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| **IPA 2016-** **Support to Flood Protection and Flood Risk Management** |

**Overall objective:** To stenghten cooperation between BiH and the EU in the environmental field with the vital task of halting further degradation and to start improving the environmental situation with the aim of sustainable development

**Specific objective:** To increase capacities of Bosnia Herzegovina in terms of protection to potential hazards of water

**Project value:** 5.000.000 EUR

**Component 1.**

**Result 1:** Improved Flood Risk Management System in BiH

Six main activities:

1.1. Creating a flood risk management plan for Sava River Watershed in the FBiH

1.2.Creating a flood risk management plan for Watershed of Adriatic Sea in the FBiH

1.3.Creating a flood risk management plan for district Sava River Watershed in the RS

1.4.Creating a flood risk management plan for district Trebišnjica River Watershed in the RS

1.5.Creating a flood risk management plan for the Brčko District of BiH

1.6.Creating the Roof Report for BiH summarizing key issues and key measures extracted from the five flood risk management plans

The development of these plans represents the last step towards the full implementation of the EU Directive on Assessment and Management of Flood Risks (Directive 2007/60 / EC) in BiH.

**Component 2.**

**Result 2:** Increased readiness for implementation of structural measures protecting from floods in priority areas.

Two main activities:

2.1. Developing plan documents related to protection from erosion in the territory of the Federation of BiH and Brčko District

2.2. Developing a set of the technical documentation (preliminary and detailed design) for flood - protecting infrastructure for the selected priority areas in the Sava River and the Adriatic watersheds in the Republic of Srpska, the Federation of BiH and Brčko District of BiH.

Activity 2.1 foresees development of Erosion Management Programme for the FBiH and BD of BiH as an initial phase of monitoring and potential control of erosion in the FBiH flood areas. The Programme would be complementary to the document already developed in the RS, so there would be completed the overview of erosion areas (complete erosion maps) for the whole territory of FBiH and defined overall measures for combating erosion in FBiH. In addition, one of the outputs of this activity would be a defined scope of the needed monitoring to be performed annually for erosion control in the entire territory of F BiH. The Programme should be based on the recommendations of the Protocol on sediment management to the framework agreement on the Sava river basin, made by the International Sava River Basin Commission.

Activity 2.2 foresees developing a set of technical documentation (preliminary and construction works) aiming to bring flood protection projects in the priority areas to full maturity including measures to mitigate the adverse effects on the status of the water bodies. The key stakeholder competent institutions jointly identified critical areas that urgently need to be ready for infrastructural rehabilitation and re/construction. While indicating the priority areas, the stakeholder institutions observed the criteria of key beneficiaries in the field affected by the floods (taking into account the biggest potential material damages in the industrial zones, agricultural land and the highest risk for the population in settlements) as well as the criteria from the Action Plan for flood protection and water management in BiH 2014-2017, which with the Measure 3 (“Adoption of new technical solutions for protection from floods, erosion and torrents in settlements and towns without constructed water protection facilities, and construction of new facilities”) fully justifies the activities envisaged within the Component 2 of the Project.

The start of the IPA 2016 Project implementation is expected in 2018.