the approved projects is 85% of the total project costs**

Romania-Serbia



Serbia

- North-Banat District
- Central-Banat District
- South-Banat District
- Branicevo District
- Bor District

Romania

- Mehedinci County
- Karas-Severin County
- Timis County

FIRST CALL 2009; Results 2010

- 46 projects approved in total amount of 20.256.792,75 EUR with EU contribution of 16,8 million EUR.
- In 2009 the amount of 739.257,75 EUR was not used

SECOND CALL 2011, Results 2012

- From 196 submitted proposals with total value of 97 million euro, 45 projects with total value of 30,1 million euro was approved. The entire funds for the period 2010-2013 have been allocated to enable the financing of 45 projects.
- 5 projects with the total value of 6,9 million euro supported the priorities of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Summary of projects approved by the Romania-Serbia IPA Cross-border Program for applicants from Vojvodina

Cross Border Cooperation	Number of selected projects	Number of selected projects that is realized in AP Vojvodina	Total value of IPA contribution	Total value of approved projects	Number of projects approved in APV compared to all projects approved	The allocation of EU funds for projects in Vojvodina over the entire budget of the calls
First call Romania – Serbia (2009)	46	33	10.447.992,56	12.349.098,33	71,74%	59,35%
Second call Romania-Serbia (2012)	45	28	28.880.393,00	35.368.363,00	62,2%	

* Numbers are in million euros

Croatia-Serbia



Serbia

- North-Backa District
- West-Backa District
- South-Backa District
- Srem District
- **Associated regions:**
Macva District

Croatia

- Osijek-Baranja County
- Vukovar-Srijem County
- **Associated regions:**
Pozesko-Slavonska County
Brodsko-Posavska County





Priorities and areas of intervention

Priority 1: SUSTAINABLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1.1. Economic development

Measure 1.2. Environmental protection

Measure 1.3. Cooperation „people to people“

- **First Call** was announced in July 2009. Total budget of the Call was **3,24 million EUR**, while amount of requested funds was **25,23 million EUR**.
- From total of **1 10 submitted proposals** , **1 1 projects** were approved for financing.
- **Second Call** was announced in August 2011 with total budget of **5.350.165 EUR**.

Summary of projects approved by the Croatia-Serbia IPA Cross-border Program for applicants from Vojvodina

Cross Border Cooperation	Number of selected projects	Number of selected projects that is realized in AP Vojvodina	Total value of IPA contribution	Total value of approved projects	Number of projects approved in APV compared to all projects approved	The allocation of EU funds for projects in Vojvodina over the entire budget of the calls
First call	11	11	2.249.684,21	2.749.684,21	100,00%	100,00%
Croatia – Serbia (2009)						
Second call Croatia-Serbia (2012)	12	9	1.050.000,00	1.050.000,00	75%	

Serbia-Bosnia and Herzegovina

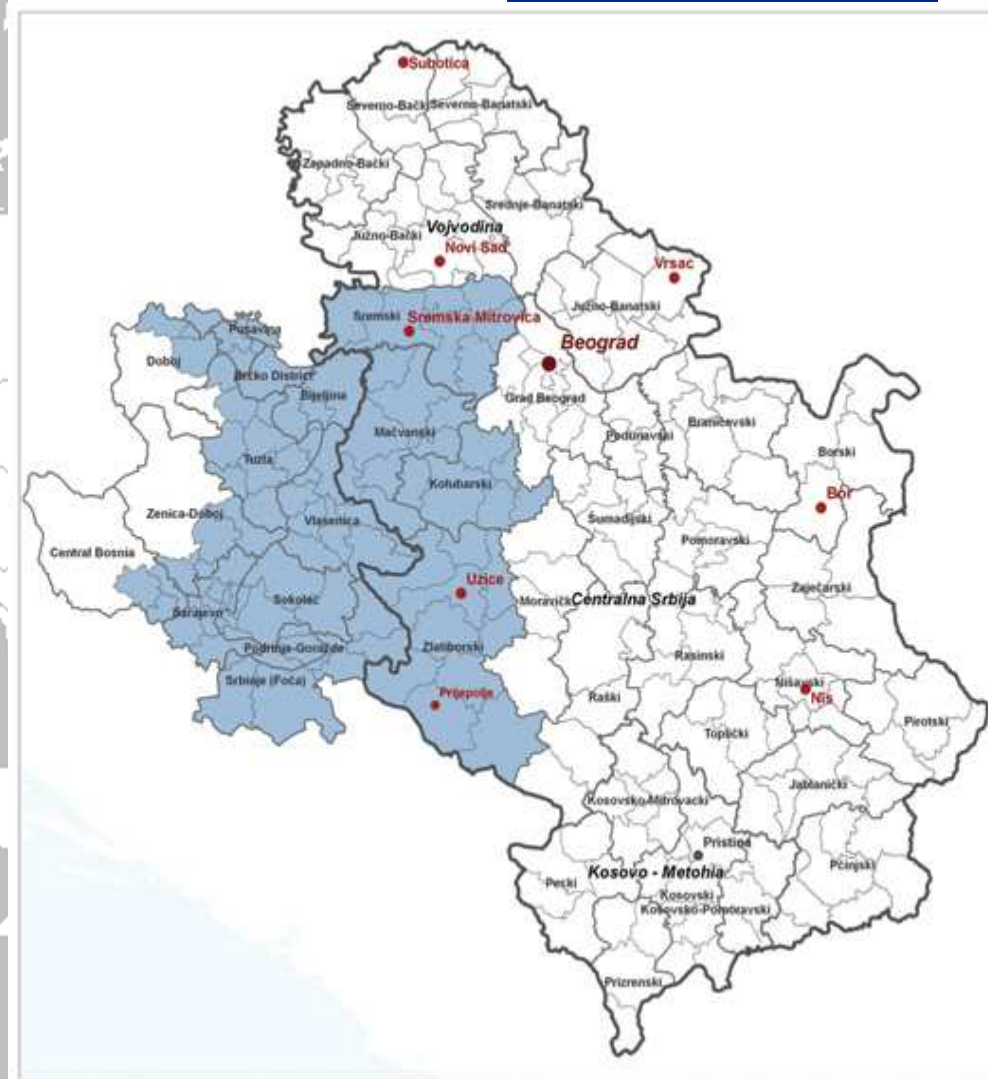


Serbia

- Srem District
- Macva District
- Zlatibor District
- Kolubara District

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- **Municipalities:** Brcko, Gracanica, Ugljevik, Modrica, Bijeljina, Bosanski Brod, Srebrenica, Tuzla, Zvornik, Visegrad, Rogatica, Foca, Trnovo, Novi Grad Sarajevo, Stari Grad Sarajevo, Sarajevo Centar, Novo Sarajevo, etc.



Priorities and areas of intervention

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COHESION THROUGH ACTIVITIES FOR IMPROVING PHYSICAL, BUSINESS, SOCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPACITY

Measure 1.1. Improving the productivity and competitiveness of economic, rural and environmental resources in border regions

Measure 1.2. Cross-border initiatives targeting the exchange of people and ideas for improving professional collaboration between civil society

- **First Call** was announced in July 2009. Total budget of the call was **3,24 million EUR**, while amount of requested funds was 13,8 milion EUR
- From total of **74 submitted proposals**, **15 projects were** approved for financing
- **Second Call** was announced in September 2011 with budget of **4.680.000 EUR**

Summary of projects approved by the Serbia - Bosnia and Herzegovina IPA Cross-border Program for applicants from Vojvodina

Cross Border Cooperation	Number of selected projects	Number of selected projects that is realized in AP Vojvodina	Total value of IPA contribution	Total value of approved projects	Number of projects approved in APV compared to all projects approved	The allocation of EU funds for projects in Vojvodina over the entire budget of the calls
First call	15	1	104.685,70	125.222,13	6,67%	3,23%
Serbia – BiH 2009						
Second call Serbia-BIH (2012)	16	1	123.500,00	146.000,00	6,25%	

South East Europe- SEE Program



SOUTH EAST EUROPE

Transnational Cooperation Programme



Figure 1 SEE eligible area

Participants: 16 countries - Albania, Austria, B&H, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Greece, Hungary, parts in Italy, Serbia, Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Moldavia and cross-border regions in Ukraine

Partnerships: 3 participating states, at least one EU member state

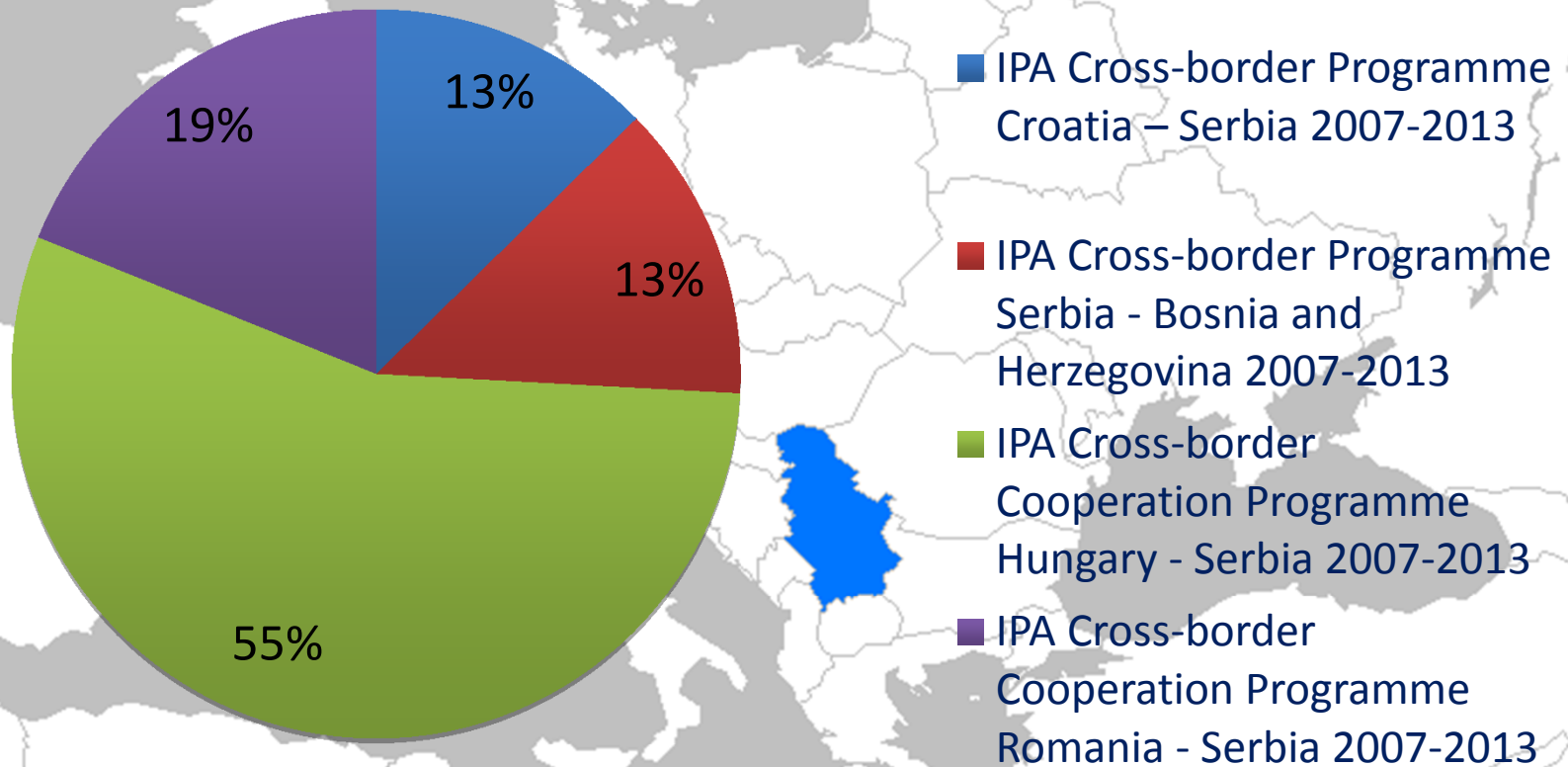
Priorities of the programme

1. Support for innovation and entrepreneurship
2. Environmental protection
3. Improving the accessibility-transport
4. Sustainable development of urban areas

206,7 mil EUR - ERDF

Cross-border cooperation programmes in Vojvodina

Distribution of IPA CBC funds by program in period 2007-2012





Summary of projects approved by the cross-border programs for applicants from Vojvodina

Cross Border Cooperation	Number of selected projects	Number of selected projects that is realized in AP Vojvodina	Total value of IPA contribution	Total value of approved projects
TOTAL	344	281	88.302.593,05	104.533.757

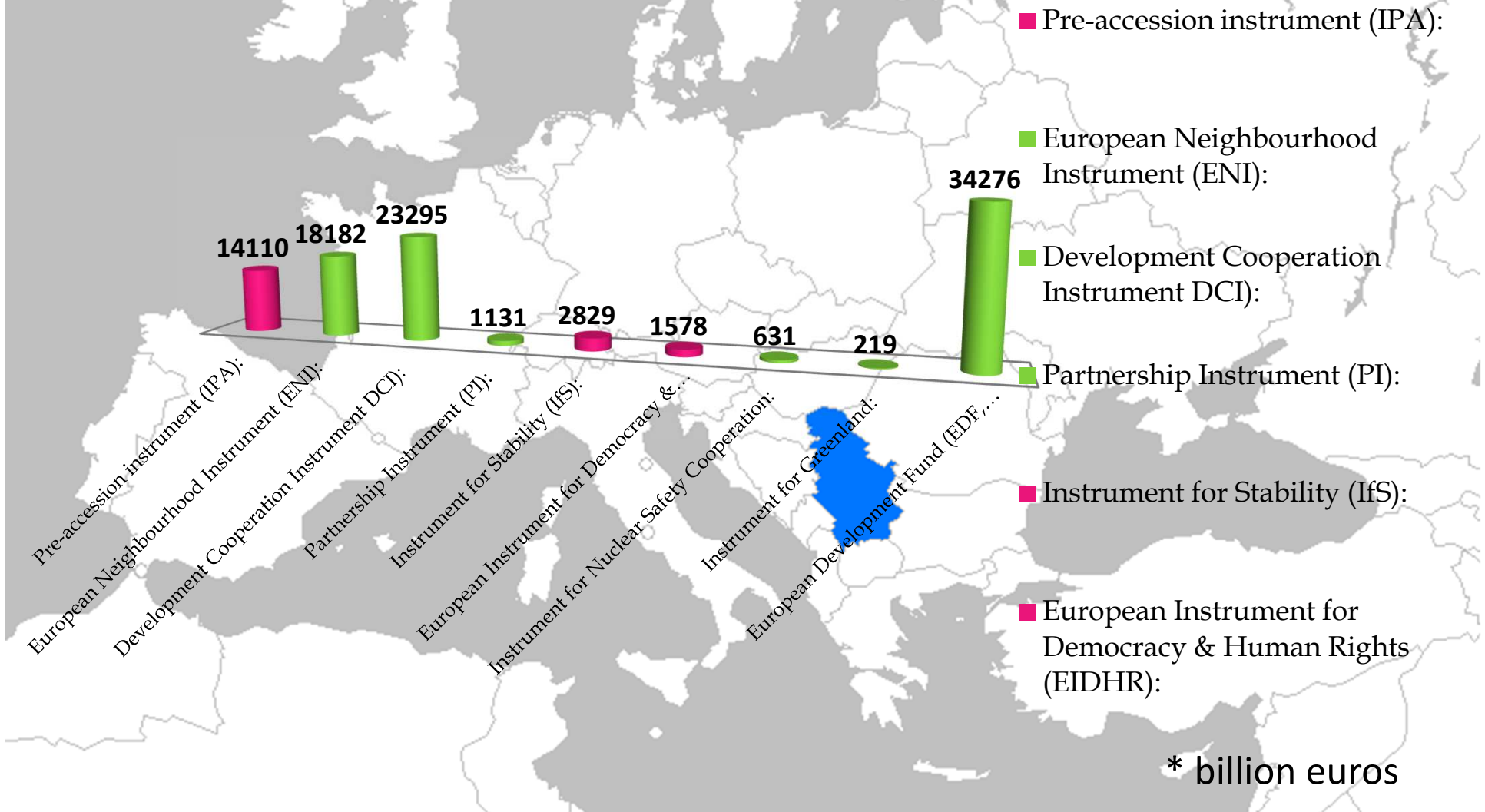


Other IPA components

The other three components are aimed at candidate countries only:

- Component 3 - regional development: aimed at supporting the countries' preparations for the implementation of the Community's cohesion policy, and in particular for the [European Regional Development Fund](#) and the [Cohesion Fund](#);
- Component 4 - human resources development: concerns preparation for participation in cohesion policy and the [European Social Fund](#);
- Component 5 - rural development: concerns preparation for the common agricultural policy and related policies and for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development ([EAFRD](#)).

Instruments of the external assistance of the EU 2014-2020



European Affairs Fund of Autonomous Province of Vojvodina

The European Affairs Fund (EAF) of AP Vojvodina has been established in order to monitor, analyse and implement the European integrative processes and build and strengthen the institutional capacities of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina.

Main activities:

1. Cooperation with EU institutions and regions
2. Preparation and implementation of EU funded projects
3. Education and cooperation with local authorities and other organizations, bodies and institutions dealing with the issues of the European integration
4. Promotion of the European values and standards

Vojvodina European Office in Brussels

- Branch office of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina opened in 2011
- Aim: stronger, better and more efficient communication and cooperation at all levels between the province and other regions in EU



Only by joining efforts we create synergy!

Thank you for attention



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