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Do you think that there are thematic priorities or other important elements missing in the proposed structure of the programming framework?

To include youth as the cross cutting issue in order to recognize that this group needs to actively participate in activities regarding all thematic priorities. This is related to the fact that young people are prone to individualized pattern of securing better living conditions. Mobility, both social and territorial, is considered a consequence of personal dedication and effort. The young people need to be encouraged to refer to collective pattern and take active part in making our society better for everyone including themselves.

Do you have any specific suggestions in relation to the process of preparation of the strategic response by IPA III beneficiaries?

The only thing that could be stressed out through the all thematic priorities is the importance of access to information. Working on the securing the access to information and awareness raising can increase the effectiveness of the implementation. This is related to the fact that our beneficiaries often do not recognize themselves as the ones to whom a specific measure is addressing. This is a consequence of low level of information on their status and benefits.

Do you have any specific suggestions relating to how support of civil society is reflected in the programming framework?

No specific suggestions.

Do you have any other comment or suggestion?

Hereby, we would like to propose some project activities in relation to the specific windows that are derived from our experience.

Window 1: Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy

Thematic priority: Migration and border management

Suggestion 1: Projects tackling the issue of brain drain and youth emigration.

Suggestion 2: Research projects – Creating data in order to address different needs and issues (number of people in need belonging to different vulnerable groups of population in the context of mixed migration flows, gathering data on the exact number of refugees, IDPs, returnees, etc. Reassessment of needs in order to plan the modalities of support).

Suggestion 3: Awareness raising projects – raising the level of information and awareness among people belonging to vulnerable groups in context of mixed migration flows on their status, legal rights and obligations.



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<u>Window 2: Good Governance, Acquis Alignment, Strategic Communication and Good Neighbourly</u> Relations

Objective: People to people contacts

Suggestion 4: Projects enhancing mobility, exchange of practice among peers and colleagues in different branches (youth, civil servants, civil society, agricultural producers, private sector, artists...)

Window 4: Competitiveness and inclusive growth

Suggestion 5: Projects addressing the issue of brain drain, especially among young people. Diversified employability and employment projects not only those focusing on creating low paid jobs and IT services. Projects supporting creation of well-paid jobs in the creative and human sciences niches such as fashion, theatre, dance, film, psychology, etc.. Projects fostering mobility (in order to increase skills and make international collaborations) and enabling access to EU market for young entrepreneurs.

Suggestion 6: Providing support for hard to employ categories by forming VET and competence centers, employability and employment projects. As per our experience most effective measure regarding the employment project were business start up support through income generating grants. This activity in uniform can be offered for different kind of hard to employ groups of population together with VET, business start up training and other employability measures.

Suggestion 7: Projects addressing the issue of legal invisibility of marginalized groups, with an aim to enable access to basic social and health care.