

BACID FUND IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project number:

1-2015_002

Project Title:

Strengthening the capacity of Albanian entities to apply for IPA founded Projects

Applicant Organisation:

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Partner from beneficiary country:

Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tirana (CCIT)

Priority theme:

Smart City – Local Economic Development

Type of activities:

Workshops

Strategic documents referred to:

Indicative Strategy Paper for Albania 2014-2020 - European Commission

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Traget group:

The final beneficiaries were public entities, including public enterprises, different ministries, local governments and as well SME

Number of beneficiaries:

The CCIT was the main direct beneficiary organisation.

Nevertheless, on the first training 29 participants and on the second one 43 participants from public entities like diverse ministries, local governments and public enterprises and SMEs participated.

Synergies made during Action:

These actions aimed also at developing synergies and increase cooperation between public entities, civil society, SME on joint programming initiatives in the field of IPA funded projects.

Replication of results:

Necessary measures to ensure constant, consistent and effective communication with target audiences along the implementation period were carried out under each activity.

These different forms of communication and visibility were used:

- Via direct communication during the trainings
- Via direct communication with stakeholders like the Ambassador of Austria in Albania, Austrian development Agency office Tirana, GIZ office Tirana
- Web-based communication including article at the website of the CCI and social media channels like Linked in

Assessment of the objectives:

These outputs (results) – products of the project were met.

Result 1: Strengthened capacities for Albanian entities to participate in IPA funded actions for Albania

Result 2: Enhanced knowledge and awareness raising on IPA funds and other funding instruments for Albania

Results Achieved:

After the completion of these trainings the participants:

- have increased knowledge of EU Funds for Regional Development Programmes
- can name and describe the basic principles of IPA II funds
- can count and recognise in which fields IPA II are investing in and how
- have increased skills to participate and manage IPA funded projects
- can recognise, and use the EUROPEAID project pipeline
- can recognise and use the terminus and the specifications of such projects
- can characterise and compare the externally funded projects and grants
- can identify ideas than can become projects
- can develop their ideas to make them projects
- can write the application form
- can identify the steps to detect potential partners
- can identify the steps to create an international consortium
- have increased skills to approach potential partner organisations
- can identify and will have increased skills to apply for the externally funded Grants

Activities implemented:

Act. 1: Training 1 20-25 July 2015 at the premises of the CCIT- 29 participants "How to come to IPA Funds, IPA Project Cycle Management and related issues"

Act. 2: Training 2 27 July- 1 August 2015 at the premises of University APB Tirana 43 participants "How to come to IPA Funds, Application and proposal writing for IPA Projects "

Duration of the project:

Duration of the Action: 10 days

Implementation period: 20 July 2015 -1 August 2015

Lessons learnt:

Although impact realised through the action overall is satisfactory, a number of challenges remain. Even though IPA Projects in Albania at the moment are a long term goal, the experience from different regional participants shows that these training activities should start at a very early stage and should be done on a regular basis.

Training should not only be delivered in Tirana but in the regions as well.

A great combination of the group consistence is important because of the integration of experiences.