

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

Report No.: ISDSC17274

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Albania	Project ID:	P159520
Project Name:	Second MDTF for Capacity Building Support to Implement the IPS		
Team Leader(s):	Evis Sulko		
Estimated Date of Approval:	25-Mar-2016		
Managing Unit:	GGO15	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	Central government administration (100%)		
Theme(s):	Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (60%), Managing for development results (30%), e-Government (10%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	1.38058079	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
SWEDEN Swedish Intl. Dev. Cooperation Agency (SIDA)			1.17881434
Single Purpose Trust Fund			0.000001
SWITZERLAND Swiss Agency for Dev. & Coop. (SDC)			0.20176545
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The PDO does not change with this additional financing of the IPS 2 Trust Fund. The PDO is to "Strengthen the implementation of the Integrated Planning System, by creating the conditions for introducing a performance orientation in the policy planning and budgetary processes and by improving institutional capacity to monitor results at the strategy and program levels".

C. Project Description

The additional financing will be used to close the financing the gap that arises as a result of the higher cost of AFMIS/IP SIS and External Assistance Management Information System relative to earlier estimates.

The ongoing project consist of three substantive components and a fourth component for project management:

Component One – Strengthening Public Financial Management. The two most important outcome indicators for this component measure improvement in the quality of Macroeconomic and Fiscal

Forecasts and improvements in MTBP monitoring and evaluation of the capacity of Line Ministries. These outcomes have not yet been achieved. Despite the support in this area, the positive results that were achieved until 2013, proved to be not sustainable due to changes in the structure of the Ministry of Finance. The IPS Trust Fund along with other TA provided by the Bank, including the Functional Review of the Ministry of Finance, and most importantly the EU budget support, will continue to support this component.

Component Two – Improving Policy Coordination and Aid Management. The proposed outcomes for this component include approval of the National Strategy for Development and Integration, support for the establishment of Delivery Unit, and streamlining of the structure of sector strategies an improvements in strategy prioritization and costing.

Component Three – IPS Management Information Systems. This component will support the integration of the PFM and policy processes. This will be facilitated through the integrated AFMIS that will link the MTBP to Treasury, thereby enabling the regular tracking of results at the program level (outputs) and their linkage to budgetary inputs. In parallel, the IPSIS system, which will be linked to the AFMIS, will facilitate the monitoring of program-level outputs as well as policy implementation and strategy-level intermediate outcomes.

The additional financing will only support the scale up of the Albanian Financial Management Information System and Integrated Planning System Information System.

D. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

E. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	No	
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/ BP 4.11	No	
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	

Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	
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III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

Appraisal stage ISDS required?: No

IV. APPROVALS

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