

The instrument for Pre-accession assistance (IPA), Albanian case through the enlargement process

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Abstract

This paper analyses the general framework of the IPA as a main financial instrument provided by the European Union for Western Balkans Countries + Turkey, which are the candidate countries toward the EU accession. This study is focused on the way that Albania has benefited and it's going to profit by this instrument. Also, this paper comprises the main fields of the concentration of European Union assistance under IPA I and IPA II in Albania. In order to create a general view about this instrument my analysis also focuses in the impact of reforms in the daily life of Albanian citizen, which is by the financial support Albania has been receiving by EC for transforming the most crucial sectors. Also this paper lays down the lessons learned through IPA I and IPA II.

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