

Annex 1: Conceptual Framework of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme

Annex 1 is an integral part of the Framework Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of the Republic of Croatia concerning the implementation of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme. Any amendment to this Annex shall be made in writing with the mutual agreement of the competent authorities mentioned in Article 9 of the Framework Agreement.

Annex 1 defines objectives, approaches, principles, geographic focus, and thematic focus including an indicative portfolio of Projects and indicative financial allocations.

Annex 2 defines the controlling at the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation level, procedures at Project level, requirements for Project proposals, payment and reimbursement procedure, and responsibilities and tasks. Rules and procedures for Block Grants, the Project Preparation Facility, the Technical Assistance Fund and the Research Funds are defined in Annex 3.

1 Objectives

The Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme pursues two main objectives: To contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities between Croatia and the more advanced countries of the enlarged European Union (EU); and/or to contribute within Croatia to the reduction of economic and social disparities.

The Swiss Contribution is an important element of the bilateral relations between Switzerland and Croatia. The Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme shall enhance the bilateral relations in many aspects, such as providing opportunities to assert Swiss solidarity, to establish Swiss-Croatian institutional partnerships, to promote Swiss presence and visibility as well as to make good use of Swiss knowledge and experience.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Swiss Federal Council and the European Community defines four funding guidelines for the Contribution:

- Security, stability and support for reforms;
- Environment and infrastructure;
- Promotion of the private sector; and
- Human and social development.

These funding guidelines provide a broad base for cooperation. Efficiency and effectiveness considerations as well as concern for the optimal allocation and use of available resources are important. Therefore, Projects of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme shall focus on pursuing one or more of the following five objectives:

- Promoting economic growth and improving working conditions;
- Improving social security;

- Protecting the environment;
- Improving public safety and security; and
- Strengthening civil society.

Projects in the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme shall pursue a sustainable, economically and socially balanced development.

Towards the end of the implementation period of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme, both Parties may jointly decide on a global evaluation of the results achieved by the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme.

2 Operational Approaches

The Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme is based on the following approaches:

Projects. Project means an individual project or programme. An important part of the Swiss Contribution is provided in the form of project and programme financing. The respective rules and procedures are laid down in Annex 2 and 3.

- An **individual project** approach shall be applied in a focus area in which stand-alone projects shall be implemented. To assure efficiency and effectiveness, the contribution for each project under the individual project approach shall represent in general a minimum amount of CHF 1 million. Higher minimal financial volumes may be agreed upon (see Chapter 5 of this Annex). In exceptional cases, the competent authorities mentioned in Article 9 of this Framework Agreement may agree on lower minimum financial volumes.
- A **programme** consists of component projects linked by a common theme or shared objectives. A programme approach shall be applied in focus areas which have several of the following characteristics: large financial commitments; linking of different levels (national, regional, local); variety of actors; contribution to policy development; significant contributions to capacity building; and application of a common set of rules and procedures. A programme approach implies a delegated authority for decision-making on component projects. A programme approach includes: an initial assessment of the focus area; the definition of objectives, guidelines and budgets; a programme implementation plan; and a monitoring, steering and evaluation concept.

Project Preparation Facility. Identification of Projects, Project preparation and detailed Project planning are of paramount importance for efficiency and effectiveness in Project implementation. Support for the identification of Projects or for the Project preparation may be requested by Croatia or recommended by Switzerland and shall be financed through the Project Preparation Facility (see Annex 3).

Technical Assistance Fund. A Technical Assistance Fund shall be established to contribute to some additional costs incurred by Croatia for the efficient and effective implementation of the Contribution (see Annex 3).

3 Principles

3.1 General Principles

The Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme is guided by the following general principles:

Transparency. Transparency and openness are key to all cooperation activities and are binding at all levels. Special emphasis on transparency shall be given in project and activity selection, contract awarding and financial management.

Social inclusion. Cooperation activities shall respect the need for including socially and economically disadvantaged groups in the opportunities and benefits of development.

Equal opportunities and rights. Cooperation activities shall increase women's and men's opportunities to exercise their rights equally through an age and gender-based approach.

Environmental sustainability. Cooperation activities shall respect the need to incorporate requirements of environmental sustainability.

Commitment by all actors involved. All decision-makers and entities involved in the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme shall be committed to the efficient and effective implementation of the agreed Projects.

Subsidiarity and decentralisation. Cooperation activities shall respect the need to include considerations of subsidiarity and decentralisation primarily in Projects at municipal and regional levels.

3.2 Swiss-related Principles

The Swiss Contribution is an important element of the bilateral relations between Switzerland and Croatia. The Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme shall enhance the bilateral relations in many aspects:

Combining Croatian needs with specific value added by Switzerland. Swiss support targets the specific needs of Croatia (demand-driven approach). Swiss support is provided in areas in which Switzerland can offer specific value added.

Emphasising Swiss experience. Switzerland gives priority to thematic areas, where it has extensive cooperation experience and can provide widely recognised specific knowledge and methodology.

Partners and beneficiaries. The Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme shall include partners and beneficiaries, inter alia the public and private sectors, non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations.

Partnerships. Partnerships between Swiss and Croatian partners are an enriching element of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme. The Parties will strive to integrate such institutional partnerships in the Cooperation Programme on different levels, especially in focus areas in which Switzerland can contribute particular experience, know-how and technologies. Project partners shall strive to maintain established partnerships also after the end of the Framework Agreement.

Visibility. Visibility of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme for the Croatian and Swiss public is an important aspect that shall be taken into account when selecting and implementing Projects. Both Parties shall proactively inform about their cooperation.

4 Geographical Focus

An important part of the financial resources of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme shall be spent in the areas with low economic and social indicators.

5 Thematic Focus, Indicative Portfolio of Projects and Indicative Financial Allocations

The Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme shall apply the thematic focus and indicative financial allocation according to the following table. Projects and programmes foreseen to be implemented through the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme, the respective indicative Project budgets and the indicative co-financing rates are also listed in the following table:

1. Security, Stability and Support for Reforms

N°	Focus areas	Description of the Project	Indicative Project budget (total)	Indicative financial allocation (Swiss Contribution)
1		<p><u>Name: Demining and Socio-economic Integration</u> Type: Individual project Project Partner / Executing Agency: Government Office for Mine Action Objective: Demining of protected forest and forest land and socio-economic integration of mine victims. Approach: Clearance and release of a part of the mine contaminated and mine suspected areas. Socio-economic integration of mine victims and of the population living in mine suspected areas through relevant education and empowerment. Activity: Mine clearance in regions to be determined. Establishment of victims database and need assessment. Provision of relevant education and empowerment. Financing: Swiss Contribution: 85%; Croatian co-financing 15% Duration: 2015 – max.2024</p>	Minimum CHF 3.53 mio.	Minimum CHF 3 mio.

2. Environment and Infrastructure

N°	Focus areas	Description of the Project	Indicative Project budget (total)	Indicative financial allocation (Swiss Contribution)
2	Basic Infrastructure	<p><u>Name: Water supply and wastewater of the municipality of Delnice</u> Operational approach: Individual project Priority: This project shall be implemented with first priority, provided the final approval of the project by the Parties (Annex 2, chapter 2.3). Executing Agency: Croatian Waters – <i>Hrvatske vode</i> Objective: The project will improve the wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply infrastructure in the municipality of Delnice, contributing to the environmental protection of the groundwater and surface water in the Danube river basin and to sustainable economic development by ensuring better and more reliable access to public utilities in the municipality of Delnice. Furthermore, the project will reduce the operating expenses for the water supply network, reduce the loss of water in the network and reduce the risk of pollution of existing sources of drinking water. Activity: Carry out construction and rehabilitation works on the municipal infrastructure (wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply). In addition, a system for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) is to be installed. Procurement of goods and services is to be made in accordance with Croatian law and in compliance with the respective EU directives. Financing: Swiss Contribution: Max. 85%, Croatian co-financing: Min. 15% Duration: Approx. 2017-2020</p> <p>The elaboration of the Final Project Proposal (Annex 2, chapter 2.4) could be supported through the Project Preparation Facility: Swiss Contribution: 85%; Croatian co-financing 15%</p>	<p>Up to CHF 9.76 mio.</p> <p>[+/- 10% for unforeseen events]</p>	<p>Up to CHF 21.5 mio.</p> <p>This sum includes the indicative financial allocation of the Project Preparation Facility.</p>

	Basic Infrastructure	<p>Name: <u>Water supply and wastewater of the Municipality of Fužine</u> Operational approach: Individual project Priority: This project shall be implemented with first priority, provided the final approval of the project by the Parties (Annex 2, chapter 2.3). Executing Agency: Croatian Waters – <i>Hrvatske vode</i> Objective: The project will improve the wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply infrastructure in the municipality of Fužine, contributing to the environmental protection of the groundwater and surface water in the Adriatic basin and to sustainable economic development by ensuring better and more reliable access to public utilities in the municipality of Fužine. Furthermore, the project will reduce the operating expenses for the water supply network, reduce the loss of water in the network and reduce the risk of pollution of existing sources of drinking water. Activity: Carry out construction and rehabilitation works on the municipal infrastructure (wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply). In addition, a system for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) is to be installed. Procurement of goods and services is to be made in accordance with Croatian law and in compliance with the respective EU directives. Financing: Swiss Contribution: Max. 85%, Croatian co-financing: Min. 15% Duration: Approx. 2017-2020</p> <p>The elaboration of the Final Project Proposal (Annex 2, chapter 2.4) could be supported through the Project Preparation Facility: Swiss Contribution: 85%; Croatian co-financing 15%</p>	<p>Up to CHF 6.112 mio.</p> <p>[+/- 10% for unforeseen events]</p>	
	Basic Infrastructure	<p>Name: <u>Water supply and wastewater of the Municipality of Brod Moravice</u> Operational approach: Individual project Priority: This project shall be implemented with second priority, provided (i) the final approval of the project by the Parties (Annex 2, chapter 2.3), and that (ii) funds remain in the financial allocation for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure” after the final decision (2nd loop approval) on projects with higher priority. Unused funds from the implementation of projects with higher priorities shall be allocated to this project, until the Swiss Contribution reaches a co-financing rate of maximum 85% or the total available financial allocation of CHF 21.5 mio. for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure”. Executing Agency: Croatian Waters – <i>Hrvatske vode</i> Objective: The project will improve the wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water</p>	<p>Up to CHF 2.792 mio.</p> <p>[+/- 10% for unforeseen events]</p>	

		<p>supply infrastructure in the municipality of Brod Moravice, contributing to the environmental protection of the groundwater and surface water in the Dabube river basin and to sustainable economic development by ensuring better and more reliable access to public utilities in the municipality of Brod Moravice. Furthermore, the project will reduce the operating expenses for the water supply network, reduce the loss of water in the network and reduce the risk of pollution of existing sources of drinking water.</p> <p>Activity: Carry out construction and rehabilitation works on the municipal infrastructure (wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply). In addition, a system for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) is to be installed. Procurement of goods and services is to be made in accordance with Croatian law and in compliance with the respective EU directives.</p> <p>Financing: Swiss Contribution: Max. 85%, Croatian co-financing: Min. 15%</p> <p>Duration: Approx. 2017-2020</p> <p>The elaboration of the Final Project Proposal (Annex 2, chapter 2.4) could be supported through the Project Preparation Facility: Swiss Contribution: 85%; Croatian co-financing 15%</p>		
	Basic Infrastructure	<p>Name: <u>Water supply and wastewater of the Municipality of Mrkopalj</u></p> <p>Operational approach: Individual project</p> <p>Priority: This project shall be implemented with third priority, provided (i) the final approval of the project by the Parties (Annex 2, chapter 2.3), and that (ii) funds remain in the financial allocation for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure” after the final decision (2nd loop approval) on projects with higher priority. Unused funds from the implementation of projects with higher priorities shall be allocated to this project, until the Swiss Contribution reaches a co-financing rate of maximum 85% or the total available financial allocation of CHF 21.5 mio. for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure”.</p> <p>Executing Agency: Croatian Waters – <i>Hrvatske vode</i></p> <p>Objective: The project will improve the wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply infrastructure in the municipality of Mrkopalj, contributing to the environmental protection of the groundwater and surface water in the Danube river basin and to sustainable economic development by ensuring better and more reliable access to public utilities in the municipality of Mrkopalj. Furthermore, the project will reduce the operating expenses for the water supply network, reduce the loss of water in the network and reduce the risk of pollution of existing sources of drinking water.</p>	<p>Up to CHF 1.559 mio.</p> <p>[+/- 10% for unforeseen events]</p>	

		<p>Activity: Carry out construction and rehabilitation works on the municipal infrastructure (wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply). In addition, a system for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) is to be installed. Procurement of goods and services is to be made in accordance with Croatian law and in compliance with the respective EU directives.</p> <p>Financing: Swiss Contribution: Max. 85%, Croatian co-financing: Min. 15%</p> <p>Duration: Approx. 2017-2020</p> <p>The elaboration of the Final Project Proposal (Annex 2, chapter 2.4) could be supported through the Project Preparation Facility: Swiss Contribution: 85%; Croatian co-financing 15%</p>		
	Basic Infrastructure	<p>Name: <u>Water supply and wastewater of the Municipality of Lokve</u></p> <p>Operational approach: Individual project</p> <p>Priority: This project shall be implemented with forth priority, provided (i) the final approval of the project by the Parties (Annex 2, chapter 2.3), and that (ii) funds remain in the financial allocation for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure” after the final decision (2nd loop approval) on projects with higher priority. Unused funds from the implementation of projects with higher priorities shall be allocated to this project, until the Swiss Contribution reaches a co-financing rate of maximum 85% or the total available financial allocation of CHF 21.5 mio. for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure”.</p> <p>Executing Agency: Croatian Waters – <i>Hrvatske vode</i></p> <p>Objective: The project will improve the wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply infrastructure in the municipality of Lokve, contributing to the environmental protection of the groundwater and surface water in the Adriatic basin and to sustainable economic development by ensuring better and more reliable access to public utilities in the municipality of Lokve. Furthermore, the project will reduce the operating expenses for the water supply network, reduce the loss of water in the network and reduce the risk of pollution of existing sources of drinking water.</p> <p>Activity: Carry out construction and rehabilitation works on the municipal infrastructure (wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply). In addition, a system for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) is to be installed. Procurement of goods and services is to be made in accordance with Croatian law and in compliance with the respective EU directives.</p> <p>Financing: Swiss Contribution: Max. 85%, Croatian co-financing: Min. 15%</p>	<p>Up to CHF 2.156 mio.</p> <p>[+/- 10% for unforeseen events]</p>	

		<p>Duration: Approx. 2017-2020</p> <p>The elaboration of the Final Project Proposal (Annex 2, chapter 2.4) could be supported through the Project Preparation Facility: Swiss Contribution: 85%; Croatian co-financing 15%</p>		
	Basic Infrastructure	<p><u>Name: Water supply and wastewater of the Municipality of Skrad</u> Operational approach: Individual project Priority: This project shall be implemented with fifth priority, provided (i) the final approval of the project by the Parties (Annex 2, chapter 2.3), and that (ii) funds remain in the financial allocation for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure” after the final decision (2nd loop approval) on projects with higher priority. Unused funds from the implementation of projects with higher priorities shall be allocated to this project, until the Swiss Contribution reaches a co-financing rate of maximum 85% or the total available financial allocation of CHF 21.5 mio. for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure”. Executing Agency: Croatian Waters – <i>Hrvatske vode</i> Objective: The project will improve the wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply infrastructure in the municipality of Skrad, contributing to the environmental protection of the groundwater and surface water in the Adriatic basin and to sustainable economic development by ensuring better and more reliable access to public utilities in the municipality of Skrad. Furthermore, the project will reduce the operating expenses for the water supply network, reduce the loss of water in the network and reduce the risk of pollution of existing sources of drinking water. Activity: Carry out construction and rehabilitation works on the municipal infrastructure (wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply). In addition, a system for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) is to be installed. Procurement of goods and services is to be made in accordance with Croatian law and in compliance with the respective EU directives. Financing: Swiss Contribution: Max. 85%, Croatian co-financing: Min. 15% Duration: Approx. 2017-2020</p> <p>The elaboration of the Final Project Proposal (Annex 2, chapter 2.4) could be supported through the Project Preparation Facility: Swiss Contribution: 85%; Croatian co-financing 15%</p>	<p>Up to CHF 2.247 mio.</p> <p>[+/- 10% for unforeseen events]</p>	

	Basic Infrastructure	<p>Name: <u>Water supply and wastewater of the Municipality of Ravna Gora</u></p> <p>Operational approach: Individual project</p> <p>Priority: This project shall be implemented with sixth priority, provided (i) the final approval of the project by the Parties (Annex 2, chapter 2.3), and that (ii) funds remain in the financial allocation for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure” after the final decision (2nd loop approval) on projects with higher priority. Unused funds from the implementation of projects with higher priorities shall be allocated to this project, until the Swiss Contribution reaches a co-financing rate of maximum 85% or the total available financial allocation of CHF 21.5 mio. for the thematic focus “environment and infrastructure”.</p> <p>Executing Agency: Croatian Waters – <i>Hrvatske vode</i></p> <p>Objective: The project will improve the wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply infrastructure in the municipality of Ravna Gora, contributing to the environmental protection of the groundwater and surface water in the Adriatic basin and to sustainable economic development by ensuring better and more reliable access to public utilities in the municipality of Ravna Gora. Furthermore, the project will reduce the operating expenses for the water supply network, reduce the loss of water in the network and reduce the risk of pollution of existing sources of drinking water.</p> <p>Activity: Carry out construction and rehabilitation works on the municipal infrastructure (wastewater collection and treatment as well as the water supply). In addition, a system for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) is to be installed. Procurement of goods and services is to be made in accordance with Croatian law and in compliance with the respective EU directives.</p> <p>Financing: Swiss Contribution: Max. 85%, Croatian co-financing: Min. 15%</p> <p>Duration: Approx. 2017-2020</p> <p>The elaboration of the Final Project Proposal (Annex 2, chapter 2.4) could be supported through the Project Preparation Facility: Swiss Contribution: 85%; Croatian co-financing 15%</p>	Up to CHF 4.572 mio. [+/- 10% for unforeseen events]	
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3. Human and Social Development

N°	Focus areas	Description of the Project	Indicative Project budget (total)	Indicative financial allocation (Swiss Contribution)
3		<p><u>Name: Promotion of Tenure Track Model</u> Type: Individual project Project Partner / Executing Agency: Croatian National Science Foundation Swiss Partner: Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne EPFL Objective: To offer to young and talented researchers an interesting long-term career perspective in Croatia. Approach: Bringing together about 10 research groups, providing for the selected tenure-track assistant professors a stimulating opportunity to conduct visionary research and lay the foundation of a new generation of engineering professors. Activity: Introduce modern research management methods and review processes, introducing a tenure-track process as a new instrument for human capacity building in the scientific sector of Croatia. Financing: Swiss Contribution: CHF 4 mio (20%); Croatian co-financing CHF16 mio (80%). Duration: Approx. 2015 – max. 2023</p>	Up to CHF 20 mio.	Up to CHF 11 mio.
4		<p><u>Name: Croatian-Swiss Research Programme</u> Type: Programme approach Project Partner / Executing Agency: Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Croatian partner: Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ) Objective: To contribute to the knowledge based Croatian economy through the enhancement of the knowledge base and to strengthen the research cooperation between Croatia and Switzerland through know-how and technology transfer. Approach: Provide approx. 12-15 grants for joint research projects up to CHF 400'000. Activity: Prepare and organise a call for joint research projects, selection of projects, financial and</p>	Up to CHF 4.67 mio.	

		<p>operational management of the overall programme. Support the development of skills of the Croatian Science Foundation staff.</p> <p>Financing: Swiss Contribution: CHF 4 mio (85.6%); Croatian co-financing CHF 0.67 mio (14.3%)</p> <p>Duration: Approx. 2016 – 2020</p>		
5		<p>Name: Eurostars</p> <p>Type: Programme Approach</p> <p>Project Partner / Executing Agency: Croatian Agency for SMEs, Innovation and Investment</p> <p>Swiss Partner: SBF</p> <p>Objective: Support innovation performing SME, improve their competitive capacity and encourage cooperation with partners in Europe, in particular with Swiss partners.</p> <p>Approach: Eurostars is a publicly financed programme and is currently supported by 34 EUREKA countries. It supports research-performing small and medium enterprises, which develop innovative products, processes and services, to gain competitive advantage. Eurostars does this by providing funding for transnational innovation projects; the products of which are then rapidly commercialized. The project aims at the support of Croatian R&D-performing entrepreneurs, enabling them to hand in Eurostars projects together with Swiss partners, and to compete successfully within the Eurostars programme.</p> <p>Activity: Organizing brokerage and awareness events in Switzerland and Croatia, educational and training measures, direct project coaching and best-practice support to improve the quality of proposals and to push projects to better ranking levels. Co-financing of the Croatian contribution to approved Eurostars projects.</p> <p>Financing: Swiss Contribution: CHF 1 mio (85%); Croatian co-financing CHF 0.17 mio (15%); EU (Horizon 2020): CHF 0.3 mio; SBF providing funding for the Swiss partners.</p> <p>Duration: Approx. 2016 – 2022</p>	Up to CHF 1.17 mio.	

6	<p>Name: <u>Modernisation Vocational Education and Training programs</u> Type: Individual project Project Partner / Executing Agency: Ministry for Science, Education and Sports, Directorate for Education Swiss Partner: SFIVET (EHB) Objective: To modernize the System of 3-year Vocational Education and Training programs for crafts. Approach: To better align 3-years VET crafts curricula with labor market needs, to raise capacities of VET schools for its implementation and to significantly improve Quality Assurance (QA) in the system of VET 3-year programs for craft. To analyse limits of equal access to VET and elaborate improvements. Activity: comprehensive analyses of existing structure of 3-years VET curricula for crafts, identification of priority qualifications in each of the 9 education sectors for which learning outcome based VET curricula will be developed, in-service teacher training of VET teachers and trainers for implementation of new VET curricula, investments in premises and procurement of equipment for VET schools implementing new modernized curricula, development of specific model of QA in 3-years programs, with special emphasis on quality of practical training outside of VET schools, improvement of general teaching and training skills of mentors/trainers. Financing: Swiss Contribution: CHF 2 mio (85%); Croatian co-financing CHF 0.35 mio (15%) Duration: Approx. 2016 – 2020</p>	Up to CHF 2.35 mio.	
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4. Special Allocation			
Item	Description	Indicative Project budget (total)	Indicative financial allocation (Swiss Contribution)
Block Grant	<p>Name: NGO Block Grant Type: Programme approach Project Partner / Executing Agency: Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs Objective: To promote civil society's contribution to economic and social cohesion. Approach: Grant scheme with open calls for proposals for projects up to max. CHF 250'000. Final decision shall be taken by a steering committee consisting of representatives of the civil society, the NCU and SDC. The Project will support NGO's activities aiming at sustainable development as the overarching objective with "Environmental Protection", "Social Equity and Cohesion", "Social Inclusion" and "Economic Prosperity" as interlinked sub-objectives. Activity: Managing a grants scheme, providing approx. 40 grants to NGOs. Priority may be given to activities improving the skills and knowledge of youth, schools and local authorities on sustainable development. The focus of the activities will be put on practical experiences of children and youth in implementing (pilot) activities through non-formal learning. Financing: Swiss Contribution: CHF 4.8 mio (90%); Croatian co-financing CHF 0.48 mio (10%), which shall be provided by the grantees Duration: Approx. 2015 – 2020</p>	Up to CHF 5.28 mio.	Up to CHF 4.8 mio.
	<p>Name: Partnership Block Grant Type: Programme approach Project Partner / Executing Agency: Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs Objective: To promote bilateral cooperation and partnerships between Croatian and Swiss non-profit organizations and to contribute to improved living conditions. Approach: Grant scheme with open call for proposals for projects up to max. CHF 250'000. Final decision shall be taken by a steering committee consisting of representatives of the civil society, the NCU and SDC. The Project will support activities aiming at the improvement of living conditions through the exchange of information, transfer of knowhow and best practices between the two countries. Activity: Managing a grants scheme, providing approx. 20 grants.</p>	Up to CHF 2.2 mio.	Up to CHF 2 mio.

	<p>Financing: Swiss Contribution: CHF 2 mio (90%); Croatian co-financing CHF 0.2 mio (10%), which shall be provided by the grantees</p> <p>Duration: Approx. 2015 – 2020</p>		
Project Preparation Facility	<p>Operational approach: Project Preparation Facility</p> <p>Executing Agency: Croatian Waters – <i>Hrvatske vode</i></p> <p>Objective: Fully elaborate seven Final Project Proposals that enable the practical implementation of the projects described under “2. Environment and Infrastructure” of this table.</p> <p>Activity: Support the activities needed to elaborate a full project documentation that complies with the minimal requirements laid down in art. 2.4 of Annex 2 of the bilateral Framework Agreement. Studies such as feasibility studies and/or environmental impact studies are eligible for financial support.</p> <p>Financing: Swiss Contribution: 85%, Croatian co-financing: 15%</p> <p>Duration: Approx. 2015-2017</p> <p>Unused balances after the elaboration of the Final Project Proposals shall be allocated to projects of the thematic area “environment and infrastructure”.</p>	Up to CHF 1.26 mio.	<p>[Up to CHF 1.07 mio.]</p> <p>This amount is the indicative financial allocation of the focus area “environment and infrastructure”.</p>
Technical Assistance Fund	<p>Operational approach: Technical Assistance Fund</p> <p>Executing Agency: Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds (National Coordination Unit)</p> <p>Objective: Efficient and effective administration of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme, incl. preparation, monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p>Financing: Swiss Contribution: CHF 0.45 mio (100%)</p> <p>Duration: 2015 – 2024</p>	Up to CHF 0.45 mio	Up to CHF 0.45 mio
Swiss Management Cost	Swiss administration of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme		CHF 2.25 mio.

Overview of the Indicative Allocations	
Funding lines	Indicative financial allocation (Swiss Contribution, million CHF)
1. Security, Stability and Support for Reforms	3
2. Environment and Infrastructure	21.5

3. Human and Social Development	11
4. Special Allocations	9.5
Total indicative allocations	45

Any unused balances in all the Projects of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme shall be transferred to the project “Demining and Social Integration”, by mutual agreement (e.g. confirmed in the minutes of meetings or by correspondence) between the competent authorities mentioned in Article 9 of the Framework Agreement in the course of the implementation of the Swiss-Croatian Cooperation Programme.