



**Methodological Approach on Planning Procedure
IPA II Cross-border Cooperation Programme
“Greece-the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2014-2020**

May 2014 – September 2014





Questionnaire Design

Date: May 20 - 29

Aim: to gather data that will be used as input to the new O.P.

Design: a formal standardized questionnaire

Steps preceding questionnaire design:

- a) Study on questionnaires of other Operational Programmes
- b) Data analysis of previous admissions
- c) A Questionnaire structure that meets the criteria of:
 - a. *Minimizing time needed in order to maximize response rate;*
 - b. *Merged ERDF and IPA II objectives*
 - c. *Explanatory text following the priorities*
 - d. *Web format*



Data Collection

Date: June 03 - 16

For both countries sides, the questionnaires are addressed to as many as possible stakeholders

The sample includes national and regional public authorities, local public authorities, development agencies, other public bodies, universities/research institutions, chambers or other professional bodies, enterprises, non-governmental organizations, COOPs and stakeholders that already implementing similar projects

The Expert contacted major stakeholders by phone

Data analysis will be held using adequate software (SPSS) in order to improve outcome for decision making, using statistical and analytical tools such as standard deviation, mean, normalization cumulative percentages, percentile equivalents, Z-scores, T-scores, standard nines, and percentages in standard nines



Workshops

Date: June 26 - 27

The Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes in cooperation with

- ✓ MINISTRY OF LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT
- ✓ JOINT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT (JTS) OF THE IPA CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMME “GREECE - THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA 2007-2013”
- ✓ DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

arranged two (2) workshops, in Bitola and Kilkis.

Aim:

- a) Present the EU and IPA objectives and priorities for 2014 – 2020
- b) Exchange concepts and ideas
- c) Feedback from the participants of workshops
- d) Enhance joint purposes among stakeholders
- e) Maximise the visibility process



Data evaluation

Date delay: 07 July 2014

Upon completion of public consultation Phase A procedure, the gathered information will be processed and analyzed. Multiple criteria analysis will be used for the prioritization of thematic objective and investment priorities

All outcomes will be published accordingly



O.P. Format and Structure

Date delay: 21 July 2014

The structure and the format of forthcoming OP including priorities, objectives, expenditure categories and fund allocation will be submitted to Managing Authority and to the Task Force Members



Public Consultation Phase B

Date: from 23rd July to 10th August 2014.

Phase B of public consultation which refers to the Draft O.P. evaluation in order to collect stakeholders' opinions



Final Draft of Operational Programme, Programme Bodies
Date delay: 25 August 2014.

Draft OP will be submitted to Task Force



Operational Programme, EU
Date delay: 22 September 2014.

OP will be submitted to EU