

About the ISPA Implementing Agency

Objective

Through the Minister's Order No. 525/2004, the Ministry of Transport, Constructions and Tourism was established as ISPA Implementing Agency in order to ensure the preparation, contracting and monitoring of the project for the improvement of the navigation conditions on the Danube.

In the next years, the Ministry of Transport, Constructions and Tourism will act as Implementing Agency for all the projects financed by the European Union under the ISPA Facility in the transport field, others than road and rail projects or for the projects with more than one Beneficiary.

In this context, the ISPA Implementing Agency prepares the ISPA Applications in order to obtain the ISPA financing from the European Commission, organises the entire tendering process, signs the contract (as Contracting Authority) and ensures the proper implementation of the contract. In some cases, the technical aspects related to the contract are delegated to the Final Beneficiary of the project.

Staff

The Head of the ISPA Implementing Agency is the Sectoral Authorizing Officer, appointed by the National Authorizing Officer (within the Ministry of Public Finance) and approved through the Minister Order 846/2003.

The core of the ISPA Implementing Agency, the Implementing Unit, was established within the General Directorate for Foreign Financial Affairs, which coordinates, through other 2 units, the entire ISPA activity in the transport sector.

For the present moment, the staff of the Implementing Unit is composed of 9 people, coordinated by a Head of Unit. The representatives of the technical department in the Ministry (i.e. General Directorate for Naval Transport) and also of the Final Beneficiaries (i.e. River Administration of the Lower Danube) are part of the Implementing Unit until the finalisation of the project.

The banking and accountancy functions of the ISPA Implementing Agency is ensured by the Economic General Directorate in the Ministry, with a total staff of 7 people.