





# Европейско териториално сътрудничество

ИПП Програми за транс-гранично сътрудничество  
(външни граници)

Cross-Border Cooperation  
Programme Between  and   
Co-Funded by the Instrument for  
Pre-Accession Assistance CCI  
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# LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF THE CBC IPA PROGRAMME


- Council Regulation №1085/2006 of 17 July, 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA);
- Commission Regulation (EC) № 718/2007 of 12 June, 2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) № 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA);
- **Cross-Border Cooperation Programme** within the Instrument for Pre-Accession, approved by the European Commission on December 14, 2007 with programme reference number C (2007) 6298.





# Cross-Border Cooperation/ Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (CBC – IPA)

- The programme is implemented in line with the concept of **Shared (integrated) management** where a single **Managing Authority**, a single **Certifying Authority** and a single **Audit Authority** are appointed, in accordance with Article 33 and Article 102 or Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007.
- ❖ The rule for the deadline for use of the funding is **n+3**
- ❖ The programme has available a total amount of funding, spent according to a **single set of rules in the eligible territory without geographic restrictions**
- ❖ All operations (projects) are selected by a **single Call for Proposals**, approved by the **Joint Monitoring Committee** and concerning the whole eligible area;

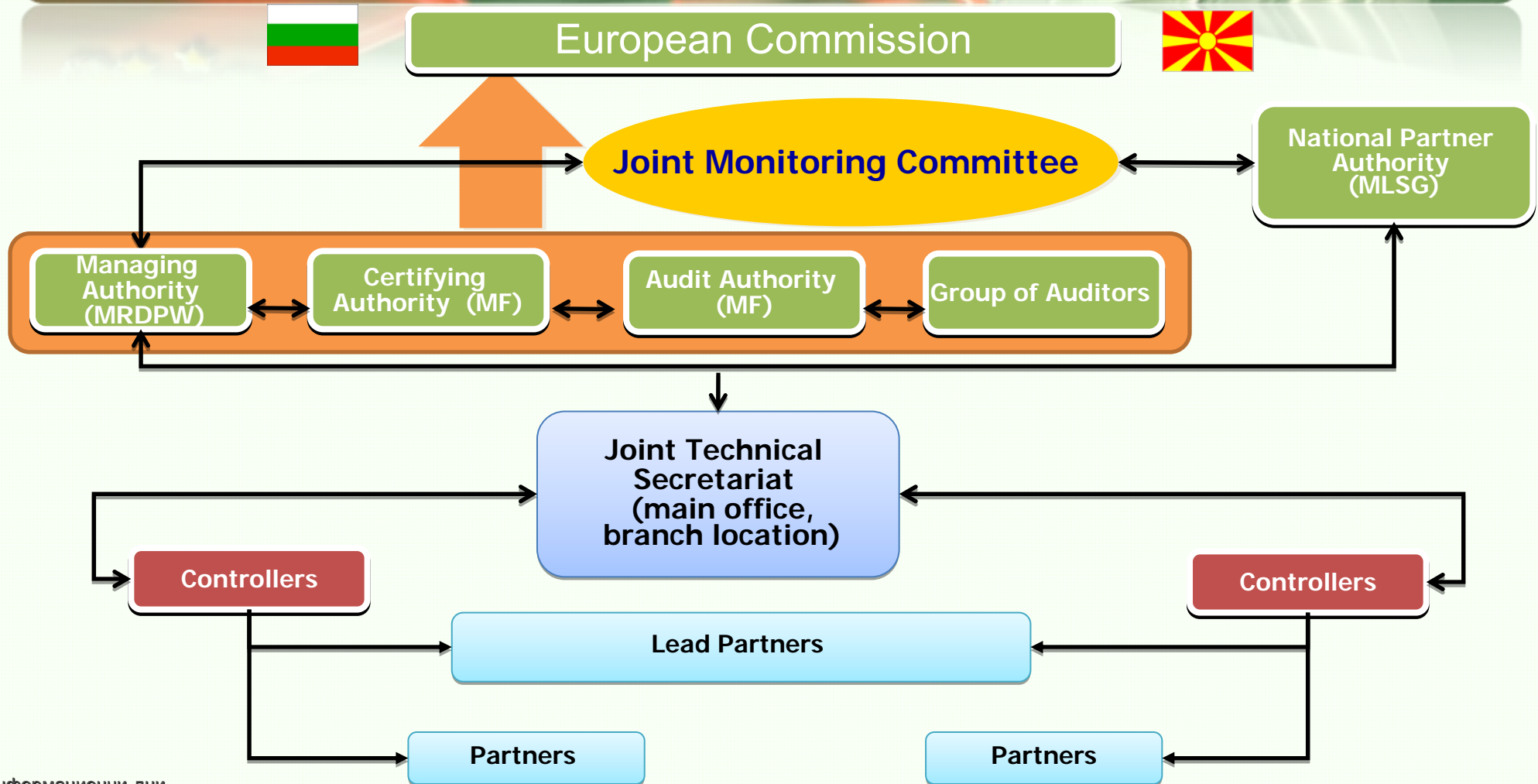


# Cross-Border Cooperation/ Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (CBC – IPA)

- Operations (projects) must have direct CBC impact in terms of partners respecting **at least one** of the following conditions as described below:
  - ❖ **Joint Development** — the project must be designed in close cooperation of the partners on both sides of the borders;
  - ❖ **Joint Implementation** — activities must be carried out and coordinated among partners on both sides of the border;
  - ❖ **Joint Staffing** — the staff will be responsible for project activities on both sides of the border;
  - ❖ **Joint Financing** — there will be one joint project budget which should be divided between partners according to the activities carried out.
- Programme funding will be allocated by **two financial** sources:
  - ❖ **Funding from the ERDF and from IPA - 85 % EU funding** and
  - ❖ **15% national co-financing** equally distributed between partner states.



# Management and Implementation Structures







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- ❖ **Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC)** is formed of representatives at national, regional and local level from both countries, supervises the programme and is responsible for its strategic adaptation.
- ❖ **Managing Authority (MA)**  **Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works** – responsible for managing and implementing the cross-border programme in accordance with the principle of sound financial management;
- ❖ **National Authority (NA)** –  **Ministry of Local Self-Government** – cooperates in joint programming, management and implementation of the programme;
- ❖ **Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS)** –  **main office (Kyustendil)** and **JTS branch/antennae (Strumica)** – assist the management bodies of the programme in carrying out their respective duties and is the main contact point between the programme and the potential beneficiaries/ project partners;





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- ❖ **Certifying Authority (CA)**  **Ministry of Finance** – certifies that the expenditures declared comply with applicable Community and national rules in accordance with the criteria applicable to the Programme;
- ❖ **Audit Authority (AA)**  **Audit of European Union Funds Implementing Agency by the Ministry of Finance** - ensuring that audits are carried out to verify the effective functioning of the management and control system of the cross-border programme;
- ❖ **Group of Auditors** – comprising of equal number representatives of each country participating in the programme to assist the AA in carrying out the duties provided for in Article 105 of Commission Regulation 718/2007;
- ❖ **Independent Controllers** – designated for each member state, responsible for verifying the legality and regularity of the expenditure declared by each beneficiary participating in the operation;
- ❖ **Assessors** – hired for the needs of technical (quality) evaluation of proposals. The list of external assessors is approved by JMC.

# About the Programme

## ❖ Territory:

- ❖ Area - 18 736 sq km
- ❖ Total Border Length – 165 km
- ❖ Population - 1 044 10

## ❖ Territorial Scope:

- ❖ 2 districts 
- ❖ 3 regions 



# Eligible Area (NUTS III)



**District of Kyustendil**

9 Municipalities

**District of Blagoevgrad**

14 Municipalities



**North East Region**

6 Municipalities

**South East Region**

10 Municipalities

**East Region**

11 Municipalities





# Strategic Framework of the Programme

## Strategic Goal

Sustainable Development of the Border Region in Support of the Efforts for Broader European Cooperation and Integration

Specific Objective 1:  
Promoting Sustainable  
Economic Development in  
the Cross-Border Region

Specific Objective 2:  
Promoting Social Cohesion in  
the Cross-Border Region

Specific Objective 3:  
Further Development of the  
Attractiveness and Quality of  
Life in the Cross-Border  
Region

Priority Axis 1:  
Economic Development and Social  
Cohesion

Priority Axis 2:  
Improvement the Quality of Life

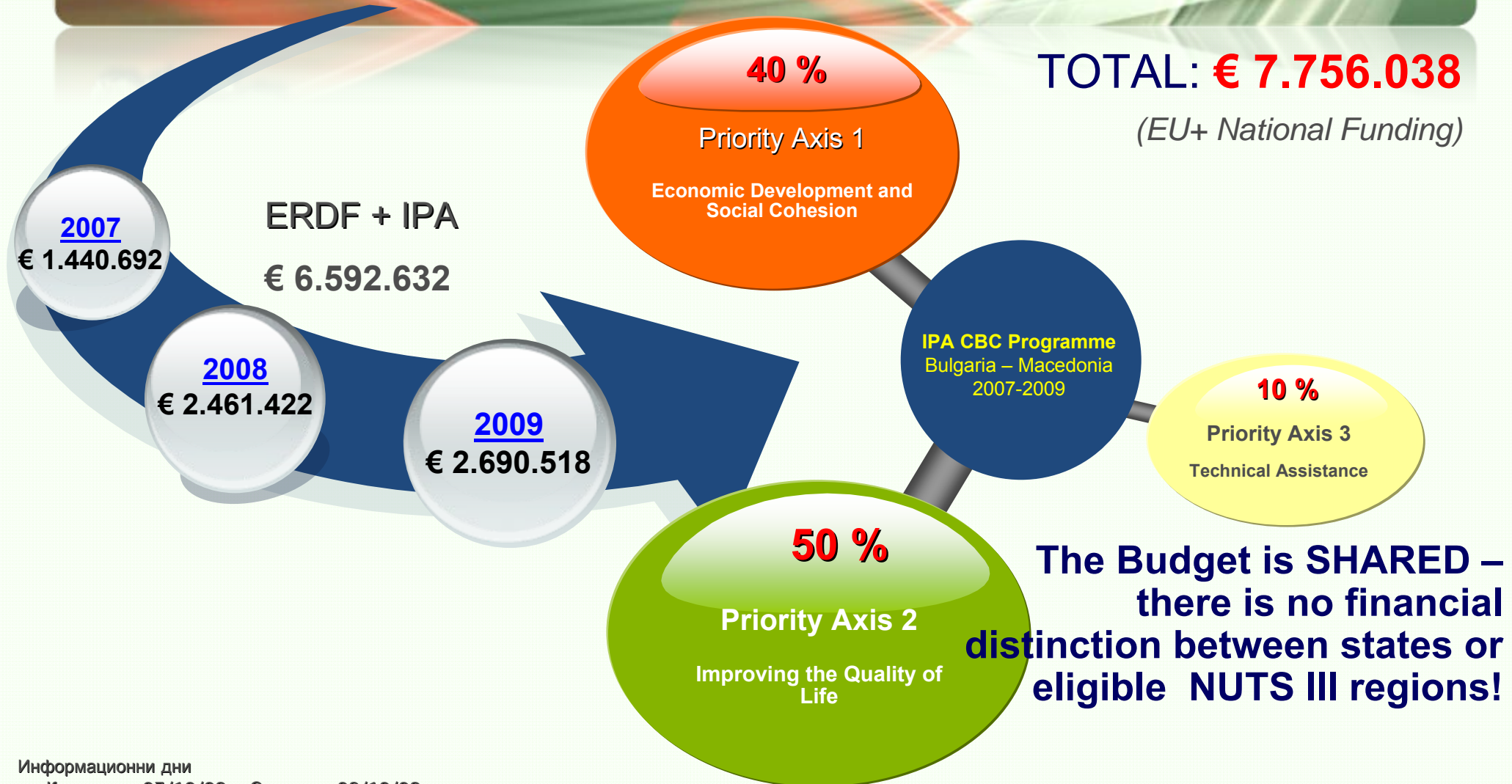
Priority Axis 3:  
Technical Assistance



# Budget of the Programme

**TOTAL: € 7.756.038**

*(EU+ National Funding)*





# Priority Axes and Measures

Priority Axis	Measures
Priority Axis 1: Economic Development and Social Cohesion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Economic Development;</li><li>❖ Social Cohesion;</li><li>❖ Project Preparation</li></ul>
Priority Axis 2: Improvement the Quality of Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Utilization of Eco Resources;</li><li>❖ Utilization of Cultural Resources</li></ul>
Priority Axis 3: Technical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ General Administration and Assessment of the Programme;</li><li>❖ Publicity and Communication</li></ul>





# PRIORITY AXIS 1: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL COHESION

- The objective of this axis is to increase competitiveness and economic growth in the whole region and to promote employment and social integration. **Fields of intervention of Priority Axis 1:**
- **1.1. Economic Development** – to use and mobilize all opportunities in the area of economy, to increase market potential and to create new stable partnerships;
- **1.2. Social Cohesion** – to overcome the dividing effect of the border and to promote the relation between the two countries in the field of social cooperation;
- **1.3. Project Preparation** – to prepare quality projects, applying for other European and national sources.



## **PRIORITY AXIS 2: IMPROVEMENT THE QUALITY OF LIFE**

- **The objective** is to provide protection and utilization of natural resources and cultural resources by developing tourism, based on natural and cultural resources, protection of biodiversity and cross-border cultural cooperation:
- **Fields of intervention of Priority Axis 2:**
- **2.1. Utilization of Eco Resources** – to contribute to the protection of natural resources;
- **2.2. Utilization of Cultural Resources** – strengthening cross-border cooperation in the field of cultural activities which will contribute for improving the quality of life in the region.





# PRIORITY AXIS 3: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- **The objective** is to provide effective management and exchange of information with view of achieving the overall objectives of the Programme.
- **Fields of intervention of Priority Axis 3:**
- **3.1. Joint Administration and Evaluation of the Programme** – supporting the Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat for the implementation of activities, related to preparation of documents, assessment and selection of projects; monitoring and evaluation of activities, control and audit of the Programme;
- **3.2. Publicity and Communication** – activities, related to preparation and dissemination of materials and organization of events for publicity of the programme.

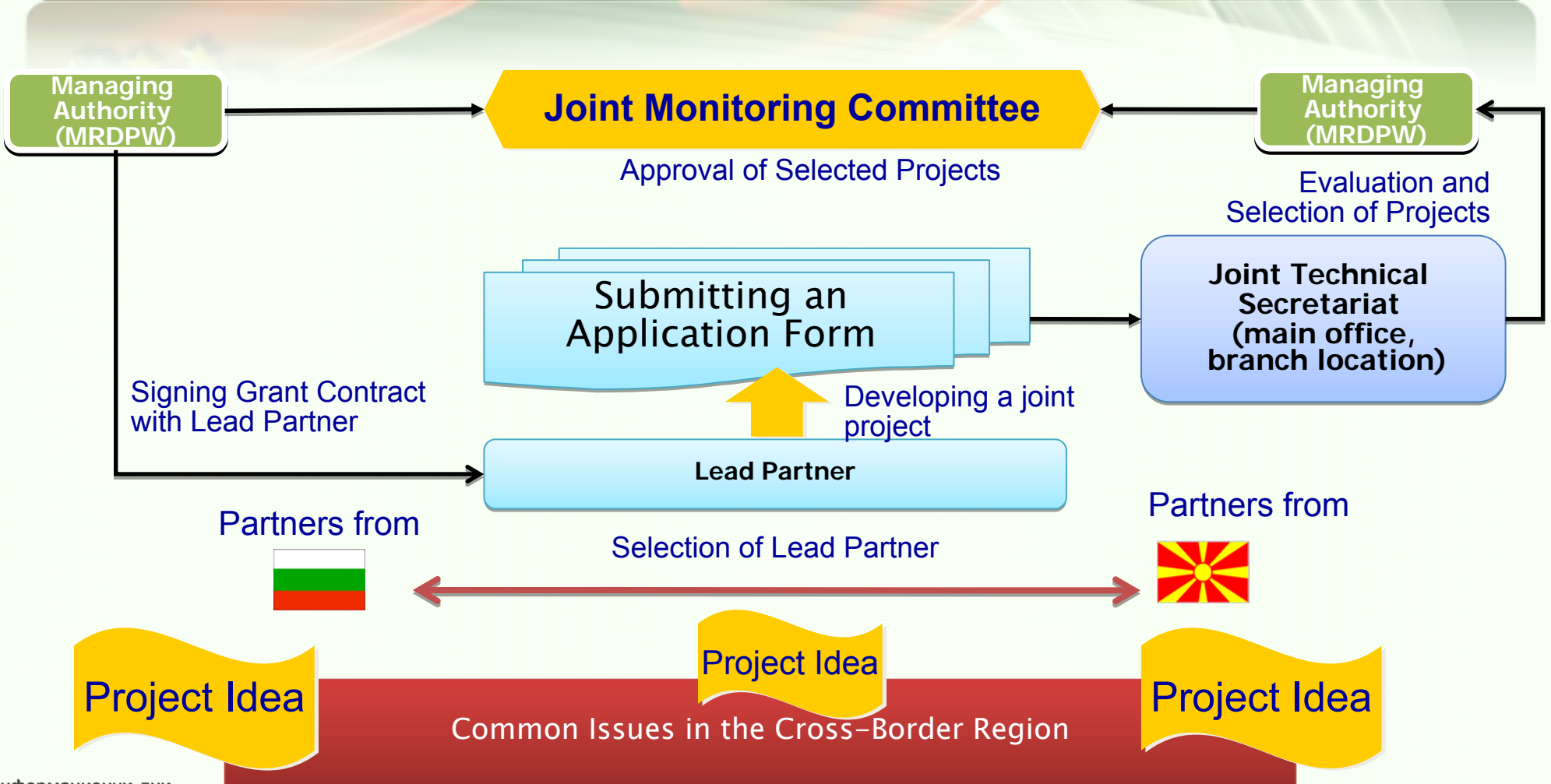


# GUIDING RULES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME

- **Sustainable Development** – social, economic and ecological sustainability in the implementation of the programme will be of major importance;
- **Equal Opportunities** – this concept must be present in each stage of implementation of the projects: preparation, implementation, monitoring, assessment;
- **Cross-Border Cooperation** – actual partnership, cross-border effect of the project and joint activities during the implementation of the project are required.



# Identification, Application and Selection Process





# Contacts

The Programme is available online on:

<http://www.ipa-cbc-007.eu> <http://www.mrrb.government.bg/> <http://www.mls.gov.mk>

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