

PROJECT FICHE FOR PHARE 2006

for

Adoption of the new statistical acquis communautaire provisions

PHARE 2006/018-147.03.09

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1. Basic Information

1.1. CRIS Number:

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1.2. Title

Adoption of the new statistical acquis communautaire provisions

1.3. Sector:

Statistics

1.4. Location:

Romania

1.5. Duration:

12 months

2. Objectives

2.1. Overall Objective:

Providing the decision-makers at national and European level with quality and comparable statistical data.

2.2. Project purpose:

Implementation of the new EU legislation provisions, measures and actions in the Romanian Statistical System.

To be achieved by the following tasks:

Task I – Improvement of tourism statistics quality

Task II – Improvement and compliance of the forest statistics

Task III – Creating a coherent and integrated system for the use of administrative data sources in Romanian statistics

Task IV – Implementing TQM in statistics

2.3. Programmatic documents

In the **Accession Partnership** it was stipulated the following:

- “Further improve quality and coverage of statistics by ensuring that adequate resources are made available to strengthen statistical capacities, including at regional level”.

In the **Negotiating Paper** for Chapter 12 – ‘Statistics’ it was stipulated that:

- “Romania is ready to examine the ongoing development of the statistical acquis and periodically inform the Conference for Accession or the Council for Association on the

legislation and the measures adopted for the implementation of the new statistical acquis”.

In the **Road Map 2002** it was stressed the following:

- “Romania should focus further efforts on upgrading statistical methodologies and improving the quality and completeness of data”.

In the **2005 Comprehensive Monitoring Report** for Romania it was stipulated the following:

- “Romania should pay attention to further methodological development and to improving the quality” (Task 3 and Task 4), timeliness and completeness of data in certain domains such as national accounts “ (Task 2), “business statistics” (Task 1) “and agricultural statistics”;
- “ Given the development since the opinion and the level of compliance reached, Romania should be able to implement the acquis in statistics as from accession provided that enhanced efforts are deployed”.

2.4. Coherence with National Development Plan

N/A

2.5. Cross Border Impact

N/A

3. Description

3.1. Background and justification:

Romanian statistics has registered progresses in terms of the compliance with the European norms in this field and efforts have been made in order to improve the completeness, timeliness, comparability and quality of statistical data.

The compliance with the European standards, in particular with the new acquis communautaire in statistics, addresses precise actions in special areas of statistics.

Task I - Improvement of tourism statistics quality

In the field of tourism statistics, 5 statistical surveys are currently carried out within the National Institute of Statistics (INS): “Occupancy in collective accommodation establishments”, “Capacity of collective tourist accommodation”, “Tourism demand of Romanian residents” – surveys based on the recommendations included in Council Directive no. 97/57/EC and “Travel agencies activity” and “International tourism of Romania” – surveys carried out in view to meet the requirements of domestic users of tourism statistics.

Four of them are exhaustive surveys (of which one is based on administrative data sources) and the other one –Tourism demand of Romanian residents – is a sample survey.

Tourism statistics compiled so far by INS are fully harmonised with the recommendations of Eurostat legislation in force in the field of tourism statistics, namely Council Directive no. 95/57/EC.

As consequence of the European Union enlargement with 10 new Member States, Eurostat appreciates as necessary the revision of Council Directive no. 95/57/EC, the current revising strategy also envisaging the implementation of some new indicators, beyond those already existing in the current legislation.

The improvement of current tourism statistics compilation should be done according to the future revised legislation in this field (envisaged for 2006), so that full compliance could be reached. The new recommendations to be included in the revised legislation, for which implementation should be ensured, would refer to the collection of information on private tourists accommodation, excursionists, travel expenses per person, employment in tourism, sustainable development indicators, as well as certain indicators characterising tourists behaviour. So far, the exhaustive list of information required by the revised legislation is not available.

Task II - Improvement and compliance of the forest statistics

The introduction of economic accounts in Romania after 1989 represented an important step in harmonising Romanian methodology and practices with international standards. Besides a detailed and coherent description of economic flows and macro-economic relations, the elaboration of the two synthetic tables of national accounting provides a series of opportunities for macro-economic analyses, but does not offer enough information to describe forest production processes and the connection between forest and environment.

The last revision of the European System of Integrated Economic Accounts (ESA95) provides development opportunities in the field of forest statistics through the compilation of the Economic Accounts for Forestry. The Economic Accounts for Forestry are satellite accounts that provide complementary information and concepts adjusted to the specific character of forest activities. They have a similar structure to national accounts, using their nomenclatures, classifications and methodological principles, but their own compilation rules and methods are also required.

The main purpose of the Economic Accounts for Forestry is to analyse production processes and the income generated in forest activities and logging.

At European level, the Economic Accounts for Forestry were first approached in 1969 and after the '90s, a European framework for Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forest (IEEAF) was proposed. As of 2002, a Task Force on Forest Accounting was set up within Eurostat, which redefined original concepts on the integration of forest-related environmental issues into economic activities. The purpose of IEEAF was to make a more comprehensive description of the forest sector in the environmental context. The elaboration of the accounts for forestry within the EU is based on the following documents:

- Council Resolution of 15/12/98:OJ:CO56 of 26/02/99 on a forestry strategy for European Union;
- ESEA Task Force (Eurostat, DG ENV, DG ECFIN, EEA). The report approved by the SPC in 2003 ("European strategy for environment accounts") recommends the regular computation of the Forest timber accounts;
- Council Regulation no. 1615/89/EEC of 29/05/89:OJ: L 165 of 15/06/89 establishing European forestry information and communication system (efics);
- EP and Council Decision no 1600/2002/EC of 22/07/2002: OJ: L 242 of 10/09/2002 on the 6th Environment Action Programme of European Union;
- Draft European Statistical Programme 2008-2012 foresees, as priority, the development of the indicators of sustainable forest management.

The need of compilation of the accounts for forestry comes from the data requirements of the European Commission and the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development and it is justified by its importance within the Romanian economy:

- nearly 6.4 million hectares of forest, accounting for almost 1/3 of the country's area and the weight of the Romanian forest area in the EU-15 area - 5,5%
- the weight of activities in the GDP :
 - the weight of the forest sector (including forestry and logging) in the GDP is 0,45%;
 - wood and wood products processing, pulp and paper - 1,6%
- the weight of the branch of wood and wood products processing, pulp and paper in Romanian total exports is 4,4%.

Through the implementation of the accounts for forestry, the following results will be obtained: extended physical and monetary data such as Input-Output tables, balances for areas and stocks, the production of other industries (agriculture, tourism, etc.) based on forest functions, physical indicators as part of environment statistics.

Task III - Creating a coherent and integrated system for the use of administrative data sources in Romanian statistics

The national statistical system, updated and modernised according to the requirements and objectives foreseen in the development strategy of the national statistical system during the 2004-2006 period, ensures that the public opinion, the public bodies and authorities are informed of the economic and social status of the country, timely and efficiently meets the increased and diversified need of data and information.

The statistical surveys conducted by the National Institute of Statistics are determined by the changes that occur in the Romanian society as well as by the integration of Romanian statistics in the European Statistical System.

The actions carried out by the National Institute of Statistics for completing the national statistical system with information from specific administrative sources (balance sheets, administrative registers, customs declarations, population and unemployed registers, fiscal declarations, agricultural registers etc.) were limited to the exchanges of statistical data, made under the aegis of collaboration conventions. The design of an integrated system of mutual exchange of information between sectorial partners according to European standards is a necessity.

Task IV - Implementing TQM in statistics

During the 2002-2004 period, under the 2001 National Phare Programme – “Compliance of Romanian statistics with European statistical system”, the theoretical framework for the implementation of Total Quality Management (TQM) in Romanian statistics was created and the first pilot surveys on the degree of satisfaction of the user of statistical data, the burden of response to statistical surveys, the surveyor’s degree of satisfaction and the degree of satisfaction of the statistical staff were conducted. During the 2004-2005 period, the INS has participated in pilot projects initiated by Eurostat in the field of quality measurement. Starting with the second semester of 2005, the system for the auto-evaluation of the main statistical surveys included in the Annual Programme of Statistical Surveys was implemented.

The INS is constantly concerned with the systematic approach in terms of statistical quality, by revising the data collection, production and dissemination system at international level. The Eurostat mission and view are assumed as such by the INS and by the entire Romanian statistical system. Still exists room for the implementation of the TQM mechanism from practical point of view.

3.2. Sector rationale

N/A

3.3. Results:

Task I Improvement of tourism statistics quality

- Pilot survey on excursionists designed and implemented.
- Pilot survey on private tourism designed and implemented.
- Results of both pilot surveys published.

Task II Improvement and compliance of the forest statistics

- A set of statistical tools and methodologies necessary for the characterisation of forest production, the economic use of wood and of other forest products and forest-related environmental issues designed;
- Pilot Surveys designed and implemented.
- Accounts for forestry in physical and monetary units (input-Output tables, balances for areas and stocks, etc) compiled;
- Information and indicators that characterise the size of forest resources, their evolution, as well as physical indicators as part of environment statistics (carbon balance, recreation functions, protection functions and forest health) designed;
- Databases that contain statistical information and indicators carried out;
- Experts trained in maintenance and development of the accounts for forestry .

Task III Creating a coherent and integrated system for the use of administrative data sources in Romanian statistics

- Response burden of economic units, public institutions etc reduced;
- Administrative data sources redesigned with the agreement of sectorial partners for the unitary harmonisation of the whole national statistical system with the norms and standards of the European Union;
- Framework that would allow the exchange of information between county and regional statistical directorates, decentralised units of public administration, other non-government institutions achieved.

An overview of the results of a, b, c sub-projects consist in methodologies and surveys according to EU standards, publications of data surveys, relevant staff trained, database containing identification data about sectorial partners and useful information for statistical system provided by the sectorial partners, carried out, number of statistical surveys and indicators required to the respondents reduced.

Task IV Implementing TQM in statistics

- TQM concept, procedures and mechanisms gradually implemented in Romanian statistics, according to the European Union requirements.

The results of this sub-project consist in: a strategy for the implementation of the code of best practices drawn up; a set of standard quality indicators for measurement and monitoring the quality of statistical data established; a defined set of indicators for monitoring the principles of the Code of Best Practices established; a first test of the implementation of the Code of Best Practices carried out; documentation necessary for obtaining the attestation in statistics through the ISO 9001:2000 certification prepared; quality manual drawn up and edited.

3.4. Activities:

All the activities will be carried out through a service contract for technical assistance, statistical surveys and training.

Task I Improvement of tourism statistics quality

- Designing the statistical tools used in the statistical surveys conducted in the field of tourism (methodology, questionnaire, processing procedures);
- Designing the sampling plan and the sample extraction rules for sample surveys;
- Designing automatic data processing requirements;
- Designing and elaborating IT applications;
- Designing and carrying out pilot surveys (the Survey on Excursionists and the Survey on Private Tourism);
- Publishing the results of the pilot surveys.

Task II Improvement and compliance of the forest statistics

- Development of the inter-institutional framework (INS, Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development, Forest Research and Management Institute) in the forestry field in order to ensure the implementation of the accounts for forestry.
- Drawing up the national methodology to achieve accounts for forestry according to the European System of Accounts (ESA 95), the Economic Accounts for Forestry (EAF) and the European Framework for Integrating Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forest (IEEAF);
- Integration of current statistical information and development of new statistics for the compilation of the accounts for forestry;
- Designing and implementing pilot surveys in order to complete the information needed for compiling the accounts for forestry;
- Designing and implementing the IT application for the pilot surveys data processing;
- Elaboration of production and income generation accounts and of capital account;
- Dissemination of the accounts for forestry to users through Internet, e-mail or publications;
- Training of a group of experts (INS and Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development) for the development of the statistical forestry system.

Task III Creating a coherent and integrated system for the use of administrative data sources in Romanian statistics

- Inventory and technical expertise of the administrative data sources that exist in public administration and in the main non-government institutions, with a view to selecting the sources that are of statistical interest; elaborating a grid for the statistical selection of administrative sources;
- Designing a database that would include both the identification data of sectorial partners and the volume of the information that is exchanged between them;
- Establishing a set of specific statistical indicators for comparatively measuring the co-operation activity with public administration; elaborating a standard for the annual reports on the evaluation of statistical co-operation with sectorial partners;
- Editing a catalogue of administrative data sources;

- Carrying out an IT application on the mutual exchange of data between the main sectorial partners based on pre-established standards, harmonised with European standards;
- Redesigning the current content and format of collaboration conventions, which will ensure the legal framework of statistical co-operation with sectorial partners at central and local level.

Task IV Implementing TQM in statistics

- Establishing the categories (types) of quality reports to be elaborated for different statistical fields and the set of standard quality indicators which will be used in the measurement and monitoring over time of the quality of statistical data, according to the European Statistical System;
- Carrying out a Quality Barometer in the statistical system according to European standards and a multi-annual programme for improving the quality of various statistical areas/fields identified with the Quality Barometer;
- Drawing up and editing a quality manual (working methods, methods for the monitoring and dissemination of information on quality);
- Organising training courses in the field of quality for the staff involved in the elaboration of quality reports;
- Elaborating a strategy for the implementation of the Code of Best Practices;
- Preparation of the documentation necessary for obtaining the attestation in statistics through the ISO 9001:2000 certification.

3.5. Linked activities:

The 1997 National Phare Programme – “Statistics” covered the most important statistical fields and focussed on the statistical methodological tools to be implemented in order to meet the EU requirements in the field (social statistics, national accounts, environment statistics, regional statistics, agricultural statistics, etc.).

The 2000 National Phare Programme – “Compliance of agricultural and regional statistics with European statistical system” was dedicated to the creation of the basis for the sustainable agriculture statistics and for regional statistics in compliance with European norms and standards.

The 2001 National Phare Programme – “Compliance of Romanian statistics with the European statistical system” aimed at the refinement of the overall statistical system as to enable it to meet the needs of the Romanian economy and EU requirements. One of the components of the programme was dedicated to the environment statistics where four specific sub-components had a specific focus: waste and water (with the implementation of direct surveys), air emission and sustainable development indicators.

The ongoing 2003 National Phare Programme – “Sustainable development of the Romanian statistical system” is dedicated to the improvement of the base for sustainable development of the Romanian statistical system and to the consolidation of the Romanian statistical system towards reaching compliance with EU norms and standards. Among the components of the programme, the national accounts (especially the segment of satellite accounts in the field of environment protection expenses) are to be found.

The future 2005 National Phare Programme – “Reinforcement of the Romanian Statistical System” aims at the development of institutional capacity to assure enhancement of harmonisation process with the EU standards and regulations and the improvement of the access to the statistical information for the public at large. Among the components of this programme, the national accounts are to be found.

The Phare Multy-Beneficiary Programmes for 2000, 2001 and 2002 covered technical assistance, pilot projects and data collections for all the statistical fields as well as bilateral actions with EU

Member States and the ongoing 2003 Phare Multy-Beneficiary Programme is orientated to the technical assistance and data collections for the statistical fields as follows: national accounts, business statistics, social statistics, agricultural statistics and environment statistics.

3.6. Lessons learned:

See annex 7

4. Institutional Framework

The National Institute of Statistics is the main body responsible for the overall management of the programme as well as the Implementation Authority. When developing and implementing the projects the National Institute of Statistics will closely co-operate with the main institutions involved according to their profile of activity.

The main pillars of the mechanism will be:

- The Steering Committee (SC)

A steering committee will be set up. The SCs will be responsible for the technical co-ordination between the programme and the other activities undertaken under the Phare horizontal programme and other possible donors in the statistical fields covered by the programme. The SCs will endorse proposals made for preparing, organising and conducting all aspects of the work under this programme. The SCs will ensure through working groups a proper co-ordination among the various services of the National Institute of Statistics, as well as a systematic information of all parties on the work achieved.

The Steering Committee will consist of the following members:

- the National Institute of Statistics;
- the Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development;
- the Ministry of Transports, Construction and Tourism;
- the Ministry of Public Finances;
- the Central Finance and Contracts Unit;
- other bodies upon the case.

The chairman of the SC will be the National Institute of Statistics President or the SPO of the programme .

The technical secretariat of the above mentioned Steering Committee is assured by the programme implementing unit (PIU) of the National Institute of Statistics.

- The Working Groups (WG's)

The four (4) WG's established by the SC and chaired by the National Institute of Statistics will consist of representatives from the National Institute of Statistics and of the represented bodies for each task, upon the case.

5. Detailed Budget

	Phare/Pre-Accession Instrument support	Co-financing			Total Cost (MEUR)
		National Public Funds (*)	Other Sources (**)	Total Co-financing of Project	
Year 2006 - Investment support jointly co funded					
-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment support – sub-total	-	-	-	-	-
<i>% of total public funds</i>	<i>max 75 %</i>	<i>min 25 %</i>			
Year 2006 Institution Building support					
Continuous development of the Romanian Statistical System	1.84	-	-	-	1.84
IB support -sub-total	1.84	-	-	-	1.84
Total project 2006	1.84	-	-	-	1.84

6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1. Implementing Agency

The CFCU is responsible for contracting and accounting of the project.

PAO is Carmen ROȘU, General Director of CFCU, 44 Mircea Voda Blvd., telephone (4021) 326 87 03, fax (4021) 326 87 30.

The SPO will be Daniela Ștefănescu, Director of European Integration and International Co-operation Department (National Institute of Statistics), 16th, Libertatii Ave, sector 5, Bucharest, telephone: (4021) 312.06.05; fax no: (4021) 311.23.89;

The Deputy SPO will be Maria Chișinevschi, National Phare Programme Co-ordinator (National Institute of Statistics), 16th, Libertatii Ave, sector 5, Bucharest, telephone: (4021) 312.06.05; fax no: (4021) 311.23.89.

6.2. Twinning

No twinning covenant is envisaged.

6.3. Non-standard aspects

No non-standard aspects are envisaged, the PRAG will be strictly followed.

6.4. Contracts

There will be one TA contract in the programme -

“Continuous development of the Romanian Statistical System”:

1,840,000 EUR

7. Implementation Schedule

7.1. Start of tendering/call for proposals

October 2006

7.2. Start of project activity

July 2007

7.3. Project completion

June 2008

8. Equal Opportunity

Equal opportunity principles and practices in ensuring equitable gender participation in the Project will be guaranteed. As of 31 December 2004, the National Institute of Statistics counted 76% women out of the total number of employees, whereas in statistical offices of counties the share was of 79%. Vacancies are equally open to both genders; women are represented at all levels of management.

9. Environment

N/A

10. Rates of return

N/A

11. Investment criteria

11.1. Catalytic effect

N/A

11.2. Co-financing

N/A

11.3. Additionality

N/A

11.4. Project readiness

N/A

11.5. Sustainability

N/A

11.6. Compliance with state aids provisions

N/A

12. Conditionality and sequencing

N/A

ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE

1. Logframe in standard format
2. Detailed implementation chart
3. Contracting and disbursement schedule, by quarter, for full duration of project
4. For all projects: reference list of feasibility/pre-feasibility studies, indepth ex ante evaluations or other forms of preparatory work.
5. Reference list of relevant laws and regulations
6. Reference list of relevant strategic plans and studies
7. Lessons learnt

Annex 1 - Logframe

Project Title Adoption of the new statistical acquis communautaire provisions	Project Number: PHARE RO 2006/018-147.03.09		
	Contracting Period Expires: November 2008	Disbursement Period Expires: November 2009	
	Total Budget: 1.84 MEUR	Phare budget: 1.84 MEUR	
Overall Objective	Relates to Copehagen criterion and acquis chapter	List of other projects with same objective	
Providing the decision-makers at national and European level with quality and comparable statistical data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accession Partnership - Road Map 2002 - 2005 Comprehensive Monitoring Report for Romania - Negotiating Paper for Chapter 12 („Statistics”) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2003 National Phare Programme – “Sustainable development of the Romanian statistical system” -2005 National Phare Programme- “Reinforcement of the Romanian Statistical System” - Phare Multy-Beneficiary Programmes for 2002 and 2003 - Independent EU grants 	
Project Purpose	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of verification	Assumptions
- Implementation of the new EU legislation provisions, measures and actions in the Romanian Statistical System. To be achieved by the following tasks: Task I – Improvement of tourism statistics quality Task II – Improvement and compliance of the forest statistics Task III – Creating a coherent and integrated system for the use of administrative data sources in Romanian statistics Task IV – Implementing TQM in statistics	Data collections and publications of INS in accordance with the European norms	Reports and assessments	- The ongoing projects will be successfully implemented and will reach the foreseen

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			objectives - Political commitment to support the harmonization process in the field.
Results	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of verification	Assumptions
Task I Improvement of tourism statistics quality - Pilot survey on excursionists designed and implemented. - Pilot survey on private tourism designed and implemented. - Results of both pilot surveys published. Task II Improvement and compliance of the forest statistics - A set of statistical tools and methodologies necessary for the characterisation of forest production, the economic use of wood and of other forest products and forest-related environmental issues designed; - Pilot Surveys designed and implemented; - Accounts for forestry in physical and monetary units (Input-Output tables, balances for areas and stocks, etc) compiled; - Information and indicators that characterise the size of forest resources, their evolution, as well as physical indicators as part of environment statistics (carbon balance, recreation functions, protection functions and forest health) designed; - Databases that contain statistical information and indicators carried out; - Experts who will contribute to the maintenance and development of the accounts for forestry trained. Task III Creating a coherent and integrated system for the use of	- Surveys methodologies in the concerned fields harmonised with EU standards designed. - Surveys harmonised with EU standards implemented. - Results of the surveys disseminated. - Relevant staff trained (min. 40 persons). - Database containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification data about sectorial partners ➤ Useful information for the statistical system provided by the sectorial partners carried out. - Number of statistical surveys and indicators required to the respondents reduced. - Minimum 6 administrative data sources redesigned.	- Minutes of steering committee meetings - Questionnaires and methodologies - Softwares - Surveys reports - Publications - Catalogue of administrative data sources - Contractor reports	Related acquis and required indicators will be maintained

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administrative data sources in Romanian statistics -Response burden of economic units, public institutions etc reduced; -Administrative data sources redesigned with the agreement of sectorial partners for the unitary harmonisation of the whole national statistical system with the norms and standards of the European Union; -Framework that would allow the exchange of information between county and regional statistical directorates, decentralised units of public administration, other non-government institutions achieved. Task IV Implementing TQM in statistics - TQM concept, procedures and mechanisms gradually implemented in Romanian statistics, according to the European Union requirements.	- Minimum 10 collaboration conventions revised. - A set of standard quality indicators for measurement and monitoring the quality of statistical data established. - A defined set of indicators for monitoring the principles of the Code of Best Practices established. - Quality manual drawn up and edited. - Strategy for the implementation of the code of best practices drawn up. - A first test of the implementation of the Code of Best Practices carried out. - Documentation necessary for obtaining the attestation in statistics through the ISO 9001:2000 certification prepared.		
Activities	Means		Assumptions

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Task I Improvement of tourism statistics quality - Designing the statistical tools used in the statistical surveys conducted in the field of tourism (methodology, questionnaire, processing procedures); - Designing the sampling plan and the sample extraction rules for sample surveys; - Designing automatic data processing requirements; - Designing and elaborating IT applications; - Designing and carrying out pilot surveys (the Survey on Excursionists and the Survey on Private Tourism); - Publishing the results of the pilot surveys. Task II Improvement and compliance of the forest statistics - Development of the inter-institutional framework (INS, Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Rural development, Forest Research and Management Institute) in the forestry field in order to ensure the implementation of the accounts for forestry; - Drawing up the national methodology to achieve accounts for forestry according to the European System of Accounts (ESA 95), the Economic Accounts for Forestry (EAF) and the European Framework for Integrating Environmental and Economic Accounting for Forest (IEEAF); --Integration of current statistical information and development of new statistics for the compilation of the accounts for forestry;	Technical assistance - service contract		- Tendering documents to be approved in due course in order to timely contracting. - Timely and quality affective colaboration

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designing and implementing pilot surveys in order to complete the information needed for compiling the accounts for forestry; - Designing and implementing the IT application for the pilot surveys data processing; - Elaboration of production and income generation accounts and of capital account; - dissemination of the accounts for forestry to users through Internet, e-mail or publications; - Training of a group of experts (INS and Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development) for the development of the statistical forestry system. <p>Task III Creating a coherent and integrated system for the use of administrative data sources in Romanian statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redesigning the current content and format of collaboration conventions, which will ensure the legal framework of statistical co-operation with sectorial partners at central and local level; - Inventory and technical expertise of the administrative data sources that exist in public administration and in the main non-government institutions, with a view to selecting the sources that are of statistical interest; elaborating a grid for the statistical selection of administrative sources; -Designing a database that would include both the identification data of sectorial partners and the volume of the information that is exchanged between them; -Establishing a set of specific statistical indicators for comparatively measuring the co-operation activity with public administration; elaborating a standard for the annual reports on the evaluation of statistical co-operation with sectorial partners; - Editing a catalogue of administrative data sources; - Carrying out an IT system on the mutual exchange of data between sectorial partners based on pre-established standards, harmonised with European standards. 		

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Task IV Implementing TQM in statistics - Establishing the categories (types) of quality reports (that will be elaborated for different statistical fields) and a set of standard quality indicators (that will be used in the measurement and monitoring over time of the quality of statistical data), according to the European Statistical System; - The experimental development of a Quality Barometer in the statistical system and carrying out a multi-annual programme for improving the quality of various statistical areas/fields identified with the Quality Barometer; - Drawing up and editing a quality manual (working methods, methods for the monitoring and dissemination of information on quality); -Organising training courses in the field of quality for the staff involved in the elaboration of quality reports; -Elaborating a strategy for the implementation of the Code of Best Practices; - Preparation of the documentation necessary for obtaining the attestation in statistics through the ISO 9001:2000 certification. Pre-conditions : None			

Annex 2 - Detailed time implementation chart

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	2005			2006												2007												2008											
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Annex 2 - Cumulative contracting and disbursement schedule

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Annex 4 - Reference list of feasibility/pre-feasibility studies

No feasibility studies have been made.

Annex 5 - List of relevant Laws and Regulations

- Council Regulation No. 322/97 of 17/02/97, Community statistics (Statistical Law)
- Council Regulation No 2223/96 of 25/06/96 concerning the European System of National and Regional Accounts ESA 95
- Council Resolution of 15/12/98:OJ:CO56 of 26/02/99 on a forestry strategy for European Union;
- Parliament and Council Decision No: 1600/2002/EC of 22.07.02: OJ: L 242 of 10.09.02, The Sixth Environment Action Program “Environment 2010: Our future, Our choice”;
- Council Regulation no. 1615/89/EEC of 29/05/89:OJ: L 165 of 15/06/89 establishing European forestry information and communication system (efics).

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Annex 6 - Reference list of relevant strategic plans and studies

The 2004-2006 strategy for the development of the national statistical system and the activity of INS.

Annex 7 - Lessons learnt for Phare 2006

- 1) Romania progress report (chapter 12 Statistics), 2004
- 2) Eurostat mission of co-operation evaluation (mission report), Bucharest, May 2005
- 3) 2005 Comprehensive Monitoring Report for Romania

Identified gaps or recommended course of intervention	Action for covering the gap or implement the recommended intervention	Phare Programming (project reference)		
		2004	2005	2006
Need to harmonize the Romanian statistics to the new Acquis Communautaire in statistics (2,3	Improvement of tourism statistics quality Improvement and compliance of the forest statistics			Phare 2006: Adoption of the new statistical acquis communautaire provisions RO-XXX Technical assistance for statistical surveys and training
Continuous efforts are needed to improve inter-institutional co-operation with other data producers and better use of administrative data sources (1, 2,3 Areas like the better use of administrative data sources (2	Creating a coherent and integrated system for the use of administrative data sources in Romanian statistics			Phare 2006: Adoption of the new statistical acquis communautaire provisions RO-XXX Technical assistance for better use of administrative data
Romania's efforts should now focus on further improving the quality and completeness of data (1,2,3 Highly qualified staff remains a priority (1 Areas like Total Quality Management could be possible topic for a new programme 2006 (2	Implementing TQM in statistics			Phare 2006: Adoption of the new statistical acquis communautaire provisions RO-XXX Technical assistance for implementing TQM in statistics