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**HR-Zagreb: IPA — technical assistance for management of the IPA/SF operational programme  
2012/S 35-055315**

**Location: Europe (non-EU) — Croatia**

**Contract forecast notice**

**Services**

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

Main object:

71356200 Technical assistance services

Additional object(s):

79633000 Staff development services

80000000 Education and training services

22470000 Manuals

79418000 Procurement consultancy services

1. **Publication reference:**

EuropeAid/132567/D/SER/HR.

2. **Procedure:**

Restricted.

3. **Programme:**

IPA.

4. **Financing:**

IPA 2007 HR 16 I PO 003 environmental protection operational programme 2007–2011 for Community assistance under the IPA regional development component in Croatia.

5. **Contracting authority:**

Central Finance and Contracting Agency, Zagreb, REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

6. **Nature of contract:**

Fee-based.

7. **Contract description:**

This project will provide assistance to the operating structure with management of the environmental operational programme; assistance with transition from IPA to Structural Funds (SF) implementation rules, including transition from PRAG to nationally regulated public procurement; support for preparation, improvement and revision of procedures and tools for control-related working practices; guides for project preparation; tools for project evaluation; preparation of the operational programme and other documents for the next SF programming period (2014–2020) for the environment sector; preparation and execution of training activities on management of EU funds (Structural Funds/Cohesion Fund), technical matters and contract implementation.

8. **Numbers and titles of lots:**

The contract is divided into lots:

No, 1 lot only.

9. **Budget:**

Maximum budget: 1 360 000 EUR.

10. **Intended timing of publication of procurement notice:**

April 2012.

11. **Additional information:**

Not applicable.

12. **Legal basis:**

EC Council Regulation No 1085/2006 of 17.7.2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

13. **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

9.2.2012.

**Remarks:**

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this contract forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice.

No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.