



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC POLICY AND  
MINISTER OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
MINISTER OF INVESTMENT PLANNING

**BULGARIA – THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA IPA  
CROSS BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME  
2014-2020**

**Partner State Agreement**

Having regard to

- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006
- Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Regional Development Fund and on specific provisions concerning the Investment for growth and jobs goal and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006
- Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on specific provisions for the support from the European Regional Development Fund to the European territorial cooperation goal,
- Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II),

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014 of 2 May 2014 on the specific rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II),
- The IPA Cross Border Cooperation Programme, as validated by the **Joint Working Group** on 21<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014.

***The Partner State agrees to the following:***

1. Republic of Bulgaria, represented by Deputy Prime Minister in charge of economic policy, Minister of Regional Development and Minister of Investment Planning confirms its agreement to the content of the Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020.
2. Republic of Bulgaria, represented by Deputy Prime Minister in charge of economic policy, Minister of Regional Development and Minister of Investment Planning commits to provide the co-financing necessary to implement the Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020.

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