

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)

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PURPOSE: [to include including Iceland in the list of eligible countries for EU pre-accession assistance \(IPA\).](#)

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 540/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

CONTENT: [Regulation \(EC\) No 1085/2006](#) provides for assistance to candidate and potential candidate countries in their progressive alignment with the standards and policies of the EU. Following the submission on 16 July 2009 of the application by Iceland for membership of the European Union, the Council has invited the Commission to submit to the Council its opinion on Iceland's application. Iceland can therefore be considered as a potential candidate country. Under Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 assistance to potential candidate countries and candidate countries from the Western Balkans and Turkey is provided, inter alia, in accordance with the European and Accession Partnerships.

This Regulation adds Iceland to the list of potential candidate countries in Regulation (EC) 1085/2006 and provides that assistance under Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 is to be provided taking due account of the Reports and the Strategy Paper comprised in the annual Enlargement package of the Commission,

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