

The Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance

An overview

**DG Enlargement
Financial Instruments Directorate**



New Instrument

- ***IPA Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 adopted on 17 July 2006***
- ***A unified pre-accession instrument to assist candidate and potential candidate countries***
- ***Replaces Phare, ISPA, SAPARD, Turkey pre-accession instrument and CARDS***
- ***Financial envelope (2007–13) :
11.468 bio € (current prices)***



New Regulatory framework

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Council Framework Regulation

(EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006

(OJ L 210 of 31 July 2006)

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***Commission Implementing
Regulation***

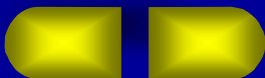
(April 2007)



Structure of IPA

Five components:

- I. Transition Assistance and Institution Building*
- II. Cross-Border Co-operation*
- III. Regional Development*
- IV. Human Resources Development*
- V. Rural Development*



Targeted assistance under IPA

- *Potential candidate countries:*

- ↳ *Support for participation in the Stabilisation and Association process all the way to future accession, with access to the first two IPA components*

- ↳ *Under component I, possibility of financing components III, IV and V-type measures*

- *Candidate countries:*

5 components to help countries to:

- ↳ *Adopt and implement the acquis*

- ↳ *Prepare for EU funds on accession*



Scope of Assistance (1)

- **Strengthening of democratic institutions**
- **Promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms**
- **Public administration reform**
- **Economic reform**
- **Development of civil society**
- **Social inclusion**
- **Reconciliation and reconstruction**
- **Cross-border cooperation**



Scope of Assistance (2)

- **For Candidate Countries:**

Adoption and implementation of the *acquis communautaire*

Preparation for the implementation and management of the Community's common agricultural and cohesion policies

- **For Potential Candidate Countries:**

Alignment with the *acquis communautaire*

Social, economic and territorial development



Priorities for Assistance

- **European Partnership**
- **Accession Partnership**
- **National Programme for the Adoption of the *Acquis***
- **Reports and Strategy Papers contained in the annual Enlargement Package**
- **Stabilisation and Association Agreements**
- **National Strategies, where compatible with pre-accession objectives**



Implementation framework: description

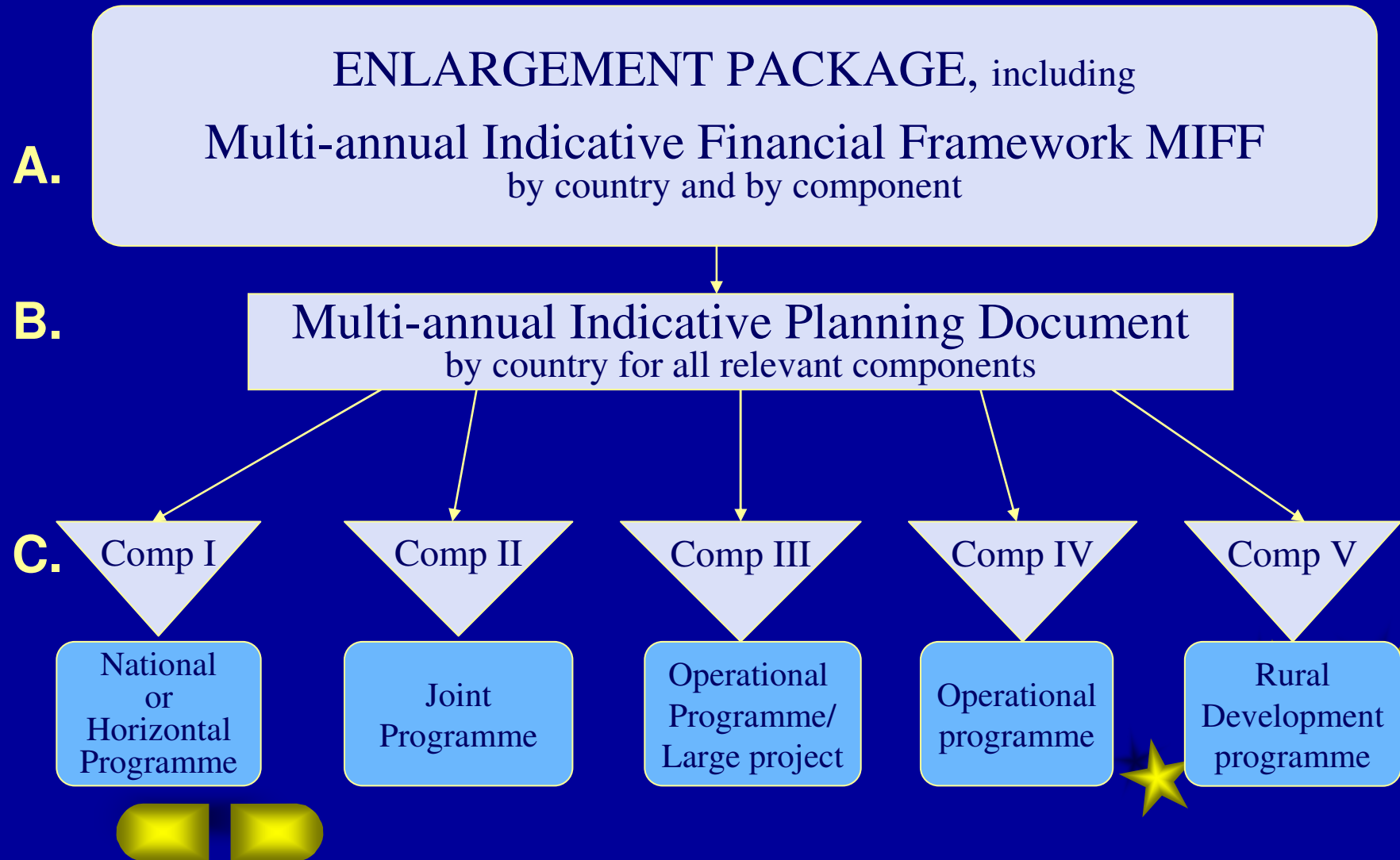
- A. Political and Financial Framework : enlargement package, including a Multi-annual Indicative Financial Framework (MIFF), per country and per component, 3-year rolling forward.***

- B. Strategic planning: Multi-annual Indicative Planning Documents (MIPD), per country and for all components.***

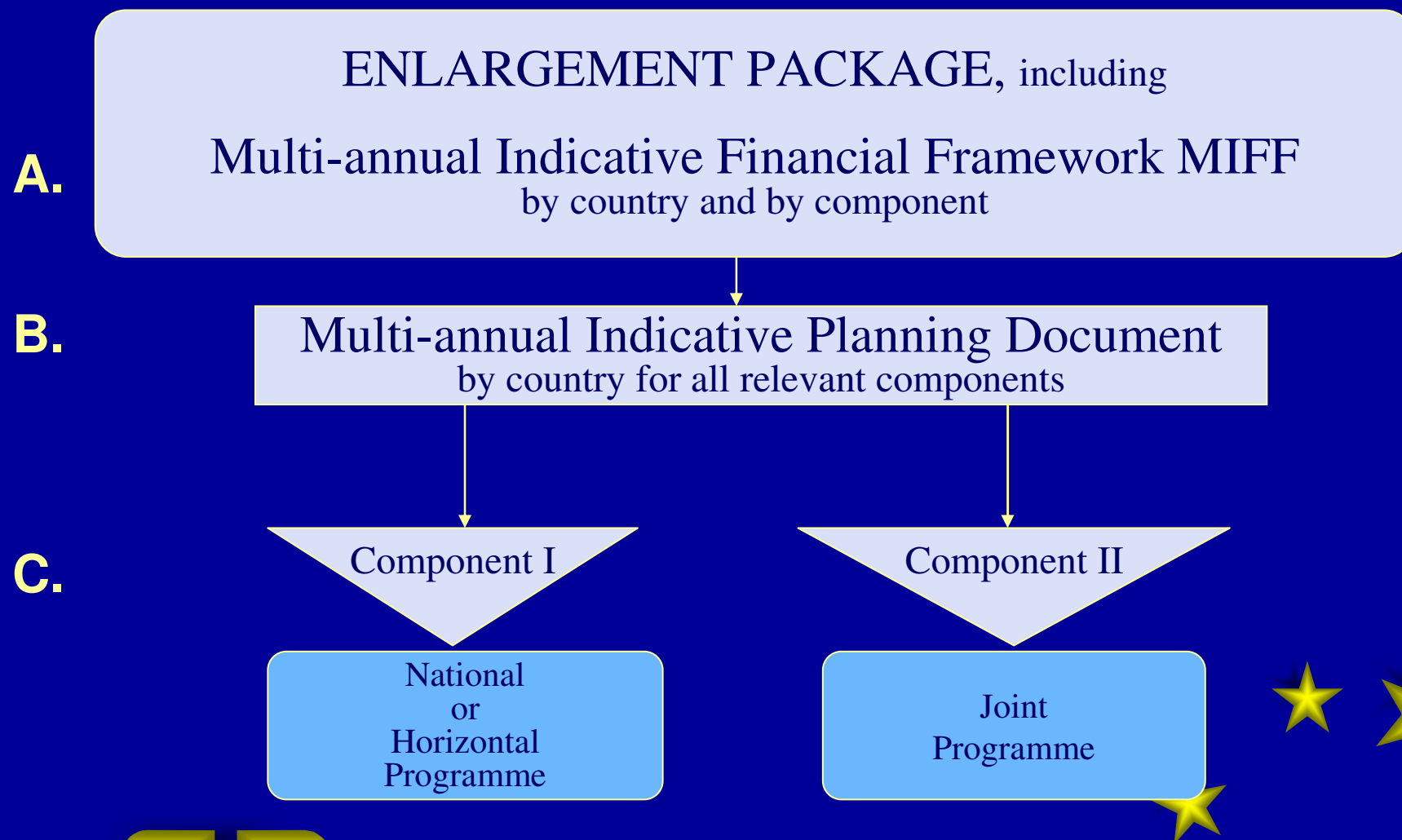
- C. Specific programming by country and by component***



General policy and programming framework: flowchart Candidates



General policy and programming framework: flowchart Potential Candidates



Multi-annual Indicative Financial framework

- ***Part of the enlargement package***
- ***Financial translation of the overall priorities identified within the pre- accession political framework***
- ***Breakdown of financial envelope by horizontal programmes, country and component, administrative expenditure***
- ***Established for a 3 year period on a rolling forward basis***



MIFF 2007-2010

MEUR

Country	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Turkey	497	539	566	654	2.256
Croatia	139	146	151	154	590
FYROM	59	70	82	92	303
Serbia	187	191	195	199	772
Montenegro	31	32	33	34	130
Kosovo	63	65	66	67	261
Bosnia	62	75	89	106	332
Albania	61	71	81	93	306
Total	1.099	1.189	1.263	1.399	4.950



Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document

- *One for each beneficiary country, covering all relevant components*
- *strategic cornerstone of IPA implementation, ensures the necessary coherence between components*
- *Following the 3 year rolling logic*
- *Prepared by the Commission, in close consultation with the beneficiary country and relevant stakeholders, including civil society*
- *Submitted to IPA management Committee for opinion*



Programming level

- *MIPD supplemented by detailed annual or multi-annual programmes, depending on the component*
- *Programmes established per component, where possible by the beneficiary country and submitted to the Commission*



Conclusions

- ⇒ ***Single legal base: more coherence and co-ordination in assistance, as well as targeted and more efficient assistance***
- ⇒ ***Single implementing regulation: harmonisation of implementing procedures to the maximum possible extent***
- ⇒ ***No major changes in the areas and priorities for assistance***

