

IPA Annual Programme 2008 II

The IPA 2008 programme II for Kosovo¹ is focused on the objectives identified in the Multi-Annual Indicative Planning Document (MIPD) 2008-2010. The programme contains 3 projects grouped under 2 strategic priority axes - Political Criteria and Economic criteria. The objectives of the programme reflect the key priorities of the European Partnership and the priorities of Kosovo's Medium-Term Expenditure Framework.

Priority Axis 1 - Political Criteria

42% of the overall EC budget of the current programme should be allocated to this axis, which focuses on the fulfilment of the EU's political criteria, in particular the consolidation of Kosovo's institutional, administrative and judicial set-up, including the fight against corruption, and the protection of human rights.

Priority Axis 2 – Economic Criteria

58% of the overall EC budget of the current programme should be allocated to this axis which addresses wider socio-economic issues, in particular improvement of the investment climate and trade opportunities through the development of infrastructures in energy, transport, environment or other relevant sectors.

The programme is designed to have the flexibility necessary to respond to Kosovo's priority needs in 2009 and 2010, and the strengthening EU leadership role and presence in Kosovo.

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