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### Eligible area

The programme area consists of:

#### Greece

Region of Epirus (Prefectures of Ioannina and Thesprotia), Region of Western Macedonia (Prefectures of Florina, Kastoria and Grevena) and Region of Ionian Islands (Prefecture of Kerkira).

#### Albania

Districts of Gjirokaster, Korçë and Vlorë.

The Prefecture of Grevena has been included as adjacent area with a total project expenditure undertaken in this area not exceeding 20% of the Community contribution to the Programme.

The cross-border cooperation area extends to 21,588 km<sup>2</sup> and has a total population of 1,040,118 inhabitants.



### IPA Cross-Border Programme «Greece – Albania 2007-2013»



IPA Cross-Border Programme

## Greece-Albania

2007  
2013

The IPA Cross-Border Programme "Greece-Albania 2007-2013" is co-funded by the European Union and by national funds of the participating countries



## Objectives

The IPA Cross-Border Programme "Greece-Albania 2007-2013" aims at a stronger and more sustainable economic and social development across the borderline between Greece and Albania. The Global Objective of the Programme is "to increase the standard of living of the population by promoting sustainable local development in the cross-border area". The Global Objective is addressing sustainability in its economical, social and environmental components. It takes into account the need to specify and focus on the one hand on the socioeconomic dimension of the cross-border area and on the other hand, on the undividable entity of nature and culture and their interactions in the eligible border area.

The overall goal of the Programme will be reached via two Strategic Priorities:

### Strategic Priority 1

Enhancement of cross-border economic development

### Strategic Priority 2

Promotion and development of the environment and natural and cultural resources

## Programme budget

The IPA Cross-Border Programme "Greece-Albania 2007-2013" is implemented according to the "transitional" approach. This implies that all actions taken in both sides of the Greece-Albania borderline should be discernible and clearly defined. They should also be joint, containing actions implemented in both countries, but separately contracted. In other words, the budget for the implementation of the Programme should be clearly broken down in activities between the two countries.

The total budget of the IPA Cross-Border Programme "Greece-Albania 2007-2013" in Greece for the period 2007-2009 is €5,556,110. The total financing consists of €4,167,082 (75%) EU funding and €1,389,028 (25%) national contribution.

Greece 2007-2009

EU funding	€4,167,082
National contribution	€1,389,028
<b>Total</b>	<b>€5,556,110</b>

The total budget of the IPA Cross-Border Programme "Greece-Albania 2007-2013" in Albania for the period 2007-2009 is €4,690,110. The total financing consists of €3,986,593 (85%) EU funding and €703,517 (15%) national contribution.

Greece 2007-2009

EU funding	€3,986,593
National contribution	€703,517
<b>Total</b>	<b>€4,690,110</b>

## Official Language

The official language is English. Additionally, other working languages are the national languages of the participating countries, i.e. Greek and Albanian.

## Priority Axes and Measures

The IPA Cross-Border Programme "Greece-Albania 2007-2013" covers two Priorities and a Technical Assistance component. Each of the Priorities is further broken down in a number of Measures, as presented in the following table:

Priority Axis	Measure	Indicative beneficiaries
<b>Enhancement of cross-border economic development</b>	1.1 Promotion of entrepreneurship	Ministries and central state bodies with regional competences, regional authorities, local self-government, education and research institutes, chambers, professional associations, cultural institutes and health directorates. As a general rule possible applicants are mainly public or public equivalent bodies implementing activities of non-profit character
	1.2 Promotion of sustainable tourism	
	1.3 Enable people to people actions	
	1.4 Facilitation of border accessibility through small scale infrastructure	
<b>Promotion and development of the environment and natural and cultural resources</b>	2.1 Promotion and protection of the environmental resources of the area	Ministries and central state bodies with regional competences, regional authorities, local self-government, education and research institutes, protected areas' management bodies, museums and cultural institutes, and Non Governmental Organisations
	2.2 Promotion and protection of the natural and cultural heritage of the area	
<b>Technical Assistance</b>		Technical Assistance will focus on activities necessary for the effective management and implementation of the Programme. Technical Assistance funds should also be earmarked to provide environmental monitoring of the Programme, if existing monitoring measures are considered inadequate

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