

**INDIVIDUAL SERVICE CONTRACT FORECAST**  
**Promotion and Provision of Advisory Services to SMEs**  
**Republic of Croatia**

**1. Publication reference**

EuropeAid/129066/D/SER/HR

**2. Procedure**

Restricted

**3. Programme**

IPA

**4. Financing**

IPA 2007 HR 16 I PO 001 Regional Competitiveness Operational Programme 2007-2009 for Community Assistance under IPA Regional Development Component in Croatia

**5. Contracting Authority**

Central Finance and Contracting Agency

**6. Nature of contract**

Fee-based

**7. Contract description**

The overall objective of the contract is to increase competitiveness of the Croatian SMEs. The purpose of the contract is to improve quality and availability of business support service to SMEs by promoting and providing direct consultancy and advisory services to SMEs with a particular focus on SMEs in Croatian lagging behind areas. The advisory services will be provided in areas such as Quality assurance and Marketing and product development. However, these may be extended based on the assessment of SMEs needs undertaken in the course of contract implementation.

**8. Indicative budget**

EUR 3.030.000

**9. Intended timing of publication of the procurement notice**

December 2009

**10. Additional information**

N/A

**11. Legal basis**

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

**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.