

Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) 2007-2013

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This Commission Annual Report on Financial Assistance for Enlargement (IPA, PHARE, CARDS, Turkey Pre-Accession Instrument, Transition Facility) covers the most significant developments regarding the implementation of pre-accession assistance in 2012, including considerations on future perspectives.

The report concludes that 2012 witnessed a significant step on the path towards making assistance to the Enlargement countries more strategic and accession-driven as an integral part of the Enlargement strategy.

The **legal and strategic planning framework** that the Commission has proposed for delivering pre-accession assistance from 2014 onwards will reinforce its link with the political monitoring and reporting by putting in place a framework aiming for tangible results, achieving the desired impact and rewarding performance. This will contribute to increasing even further the **added value of EU funds** allocated to the Enlargement countries by **creating stronger incentives for the transformation of their societies, legal systems and economies**, for the mutual benefit of the European Union and of IPA beneficiary countries and their citizens.