

IPA National Programme 2011 - Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Identification

Project Title	Participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in European Union Programmes
CRIS Decision number	
Project no.	14
MIPD Sector Code	9. Support and other activities
ELARG Statistical code	04.65 Supporting Programmes/Participation in European Union Programmes
DAC Sector code	43082 Research / Scientific institutions
Total cost (VAT excluded)¹	EUR 2 978 000
EU contribution	EUR 2 400 000
Management mode	Centralised
EU Delegation in charge	Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina
Implementation management	Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina
Implementing modality	Stand alone project
Project implementation type	C01/B03
Zone benefiting from the action(s)	Bosnia and Herzegovina

2. Overall Objective and Project Purpose

2.1 Overall Objective:

Bosnia and Herzegovina is implementing EU policies related to research and culture/audiovisual sectors in accordance with the Europe 2020 Strategy and the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

¹ The total project cost should be net of VAT and/or of other taxes. Should this not be the case, clearly indicate the amount of VAT and the reasons why it is considered eligible.

2.2 Project purpose:

Institutions/organisations from Bosnia and Herzegovina participate in the European Union Programme FP7 in 2012 and in the Media 2007 Programme in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

2.3 Link with AP/NPAA / EP/ SAA

European Partnership 2008

- Education and Research:
 - Start designing an integrated research policy.
 - Sign and ratify the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.
- Information society and media:
 - Fully implement public broadcasting legislation and complete the structural reform of the public broadcasting sector.
 - Align legislation with the EU regulatory framework for electronic communication networks and services and ensure implementation and enforcement.
 - Align with the European Convention on Trans-frontier Television and the Television without Frontiers directive.

Action plan for realization of priorities from European partnership with Bosnia and Herzegovina

To develop an integrated research policy.

Enlargement Strategy

The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council "Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2010-2011" of 9 November 2010² makes reference to the participation in EU Programmes and Agencies under pre-accession instruments serving enlargement policy, as follows (page 13):

Participation of enlargement countries in EU programmes and agencies aims to enhance cooperation with Member States and familiarise countries with EU policies and working methods. Candidate countries and potential candidates are able to take part in EU programmes on the basis of framework agreements and can participate in EU agencies on a case-by-case basis. Participation may be partially funded through IPA financial assistance. Countries are encouraged to focus their participation on programmes or agencies where involvement supports key sectors for reform and where they can get the most benefit.

Stabilisation and Association Agreement

Article 109: Cooperation on research and technological development

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in civil scientific research and technological development on the basis of mutual benefit and, taking into account the availability of resources, adequate access to their respective programmes, subject to appropriate levels of effective protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property rights. Cooperation shall take due account of the priority areas related to the Community acquis in the field of research and technological development.

² COM (2010) 660 final of 09/11/2010

Article 102: Cooperation in the audio-visual field

The Parties shall cooperate to promote the audio-visual industry in Europe and encourage coproduction in the fields of cinema and television. Cooperation could include inter alia programmes and facilities for the training of journalists and other media professionals, as well as technical assistance to the media, the public and private, so as to reinforce their independence, professionalism and links with the European media. Bosnia and Herzegovina shall align its policies on the regulation of content aspects of cross-border broadcasting with those of the Community and shall harmonise its legislation with the relevant Community acquis. Bosnia and Herzegovina shall pay particular attention to matters relating to the acquisition of intellectual property rights for programmes broadcast by satellite, terrestrial frequencies and cable.

Article 101: Cultural Cooperation

The Parties undertake to promote cultural cooperation. This cooperation serves inter alia to raise mutual understanding and esteem between individuals, communities and peoples. The Parties also undertake to cooperate to promote cultural diversity, notably within the framework of the UNESCO Convention on the protection and promotion of diversity of cultural expressions.

Article 128:

The Framework Agreement between the European Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina on the general principles for the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Community Programmes, signed on 22 November 2004, and the Annex thereto shall form an integral part of this Agreement.

2.4 Link with MIPD 2011-2013

The project is linked to the following MIPD 2011-2013 priorities:

Acquis related and other actions

Support to actions that fall outside the scope of the main sectors for EU support for 2011-2013: Participation in EU programmes to which the country becomes eligible unless they are included in one of the sectors chosen.

Private sector development

Under MIPD 2011-2013 it is recognised that Bosnia and Herzegovina is well advanced to prepare its integration into the European research area, as well as that a science and development strategy and action plan for the period 2010-2015 exist and that the country participates in the 7th Research Framework Programme. The MIPD also makes a reference to past and ongoing assistance stating that funds were set aside to co-finance parts of the entry ticket for Bosnia and Herzegovina's participation in the 7th Framework Programme for Research. Furthermore, the following sector objective is contained in the MIPD:

Advance the implementation of the Small Business Act, stimulate the innovation by SMEs and increase competitiveness in growth sectors.

Indicators:

- Investments in research and innovation increased.

2.5 Link with National Development Plan

Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) has prepared a country development strategy (CDS) and a social inclusion strategy which will serve as basis for the national development plan. Both strategies and the related action plans remain to be adopted by the Council of Ministers. The proposed goals and priorities for the CDS are strengthened macroeconomic stability, sustainable development, competitiveness, employment, EU integration and social inclusion.

The final goal of the CDS, social inclusion, forms the basis of the social inclusion strategy, for which five key goals and priorities have been identified: improve pension policy, improve protection of families with children, improve the health care system, improve the education system, and improve employment and social policies.

2.6 Link with national/ sectoral investment plans

BiH Strategy of Development of Science and Technology 2010-2015

The strategy together with its action plan was adopted in December 2009. The aim of the strategy is to pave the way for research and development to be among the main factors for enhanced long-term development of BiH. At the same time, the implementation of the strategy should allow for stronger networking and joint researches between universities, research institutes and industry, higher participation of researchers and institutions in the European research network and the European Research Area, development of research infrastructure according to international and EU standards, participation in activities of the EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7) as well as in other international programmes. Such approach would create the conditions for a new modern society in BiH, based on knowledge, the main creative force leading to economic, social, cultural and any other development.

BiH Cultural Policy Strategy

The BiH Cultural Policy Strategy was adopted in 2008 (OG of BiH, No. 93/08). Chapter 19 outlines the following priorities:

- to include the cultural policy strategy into the process of European integrations in BiH,
- to use European funds for the projects in the field of culture.

The Broadcasting Sector Policy in BiH

The Council of Ministers of BiH passed the decision on adopting the BiH Broadcasting Sector Policy in 2007 (OG of BiH, No.18/07). It outlines the aims of the broadcasting policy, the commitment to transfer to digital broadcast, operational objectives and obligations of the BiH Council of Ministers, FBiH and RS Governments, and the tasks of the Communications Regulatory Agency and the Public RTV Broadcasters.

Strategy for Transition from the Analogue to Digital Terrestrial Radio Broadcasting in BiH

The BiH Strategy for Transition from Analogue to Digital Terrestrial Radio Broadcasting was adopted in 2009. Its aim is to define optimal solutions, basic strategic determinants and conditions for the transitional period, based on the analysis of the current situation, needs and development possibilities in the communications sector in BiH to achieve successful termination of the analogue terrestrial radio broadcasting in the specified frequencies.

BiH Telecommunications Sector Policy

The BiH Telecommunications Sector Policy 2008-2012 was adopted in 2008. It defines the partnership between public and private sector for faster development of telecommunications infrastructure, evolution of technology and liberalisation of telecommunications, free

competition in provision of the expanded set of services, as well as lifting the quality of services and lowering the price of services for the end user.

3. Description of project

3.1 Background and justification

The Thessaloniki Agenda (June 2003) invited the Western Balkan countries to participate in European Union Programmes and agencies in line with the principles laid down for participation by the candidate countries, to familiarise the countries concerned and their people with the policies and working methods of the European Union, thus encouraging them on their path towards European integration.

Further to the Thessaloniki Agenda and in line with its Communication "*Preparing for the participation of the Western Balkan countries in Community programmes and agencies*" [COM (2003) 748 final of 03/12/2003], the European Commission negotiated Framework Agreements (or similar) on participation in EU Programmes with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro.

On 22 November 2004, the Framework Agreement between the European Community and BiH on the general principles for the participation of BiH in Community programmes was adopted and entered into force on 8 January 2007. Twenty four European Union Programmes were open for BiH's participation. Specific terms and conditions for participating in each particular programme, in particular the financial contribution to be paid, is to be determined by an agreement, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission, acting on behalf of the Community, and BiH.

On 24 November 2008, the European Commission concluded with the Council of Ministers of BiH the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the association of BiH to the 7th Framework Programme. This MoU entered into effect on 1 January 2009. BiH has been participating in the Programme since.

During 2010, BiH has also signalled its interest to join the Media 2007 programme.

The Annual National IPA programme for BiH will co-finance the financial contribution to be paid by BiH to participate in the EU programmes and agencies in the following year(s), and support BiH in building its capacities and resources required for the participation in EU Programmes and agencies.

In the event that BiH expresses the interest and enters to any other EU Programme and agency than FP7, Culture, Media Programme in the period 2011-2015, the 2011 Annual National IPA Programme will co-finance the financial contribution by BiH for the respective EU programmes and agencies.

The project is divided into two components:

Component I Entry ticket for the participation of BiH in the 7th Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (FP7) for 2012

The MoU BiH signed on 24 November 2008 with the European Commission was an important step towards further European integrations, both for BiH as a country, and for all Western Balkan countries as a region, as BiH was the last country to join this Programme.

As an associated member of the FP7, BiH scientific community obtained the opportunity to join the European Research Area and to be further involved in international scientific

cooperation, primarily in regional cooperation and with European partners in research projects funded by the EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (RTD), throughout the duration of the FP7. In May 2009, BiH became the 35th full member of COST - European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technological Research and in June 2009 got a National Information Point status in EUREKA - a Pan-European network for market-oriented and industrial Research and Development.

As associated member of the FP7 as member of COST and EUREKA, BiH wants to take an active role in implementation of EU policies in this field, to build the structure that will meet European standards, and to build institutional capacities which will enable increased participation of research institutions, small and medium enterprises as well as public companies in EU projects. In addition, this will initiate the mobility of BiH researchers.

Through the participation in the FP7, Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue to:

- fully participate in all horizontal and vertical activities under the FP7;
- actively participate in the implementation of the EU policies;
- integrate into the European Research Area;
- support the research activities of institutions, small and medium enterprises and public companies by having access to EU funds;
- intensify the international cooperation and initiate the mobility of BiH researchers in the EU countries;
- intensify the efforts for implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

Component II Entry ticket for the participation of BiH in the Media Programme for 2012, 2013 and 2014

Throughout 2010, several meetings of responsible BiH institutions were held to discuss BiH's participation in the Media 2007 Programme. Consultations with the Directorate General Education and Culture were conducted regarding a possible participation in the programme and the fulfilment of the precondition of domestic audiovisual legislation alignment to the *acquis*. During these consultations, it was concluded that BiH can, within a reasonable period, meet the necessary requirements for joining the Programme.

As a result, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, in consultations with the responsible entity Ministries, confirmed the interest in joining the Media Programme as of 2012.

At the same time, Communications Regulatory Agency of BiH started working on aligning BiH legislation with the audiovisual *acquis*. This work is expected to be completed by September 2011. On 27 January 2009 BiH ratified the UNESCO Convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions, another precondition for participating in the programme. In 2010, the Council of Ministers established a Working Group to assess the alignment of BiH legislation in the area of the public RTV broadcasting system and services with the *acquis*.

It is expected that BiH signs the Memorandum of Understanding by the end of 2011, aimed at full participation in the Programme as soon as all conditions are met. Potential applicants in BiH have shown great interest in participating in the Media Programme.

Through the participation in the Media 2007, Bosnia and Herzegovina will:

- fully participate in all activities under the Media 2007;
- actively participate in the implementation of the EU policies;
- support the activities of BiH institutions/organisations/companies and individuals from the

audiovisual sector by having access to EU funds;

- intensify the international and regional cooperation of BiH film/audiovisual actors;
- intensify the efforts for implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

3.2 Assessment of project impact, catalytic effect, sustainability and cross border impact

The development of science and technology policy in BiH is an absolute prerequisite to rebuild a recognised and effective competence in science and technology and to develop research activities that may address the needs of BiH's socio-economic development. Connecting education, science, research and economy through a multi-sectoral approach, contributes to the economic development of a country. Science is considered not only as an asset to rebuild BiH's economy and a support to public policies, but also as essential dimension of the culture and competitiveness of the country. It is important to enhance the public and private sector understanding of science through specific actions. The state policy on science and technology needs to be complemented by actions supported at the level of lower political and administrative entities, depending upon their respective needs and financial means. Future integration of BiH into the European Union requires negotiation at the State-level with regard to BiH's participation in the EU RTD programmes to enable the country to become a member of the European Research Area.

Supporting BiH to participate in RTD programmes and initiatives will contribute to reducing the negative impacts of the global economic crisis by creating new jobs in the knowledge sector. Jobs in the knowledge sectors are better paid and are growing at a faster rate than jobs in other sectors of the economy. Knowledge companies are typically built around new technologies and cutting-edge science. Universities can be sources of new knowledge, through research and development, highly skilled graduates, and other partnering activities with universities/research institutions from the neighbouring countries.

The future participation in the Media Programme will strengthen and develop BiH's audiovisual sector and industry and its integration in the European audiovisual sector and initiatives. Individuals, institutions, organisations and companies from BiH will be supported to develop their capacities and knowledge, develop production projects (feature films, television drama, documentaries, animation and new media), and distribute and promote audiovisual products. The participation in the Programme will also facilitate the alignment of BiH legislation with the *acquis*, primarily the Audiovisual Media Services Directive.

Participation in EU Programmes will enhance regional cooperation (in particular among Western Balkans countries) through the implementation of joint projects/partnering activities, and will allow potential partners from the Western Balkans countries and the European Union to exchange information, know-how and build on each other experiences.

3.3 Results and measurable indicators:

I) Entry ticket for participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the FP7 for 2012

Results:

- 1) Research, science and technology community of BiH benefits from the activities and opportunities that arise from the membership in the FP7.
- 2) The BiH scientific community joins the European Research Area and becomes more involved in international scientific cooperation.

Indicators:

- 30% increase of number of applications and approved projects under FP7 in 2012 in comparison with those in 2011 year.
- In terms of co-financing of projects, BiH receives per year an equal or greater amount than the one paid for the entry ticket.

II) Entry ticket for participation of BiH in the Media Programme for 2012, 2013 and 2014

Results:

- 1) Audiovisual industry community of BiH benefits from the activities and opportunities that arise from the membership in the Media 2007.
- 2) The BiH audiovisual/cultural community joins the European Cultural and Audiovisual Area and becomes more involved in and benefits from international audiovisual and cultural cooperation.

Indicators:

- A number of applications and approved projects under Media 2007 in the first year of the participation and 30% increase of those each year after the first year of participation
- In terms of co-financing of projects, Bosnia and Herzegovina receives per year an equal or greater amount than the one paid for the entry ticket.

3.4 Activities:

I) Entry ticket for participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the FP7 for 2012

Payment of the entry ticket for the participation of BiH in the Programme FP7.

II) Entry ticket for participation of BiH in the Media Programme for 2012, 2013 and 2014

Payment of the entry ticket for the participation of BiH in the Programme Media 2007.

In the event that BiH does not become a member to the Media Programme in 2012, the allocation for the entry ticket foreseen in this project fiche can be used for the payment of the entry ticket beyond 2014.

In the event that certain savings/left-overs from the allocated funds under this project fiche arise within the contracting deadline of the IPA 2011, the co-financing of entry tickets of other EU Programmes BiH is ready to participate in, and/or support to preparatory/accompanying measures, might be covered by this project fiche.

3.5 Conditionality and sequencing:

BiH participates in FP7 in 2009, 2010 and 2011 in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between BiH and European Commission.

BiH researchers participate in the EUREKA projects and COST Actions.

Prior to the participation of BiH in the Media 2007 Programme, the Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed between BiH and European Commission.

Prior to the participation of BiH in any other EU Programme and agencies BiH currently does not participate in, the Memorandum of Understanding for respective EU Programme(s) and agencies needs to be signed between BiH and European Commission.

3.6 Linked activities

Under IPA 2008, 2009 and 2010, the participation in EU Programmes was supported through the payment of the entry ticket for the FP7 for 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Within the framework of the CARDS 2006 EC funded project “Capacity building and Institutional Strengthening of Science and Research in Bosnia and Herzegovina” (implemented from September 2009 until August 2010), which aimed to assist the sector for Science and Culture at the Ministry of Civil Affairs in strengthening its capacity for dealing with issues related to science and technology, support was provided to the BiH NCPs, including through a study visit to key counterparts in Brussels, a European NCP Benchmarking Workshop in Sarajevo, and the BiH NCP task group establishment and operation. In addition to strengthening the NCP system, the project assisted in the strategic assessment of RTD system in BiH, improved visibility of BiH science in the ERA and the design of a science, technology and innovation statistical and information and knowledge system. In addition, the capacity building of government staff and other stakeholders was provided through a training needs analysis conducted beforehand by the project.

Through an Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) funded project (2004-2008), a National Contact Point (NCP) System was established in BiH for the implementation of the 7th Framework Programme. One of the most important deliverables of this project was the institutional positioning of the NCP System within the Ministry of Civil Affairs. A number of info days have been organised at all BiH universities. The following topics were covered: General information on FP7, Specific programme Cooperation, CORDIS how to register and partner search in FP7, financial rules in FP7, how to prepare a successful project proposal.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs secured the continuation of the Austrian support in the period 2010-2012. The purpose of this project is to support the operational costs and logistics of the BiH NCP System and its Focal Points.

In 2008 and 2010 the Ministry of Civil Affairs allocated an amount of EUR 250.000 for BiH researchers and research institutions participating in the 7th Framework Programme, EUREKA and COST projects. With the association of BiH to FP7 and with the Ministry of Civil Affairs grant support to researchers and research institutions for participation in this programme, it is expected that the participation of applications and BiH involvement in FP7 projects increases.

Under CARDS, the Communications Regulatory Agency of BiH was supported in completing and implementing the reform of the audiovisual and electronic communications sectors, through the project “Support to the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina” and follow up projects.

The Council of Ministers has adopted a project of digitalisation of Public RTV broadcasting services in BiH and subsequently secured initial funding of EUR 3.5 mio from the budget.

3.7 Lessons learned

During the 6th Framework Programme, BiH as a non-associated country and its research institutions succeeded to get EUR 2.7 mio in grants for projects submitted and accepted. Therefore, there has been an obvious potential or “critical mass” in the BiH research community to participate even more actively in the FP7 as of January 2009, when BiH became an associated country to the Programme. As such, some 120 applications were submitted and further EUR 1.5 mio received for 15 approved projects under the FP7 until the end of 2010. BiH has 15 participations in COST and two in EUREKA, with further two EUREKA applications prepared, and it is obvious that the BiH research community will be able to use

more funds from the EU RTD Programmes to strengthen its research and innovation activities.

Audiovisual industry actors in BiH are keen to be in a position to participate in Media 2007. Some are already successfully participating in regional and European initiatives, or even in projects supported under the Media Programme.

As for supporting measures in relation to the EU Programmes and agencies, activities in the past have shown that there is a need for a wider systematic approach as to the awareness rising among domestic institutions, potential applicants and the public in general on the possibilities of participation in EU Programmes and agencies and the benefits that arise from them. Various modes foreseen to transfer information in relation to EU Programmes would support BiH in implementing the aforementioned Framework Agreement, and thus contribute to the efforts of the country on its road to the European integration.

4. Indicative Budget (amounts in EUR)

			SOURCES OF FUNDING									
			TOTAL EXP.RE	IPA COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION		NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION					PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION	
ACTIVITIES	IB (1)	INV (1)	EUR (a)=(b)+(c)+(d)	EUR (b)	%(2)	Total EUR (c)=(x)+(y)+(z)	% (2)	Central EUR (x)	Regional/ Local EUR (y)	IFIs EUR (z)	EUR (d)	% (2)
Activity 1 Entry ticket for FP 7	-	X	2 628 000	2 102 400	80	525 600	20	525 600				
Contract 1: EU contribution for the entry ticket for FP 7	-	X	2 628 000	2 102 400	80	525 600	20	525 600				
Activity 2 Entry ticket for Media 2007*	-	X	350 000	297 600	85	52 400	15	52 400				
Contract 1: EU contribution for the entry ticket for Media 2007	-	X	350 000	297 600	85	52 400	15	52 400				
TOTAL IB												
TOTAL INV			2 978 000	2 400 000	80.59	578 000	19.41	578 000				
TOTAL PROJECT			2 978 000	2 400 000	80.59	578 000	19.41	578 000				

* Estimated levels of IPA co-financing of entry ticket for Media 2007 are 90% for year one of participation in the Programme, 85% for year two and 80% for year three.

Amounts net of VAT

5. Indicative Implementation Schedule (periods broken down per quarter)

Contracts	Start of Tendering	Signature of contract	Project Completion
1.EU contribution to the entry ticket for the 7 th Framework Programme for 2012	NA	1Q/2012 3Q/2012	1Q/2013 3Q/2013
2.EU contribution to the entry ticket for the Media 2007 for 2012, 2013 and 2014	NA	1Q/2012	2Q/2015

6. Cross cutting issues

6.1 Equal Opportunity

Participation in the project activities will be guaranteed on the basis of equal access regardless of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, sex or sexual orientation.

6.2 Environment

The project will have no negative environmental effects.

6.3 Minorities

Minorities in BiH are defined as all groups who are not "constituent peoples" (i.e. Serbs, Croats and Bosniaks). The Roma are the largest minority and are highly vulnerable to discrimination and social exclusion. The involvement of their representatives will be encouraged under all components of the project.

ANNEXES

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ANNEX I: Logical framework matrix

LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX		IPA National Programme 2011 – Bosnia and Herzegovina Fiche 12 -"European Union Programmes"	
		Contracting period expires: Three years following the date of the conclusion of the Financing Agreement	Disbursement period expires: One year following the end date for the execution of contracts
CRIS Number:		Total budget : EUR 2 978 000	IPA budget: EUR 2 400 000
Overall objective	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification	
BiH is implementing EU policies related to research and culture/audiovisual sectors in accordance with Europe 2020 strategy and Stabilisation and Association Agreement.	BiH is continuously progressing in implementing EU policies	Annual Progress Report	
Project purpose	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification	Assumptions
Institutions/organisations from Bosnia and Herzegovina participate in the European Union Programme FP7 in 2012, and in the Media 2007 Programme in 2012, 2013 and 2014.	Number of institutions/organisations fully benefitting under FP7 and Media 2007.	Project reports Different EC DG's, managing respective European Union Programmes	BiH institutions support politically the participation of BiH in the EU policies
Results	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification	Assumptions
I Entry ticket for participation of BiH in the FP7 for 2012 1) Research, science and technology community of BiH benefits from the activities and opportunities that arise from the membership in the FP7. 2) The BiH scientific community joins the European Research Area and becomes more involved in international scientific cooperation.	- 30% increase of number of applications and approved projects under FP7 in 2012 in comparison with those in 2011 year - In terms of co-financing of projects, Bosnia and Herzegovina receives per year an equal or greater amount than	Project Reports EC DG Research	Good cooperation with all relevant stakeholders established. Ministry of Civil Affairs continuously facilitates the support to the applicants' participation in the FP7, COST, EUREKA, Media 2007.

II) Entry ticket for participation of BiH in the Media Programme for 2012, 2013 and 2014 1) Audiovisual industry community of BiH benefits from the activities and opportunities that arise from the membership in the Media 2007. 2) The BiH audiovisual/cultural community joins the European Cultural and Audiovisual Area and becomes more involved in and benefits from international audiovisual and cultural cooperation.	the one paid for the entry ticket - A number of applications and approved projects under Media 2007 in the first year of the participation and 30% increase of those each year after the first year of participation - In terms of co-financing of projects, Bosnia and Herzegovina receives per year an equal or greater amount than the one paid for the entry ticket.	EC DG Education and Culture	
Activities	Means	Costs	Assumptions
I Entry ticket for participation of BiH in the FP7 for 2012 Payment the entry ticket for the participation of BiH in the Programme FP7 II) Entry ticket for participation of BiH in the Media Programme for 2012, 2013 and 2014 Payment the entry ticket for the participation of BiH in the Programme Media 2007	IPA contribution to the entry ticket for the 7th Framework Programme (2012) IPA contribution to the entry ticket for the Media 2007 Programme (2012, 2013, 2014)	EUR 2 102 400 EUR 297 600	Good cooperation with all relevant stakeholders established. There are sufficient good quality applications by the potential beneficiaries.

ANNEX II: amounts (in EUR) Contracted and disbursed by quarter for the project

Contracted	1Q/ 2012	2Q/2012	3Q/2012	4Q/2012	1Q/2013	2Q/2013	3Q/2013	4Q/2013	1Q/2014	2Q/2014
1) EU Contribution for the entry ticket for FP 7	1 051 200		1 051 200							
2) EU Contribution for the entry ticket for Media 2007	297 600									
Cumulated	1 348 800		2 400 000							
Disbursed										
1) EU Contribution for the entry ticket for FP 7		1 051 200		1 051 200						
2) EU Contribution for the entry ticket for Media 2007	99 200				99 200				99 200	
Cumulated	99 200	1 150 400		2 201 600	2 300 800				2 400 000	

ANNEX III DESCRIPTION OF INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

Bosnia and Herzegovina as a State consists of two entities: the RS and the FBiH, and Brcko District.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH is the state authority responsible for science and culture at the state level.

The Department for Science and Culture of the ministry at the state level is responsible in the field of science and culture for the following:

- Coordination of activities and harmonisation of plans of entity authorities (in the FBiH and in the RS);
- Definition of the international level strategies.

The NCP FP BiH system is part of the Sector for Science and Culture of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Apart from the Headquarters, located in the Ministry, there are 8 focal points at all public universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Minister of Civil Affairs nominated 6 FP7 Thematic NCPs, as well as the country representatives to the Programme Committees. The NCP responsibilities include dissemination of information on FP7 in general, as well as specific issues on calls published, organisation of info-days, seminars, trainings and workshops, maintaining the web-site (www.ncp-fp.ba), maintaining the clients' data-base, providing partner search, etc., in order to raise the quality and the quantity of participation from Bosnia and Herzegovina in 7th Framework Programme.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina is the member of COST and has a National Information Point position in EUREKA.

At the state level, the Framework Law on Scientific and Research Operations and Coordination of the Inter-entity and International Scientific and Technical Cooperation was adopted in May 2009.

The state level Strategy on science development in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Action Plan has been adopted in December 2009 (see chapter 2.6).

The Ministerial Conference on Developing a Regional Research Strategy for the Western Balkans was held on 24th April 2009 in Sarajevo, under the auspices of the Czech EU Presidency and organised by the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC). The regional strategy document that was presented at the Conference has been developed through regional cooperation of the relevant ministries and will be financed under the Multi-beneficiary IPA.

The Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republika Srpska and the Ministry of Education and Science of Federation of BiH are responsible for science development at the entity level. All cantons in the Federation of BiH have their own ministries that are dealing with these topics.

The Ministry of Education and Culture of Republika Srpska and the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Federation of BiH are responsible institutions for culture at the entity level. All cantons in the Federation of BiH have their own ministries that are dealing with these topics.

The Ministry of Communications and Transport of BiH is the state authority responsible for communications at the state level.

The competencies of the Sector for Communications and implementation of information technology- of the Ministry in the field of communications, among others, include:

- radio, TV, broadcasting;
- policy development in the communications sector.

The Communications Regulatory Agency, in charge of regulating the communications sector, was established in March 2001 by a decision of the High Representative, combining the competencies of the Independent Media Commission (responsible for regulating broadcasting) and the Telecommunications Regulatory Agency (in charge of telecommunications).

In accordance with the Law on Communications of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Agency's competences are: the development and promotion of rules in the sectors of telecommunications and broadcasting, the licensing of operators in the broadcasting and telecommunications sectors, the planning, management and allocation of the frequency spectrum, the implementation of technical and other standards related to quality, and the establishing and maintenance of license fees.

Other institutions have specific responsibilities in the regulation of the sector, specifically, the Council of Ministers of BiH is responsible for developing and adopting policy in line with existing legislation.

Annex IV - Reference to laws, regulations and strategic documents:

- Framework Law on Scientific and Research Operations and Coordination of the Inter-entity and International Scientific and Technical Cooperation
- Science Strategy of BiH and Action plan 2010-2015
- The Cultural Policy Strategy of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina, no. 93/08)
- Law on Communications of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina, no. 31/03)
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- The Broadcasting Sector Policy in BiH (Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina, no.18/07)
- Strategy for Transition from the Analogue to Digital Terrestrial Radio Broadcasting in BiH
- BiH Telecommunications Sector Policy

Annex V - Details per EU funded contract:

For *investment contracts*:

a) Based on the call for funds for the FP7 two EU contribution agreements are expected to be signed in Q1 and Q3/2012 - EUR 2 102 400

b) Based on the call for funds for the Media 2007 Programme one EU contribution agreement is expected to be signed in Q1/2012 - EUR 297 600