

# IPA I, II and III Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Montenegro-Albania

## PROGRAMME FACTS:

- The overall objective of the Programme is to promote/strengthen good neighborly relations and socioeconomic development of the border regions, through valorizing its touristic potentials, an environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive economic development, with respect for its common cultural and natural heritage.
- Organized in IPA, IPA II & IPA III
- In MNE 12 municipalities and 615 settlements & in AL 2 regions and 1 district

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IPA MNE-ALB What's in there for youth?

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# COOP WITH YOUTH?! BOXES WE'VE TICKED:

How did Young People engage and benefit from the support of the calls under IPA II Programme:

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals

40 young persons trained on production of raspberries

68 workshops held in Petnjica and Bushat)

21 beneficiary in Montenegro and 20 beneficiaries in Albania as future raspberry farmers

2 trainings on establishing start-up held;

2 association of raspberry producers established.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals

4 Innovation boot camps

7 Information sessions with youth intending to prepare and apply start up project ideas

Youth employment Labs were also set up in both countries

20 job readiness (soft skills) training events were organized and research on youth job market demands

50 young people (33 females, 17 males), had the opportunity to do internships

10 new projects / business ideas have been developed and tested by youth in border areas.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals

Estimated: access facilitation of the labor market for young people and women in cross-border areas of Albania and Montenegro

developed self-employment / entrepreneurship skills - strategic planning, networking, marketing and sales, e-business - among young people and women in the cross-border region in the area of ICT, tourism, hospitality, gastronomy and traditional crafts.





# OPEN 4<sup>th</sup> CFP

(Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023)

## IPA II MNE-AL >>>ENTRY POINTS:

- **Priority 1:** Encouraging tourism, culture and natural heritage and **Priority 3: Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across the border.**
- **Eligible Area in AL:** Qarku Shkoder, Qarku Lezhe & Bashkia Tropoje
- **Who can apply:** **Central, regional and local government units (ministries, municipalities, agencies, departments, etc),** Tourism and cultural organisations, Associations of municipalities, Development agencies, Local business support organisations, **NGOs,** Public and private bodies supporting the workforce, **Vocational and technical training institutions,** Bodies and organisation for nature protection, **Schools, colleges, universities and research centres including vocations and technical training institutions.**
- **Download Application Package on:** <https://www.cbc-mne-alb.org/calls-for-proposals/4th-call-for-proposals/>





# What's in IPA III \*for youth?

Cross-border Cooperation Programme  
Montenegro – Republic of Albania for 2021-2027

## \*Main beneficiaries



licensed youth and adult education providers, Youth organizations

## Intervention Indicators\*



600 No of young people with increased capacities in environmental issues  
20 No of Exchange of experience on environmental topics, peer learning, non-formal education activities, volunteer actions with focus on youth, etc.  
20 No of Trainings of young people, including marginalized groups, for tourism entrepreneurial initiatives in remote areas

## Thematic priorities



>>Tourism and cultural and natural heritage.  
>>The cross-border territory is more environmentally sustainable and resilient

## Intervention Indicators\*



2 No of Capacity building activities for staff working in cultural sites and training opportunities for young people to engage in the sector natural heritage expecting to deliver innovative solutions (digital tours online, mapping, etc)  
20 No of Actions to improve the business environment and enhanced opportunities for business creation and employment in tourism focusing in young people, marginalized and vulnerable groups



# THANK YOU!

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