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Following its application for EU membership in February 2016, Bosnia and Herzegovina has to fulfil 14 key priorities set out in the Commission Opinion of May 2019. The Commission's opinion published on 29 May provides a comprehensive roadmap for reforms to guide and support the country on its path.

The technical activities of this Project are agreed between the Member States and the Beneficiary as part of the necessary actions that the Beneficiary must carry out for its approximation to the EU.



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Strengthening capacities of the Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA) of BiH



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**Twinning Project
“Strengthening capacities of the
Indirect Taxation Authority
(ITA) of BiH”**

Objective

The overall objective of this project is strengthening the efficiency and capacity of ITA through implementation of best practices and legislation in line with EU Acquis on indirect taxation. Project aims to improve overall performance of Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA) by applying new laws, procedures and well-developed effective systems of customs, VAT and excise controls.

Twinning Partners

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- Eutalia Srl
- Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH

Project funding

The project is funded from IPA 2020 funds and is worth € 1,000.000.

Project duration

The project implementation started on 25th September 2023, with the duration of 24 months.

Project Components

Component 1

Approximation in the area of Customs and Taxation

Component 2

Support to Risk Analyses and Management Department of ITA

Component 3

Support to Internal Audit Department

Component 4

Support to expert team in implementing FATF (Financial Action Task Force) action plan

Expected results

- **Result 1:** Performance improved and practices and procedures aligned with those of EU in the field of customs, VAT and excise duty
 - **Sub-result 1.1:** Drafted proposal of the Decision on the implementation of the new Customs Policy Law of BiH which has to be harmonized with the implementing regulation of the Union Customs Code
 - **Sub-result 1.2:** Updated or drafted bylaws and instructions on customs, excise and VAT procedures
 - **Result 2:** Compliance Risk Management (CRM) process adopted at all levels of ITA
 - **Result 3:** Internal auditors trained
 - **Result 4:** ITA staff trained in the field of controls of cash entering or leaving the country
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