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period 2007-2013. It was established by the Council
Regulation No. 1085/2006. Its budget amounts to 11.468
billion €. It replaces CARDS and pre-accession funds
(PHARE, ISPA, SAPARD). Its objective is to assist
candidate countries and potential candidate countries in
their progressive alignment with the *acquis*
communautaire, with a view to membership. It consists of
five components:

- (1) Transition Assistance and Institution Building
(IPA TAIB),
- (2) Cross-Border Cooperation (IPA CBC),
- (3) Regional Development,
- (4) Human Resources Development (IPA HRD) and
- (5) Rural Development (IPARD).

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IPA 2009

Twinning Project

**Strengthening the administrative
capacity of competent authorities and
implementation agencies for
coordination of social security schemes**



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Board, Sweden

Twinning Project

“Strengthening the administrative capacity of competent authorities and implementation agencies for coordination of social security schemes”

Objective

To strengthen the administrative capacity of Croatian competent authorities and implementation agencies to implement *acquis*, in the field of free movement of workers and co-ordination of social security schemes

Project Purpose

To increase the institutional and administrative capacity of the competent authorities and implementation agencies (liaison bodies) to effectively coordinate social security schemes upon EU accession.

Twinning Partners and beneficiary institutions

- Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship (MELE), Croatia
- Social Insurance Agency, Sweden
- Unemployment Insurance Board, Sweden
- Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
- Ministry of Family, Veteran's Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity
- Croatian Institute for Health Insurance
- Croatian Pension Insurance Institute
- Croatian Employment Service
- Central Registry of Affiliates

Project data

Project duration

The project duration is from 27 November 2011 until 27 January 2013.

Project funding

The project is funded by the European Union within IPA 2009 programme with an amount of 1.000.000 €.

Activities

The activities are divided in four components:

1. Project visibility. The objective is to organize an opening and closing event. In addition, website for the project will be established.
2. Strengthening of institutional and administrative capacity of competent authorities and implementation agencies. The objective is to improve the administrative procedures and institutional co-operation for all institutions involved in social security co-ordination with focus both on the national and the international perspective.
3. Analysis of impact of free movement of persons on Croatian social security administration system. The main objective is to carry out an analytical and financial study of the implications for Croatia when applying the EU Regulations.
4. Raising of public awareness on right of free movement of workers. The objective is to develop an awareness raising strategy for the general public on social security rights when moving within the European Union. A communication strategy for the dissemination of information material for migrant persons will be developed.

Results

Main results of the project

1. Overall co-operation and functioning of all institutions in charge of co-ordination of social security issues improved.
2. Capacity of the relevant institutions directly applying the co-ordination rules on social security schemes enhanced, their expertise in this field upgraded and transfer of knowledge ensured through the training of future trainers.
3. Administrative procedures on implementation and direct application of the co-ordination rules harmonized with the EU co-ordination regulations.
4. Comprehensive analytical and financial study of the impact of free movement of workers between Croatia and EU Member States on the Croatian social security administration system prepared.
5. Awareness raising strategy and communication system established and functioning.
6. Information related to free movement of workers disseminated to the general public.