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## COMMISSION DECISION

C(2008)5659/2 of 09/10/2008

### **adopting a National Programme (Part I) for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 14(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidate and potential candidate countries.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the assistance should be provided through multi-annual or annual programmes, which can be established by country and by component, or, as appropriate, by group of countries or by theme. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the general policy framework referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 and the relevant multi-annual indicative planning document referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (3) The Council adopted on 18 February 2008 Decision 2008/211/EC<sup>2</sup> on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Commission has adopted on 24 May 2007 a multi-annual indicative planning document 2007 - 2009 for Bosnia and Herzegovina which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to the country concerned<sup>3</sup>.
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Bosnia and Herzegovina, the National programme (part 1) for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA – Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008 aims to assist the country's association process primarily in the field of rule of law and to facilitate the country's progress towards the EU membership through raising public awareness of the EU integration process and assisting the national authorities in

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p.82.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 80, 19.3.2008, p. 18.

<sup>3</sup> C (2007)2255 of 24 May 2007.

planning, programming and implementing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) by means of a Project Preparation Facility.

- (5) This decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002<sup>4</sup> (hereafter: “Implementing Rules”) and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>5</sup> (hereafter: “Financial Regulation”).
- (6) It is appropriate to implement the project to support the construction of a State high-security prison by joint management with the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), in accordance with article 53(d) of the Financial Regulation.
- (7) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The National programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina (Part I) under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented partly by centralised management and partly by joint management with the Council of Europe Development Bank. It shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

#### *Article 2*

The maximum amount of Community contribution shall be **EUR 12,500,000.00** to be financed through Article 22.02.02 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2008.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>4</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1 Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 478/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p. 13).

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p.1), and by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1525/2007 (OJ L 393, 27.12.2007, p. 9).