



**Initiative related to the cooperation agreement among
regional paying agencies**

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Why cooperate? While the walk of each country in implementation of IPARD II is different some of the issues faced are similar!

Becici 10-11 April, Report from workshop on Early IPARD II CALLS, the below listed bottlenecks and issues were Identified as common symptoms for all participants:

Low quality of the applications

Insufficient capacity to assess the applications

More applications than expected

Inefficient evaluation system for
checking reasonableness of the costs

Albania example: During the first call, on 68 Applications, the average calendaric days that the application has been on EVC is 48 calendaric days, with a min of 4 calendaric days (construction works), and a max of 151 calendaric days.

Proposed Initiative

SWG to facilitate bi-annual regional meetings where Paying Agencies and Managing Authorities create synergies in the implementation of IPARD Program

- Establish a cooperation agreement between the regional paying agencies, to exchange ideas, knowledge, data and experience
- Improve existing procedures to enhance system of controls and ensure effective payments
- Insure accurate market prices and respective country/EU standards at the end of the investment
- Help address issues of underperformed sectors accrossed the region



Thank you for your attention!