

## **STANDARD SUMMARY PROJECT FICHE**

### **1. Basic Information**

<b>1.1 CRIS Number:</b>	BG 2003/005-631.02 RO 2003/005-701-05
<b>1.2 Title:</b>	Sustainable Economic Development of the Bulgarian-Romanian Border Region
<b>1.3 Sector:</b>	Economic development
<b>1.4 Location:</b>	The Bulgarian-Romanian Border Area
<b>1.5. Beneficiaries</b>	Bulgarian Ministry of Public Works and Regional Development Romanian Ministry of European Integration

### **2 Objectives**

#### **2.1. Overall objectives**

- to strengthen the capacity to prepare adequate programmes and projects with a view to attract financial support under future Phare CBC programmes;
- to support the relevant authorities to prepare a pipeline of mature projects in economic development that will be proposed for Phare CBC BG-RO 2004-2006 Programme.

#### **2.2. Purpose of the project**

To ensure that responsible central and local authorities have relevant information, programme documents and capacity for step-by-step planning, identification and development of programmes and projects for cross border and inter-regional sustainable economic development of the Middle- and Lower-Danube Regions.

#### **2.3 Accession Partnership and NPAA priority**

##### **Bulgaria**

In the Strategy Paper 'Towards the Enlarged Union'<sup>1</sup>, of 9 October 2002, the Commission announced that it would propose, on the basis of the analysis in the 2002 Regular Reports, detailed roadmaps for Bulgaria and Romania before the Copenhagen European Council. The following short and medium term priorities and intermediate objectives have been identified for Bulgaria:

##### *Chapter 7: Agriculture*

###### **Short term**

Provide detailed plans on development of Common Market Organisations.

###### **Medium term**

Develop inter-branch organisations.

Develop Common Market Organisations.

##### *Chapter 21: Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments*

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<sup>1</sup> (COM (2002) 700 final)

Improve capacity at the level of the technical preparation of projects to be co-financed by the Structural and Cohesion Funds.

The project falls within the following NPAA priorities:

- to enhance the establishment of joint SMEs on sectoral and regional basis, to stimulate the interaction between them and EU member- and CEE countries;
- to facilitate the access of national SMEs to information about international markets and assistance for partnership with foreign companies;
- to provide vocational training.

### **Romania**

The proposed project will play a key part in the process of preparation of Romania for accession to the EU. The project supports the Accession Partnership, Economic Criteria, to create a SME friendly economic and legal framework.

## **2.4. Contribution to the National Development Plan**

### **Bulgaria**

The project is in conformity with the Bulgarian National Economic and Development Plan and namely with the National Strategy for Balanced and Sustainable Economic Development. Its aim is to create conditions for economic growth and higher employment level on the basis of the development potential of the regions as well as to strengthen the economic and social cohesion of the regions in the process of the European integration of the country.

### **Romania**

The project is in compliance with the strategy adopted in the National Development Plan for the period 2002-2005, namely with the development axes 1: Developing the productive sector and related services, strengthening competitiveness of economic activities & promoting the development of the private sector and axes 7: Improving the economic structure of the regions and supporting balanced and sustainable regional development.

The main objective of supporting regional development within these Axes is to develop the most adequate economic structures in line with the demands of the market economy, which aid the creation of competitive jobs in all regions of the country.

Accordingly, in line with the European social and economic cohesion policy, Romania is promoting a regional policy whose wider long-term objective aims at filling the development gap between the regions and other areas of the country.

## **2.5. Cross-border Impact**

The project is in line with the Joint Programming Document 2003-2006 for Romania-Bulgaria CBC Programmes, namely with Priority 2, Economic Development. Measure 1, Business co-operation and business infrastructure development including business information and SME marketing actions and tourism activities, identifies as eligible activities:

- Creation of business to business cross-border linkages / sub-supplier networks;
- Assist the expansion of cross border trade in goods and services through joint export / tradable services development and marketing;
- Identification of joint strategic inward investment initiatives;
- Strategic advisory, mentoring and support services, sectoral and cross sectoral business and economic development and export market development and exchange of best practice between businesses on a cross border basis to encourage growth;
- Develop opportunities for business expansion through product and technology transfer at SME level;

The major impact of this project consist in:

- Creating opportunities for associations and administrations on both sides of the border to work together in the pursuit of common goals;
- Strengthening the SME sector in the region and make it nationally and internationally competitive;
- Exploring and developing new market opportunities in each other's jurisdictions;
- Developing information exchanges

### **3. Description**

#### **3.1 Background and justification**

Some districts along the RO/BG border lag behind in economic terms due to their remoteness from national economic centres. Their difficulties result additionally from their specific situation at a border, being cut off by institutional, social and cultural/linguistic barriers from areas across the border with which they could form an economically developing area. However, Phare Cross Border Co-operation programme Bulgaria/Romania has not financed significant economic development projects so far. Economic development projects require detailed and reliable data and background documentation to identify the best approach for achieving their objective(s). In-depth feasibility studies, impact analysis and other project background documents are critical for a successful implementation. Past experience showed that the prerequisites were not met by proposals submitted to authorities in charge of the CBC programmes.

Experience from other programmes has shown that there is ample scope for including technical assistance on Sustainable Economic Development to be used for a proper design of project activities finally resulting in more mature project formats.

Moreover, on the 5 June 2002 the Governments of Bulgaria and Romania decided to build a new bridge over the Danube, linking the municipalities of Vidin (Bulgaria) and Calafat (Romania).

The new bridge will provide a second fixed Danube crossing between Bulgaria and Romania, which are, at present, connected by a single road/rail bridge at Ruse-Giurgiu, some 300 km downstream. The proposed bridge would also be a road/rail bridge (technical parameters still to be determined). Links to the existing road and railway infrastructure and ancillary infrastructure (including customs and other) are also to be built. The bridge construction period is estimated at 3.5 years and construction activities are expected to start by end 2004.

The proposed new transport link would serve local, regional and long-distance traffic between Western Europe and South-Eastern Europe along the route of Pan-European corridor IV which links Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.

It is expected that the Bridge will have a strong impact on local development, as it is likely to become the catalyst for the economic development of the surrounding regions. Then it is crucial for both sides to identify joint projects that will make it concrete.

#### **3.2. Linked activities:**

International Financing Institutions such as the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Union (PHARE/ISPA) and European Union Member States Development Agencies, such as The German Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) and "The French Agence de Développement (ADF)", are participating in the financing of the Vidin Calafat Bridge.

#### **3.3 Results**

The results of the project by components will be as follows:

*Component 1*

- Joint projects in the field of economic development identified and prepared in order to be ready for future CBC financing
- A grant scheme developed to support CBC projects in the field of economic development (selection criteria, implementation procedures, etc.)

*Component 2*

- A balanced set of co-ordinated inter-regional development measures identified to be implemented in order to take maximum advantage of the construction and operation of the bridge Vidin Calafat.
- Joint projects prepared and ready for future CBC financing
- A draft Inter-regional Operational Plan (DIROP) elaborated. The plan shall follow the usual "DG Regio" requirements on Regional Operational Plans. The following indicative sections are to be included:
  1. Current Situation Description. Diagnosis
  2. Strategy and Priorities – Bridge scenarios
  3. Description of Measures
  4. Tentative Ex-ante Evaluation
  5. Financial Tables
  6. Recommendations on Implementation Arrangements

*Component 3*

- The proposed "Revive the tradition – Vidin Dolj" project revised in order to ensure it to be supported by local, national, EU or other donors' funds.

**3.4. Activities:**

***Component 1: Preparing a pipeline of mature projects in the field of economic development***

***Budget: 0.9 MEUR covered by a BG Phare contribution of 0.200 MEUR and a RO Phare contribution of 0.700 MEUR***

A Joint Steering Committee will be established with an equal representation of both Romanian and Bulgarian partners, in order to manage activities foreseen under this component. It will gather representatives of all stakeholders: local/regional authorities, line ministries, chambers of commerce. Before the works start, the institution which will ensure the Secretariat of the Joint Steering Committee on the Bulgarian side will be identified. The Romanian side will proceed the same way.

Technical assistance will provide assistance to the Joint Steering Committee to complete the following tasks:

*(Remark: tasks 1 to 3 will only cover the central and eastern border regions. Similar type of activities for the western regions will be completed under component 2. Of course results of task 2 will apply to all eligible border regions)*

*1. Identification of common economic development projects*

The TA is not expected to complete a heavy study of the concerned region. It will take stock of existing studies and will propose an adequate cost effective strategy (targeted interviews; call for proposals; questionnaires; ...) to identify existing ideas of joint projects in the field of economic development that may be eligible for CBC funding.

It will assess identified projects, analyse possible risks, etc. It will then establish a typology of those proposals

## *2. Formulation of an implementation strategy for supporting future joint cross-border activities, in the field of economic development*

It is expected that certain types of projects should be supported through a grant scheme during the period 2004-2006. The objective is to ensure a transparent process of identification of project proposals to get an overview of all initiatives, to be able to select the most interesting ones and to further adapt implementation strategies to INTERREG.

On the basis of task 1 results, a typology of projects that may be financed under such a grant scheme will be identified. The TA will design this grant scheme.

The following will be clearly defined:

- The beneficiaries
- The type of eligible activities and eligible expenditures to be financed
- Eligibility criteria
- The specific selection criteria

Eligibility criteria should ensure complementarity and coherence with other donors' initiatives and national policies, existing in the field of support to SMEs.

In order to ensure the successful implementation of the scheme the following will be prepared in detail:

- Call for proposals
- Specific guidelines for applicants
- Clear application form to ensure that the applicants will provide the information needed for proper assessment of their proposals
- A clear awareness package in order to increase the quality of the applications
- Evaluation Committee for projects selection and Steering Committee for monitoring and assessment of the projects
- The responsibilities in terms of control, audit activities and project monitoring scheme

## *3. Preparation of preliminary documentation of some investment projects to be ready, when future funding is available ;*

By the time the grant scheme for supporting CBC projects in the field of economic development is operational (and beyond for specific types of projects which are not eligible under the grant scheme rules but have a real CBC interest), assistance is needed to prepare a set of mature projects that may be ready for future CBC funding.

On the basis of task 1 results, the TA will define selection criteria. It will provide a first assessment of identified proposals and will eventually assist the Joint Steering Committee in the selection process.

For the selected projects, the TA will then assist the potential beneficiaries to prepare a solid application by completing the necessary feasibility studies, providing assistance for improving proposals, preparing the standard project fiches and relevant documentation for quick implementation (TORs, tender dossiers, legal agreements...).

**Component 2: Study on inter-regional measures for the development of the Middle-Danube Euroregion following the construction of Vidin Calafat bridge**

**Budget: 0.600 MEUR fully covered by BG Phare contribution**

The area of study, here denominated "Middle-Danube Euroregion"(MDE) will include the following three districts: Vidin and Dolj as well as the district of the Republic of Serbia, Zajecarski.

The objective of the study is to define, jointly with the authorities of Vidin, Dolj and Zajecarski districts, inter-regional economic development strategies and specific measures that would take advantage of the new bridge to foster joint economic growth. A Trilateral Steering Committee will be established gathering representatives of concerned stakeholders. IFIs and donors involved in the financing of the Bridge will be closely associated.

It is foreseen that the following tasks will be completed:

1. Review and analysis of available baseline information and existing plans

2. Regional partnership, legislation, Inter-regional Operational programme

Among other activities, the TA will (i) assess the institutional strength of the relevant institutions and structures involved in regional planning. In particular, assess the present "absorption capacity" of these institutions and forecast future capacity (ii) identify inter-regional social and economic co-operation links, at public and private level, that would be facilitated by the new bridge, (iii) identify the pending legislation or shortcomings in present legislation related to regional development and (iv) assess differences in regulations applying to regional development programmes on either side of the border, and in financial options

3. Development plan

The plan shall cover those activities best suited to induce joint regional economic development taking advantage of the new Danube Bridge

4. Workshop on Inter-Regional Development

5. Preparation of preliminary documentation of some investment projects to be ready, when future funding is available under Phare CBC RO/BG programme.

**Component 3: Review of the project "To revive the tradition – Vidin Dolj".**

**Budget: 0.200 MEUR fully covered by BG Phare contribution**

A Joint Steering Committee will be established with an equal representation of both Romanian and Bulgarian partners, in order to manage activities foreseen under this component. It will gather representatives of all stakeholders: regional authorities, line ministries, professional organisations. Before the works start, the institution which will ensure the Secretariat of the Joint Steering Committee on the Bulgarian side will be identified. The Romanian side will proceed the same way.

The TA is expected to provide assistance to complete the following tasks:

*1. Review of project "To revive the tradition – Vidin-Dolj"*

The TA will perform a detailed analysis (including economic opportunity) of the project proposal presented in 2003 relating to the development of joint activities to promote traditional products from this region.

It will provide recommendations on the feasibility to develop the project as it is / to amend it / to reject it.

*2. Develop a project proposal with the necessary documentation (in case it is decided it is worth developing a project in that field)*

The TA will have to develop the project to make it attractive for local/foreign support. For every component, it will identify the likely source of funding and will prepare the necessary documents for applying to those funds. In particular, as far as Phare is concerned, it will ensure that all activities proposed to Phare CBC financing are not eligible under another EU instrument (e.g. SAPARD).

### 3.5. Lessons learned

It should be noticed that this is the first time a project in the field of economic development within cross-border cooperation between Bulgaria and Romania is prepared. Phare Cross Border Co-operation programme Bulgaria/Romania has not financed significant economic development projects so far. Economic development projects require detailed and reliable data and background documentation to identify the best approach for achieving their objective(s). In-depth feasibility studies, impact analysis and other project background documents are critical for a successful implementation. Past experience showed that the prerequisites were not met by proposals submitted to authorities in charge of the CBC programmes. Experience from such programmes has shown that there is ample scope for including technical assistance on Sustainable Economic Development to be used for a proper design of project activities finally resulting in more mature project formats.

Cost and time overruns were highlighted in recent Phare Monitoring and Assessment reports. Expenditure will be controlled more closely, by ensuring that variation orders are issued in good time. The MRDPW staff involved has been increased and training of the staff has been carried out.

### 4. Institutional Framework

#### Bulgaria

- **Beneficiary Institution** – DG Programming of Regional Development within the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria, Vidin District Administration, Bulgaria
- **Contracting Authority** - DG Programming of Regional Development within the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria.

#### Romania

- **Beneficiary Institution** – Ministry of European Integration, Cross Border Cooperation Directorate, Romania
- **Contracting Authority** – Ministry of European Integration, Cross Border Cooperation Directorate, Romania

### 5. Detailed Budget

Component/Sub-Project	Phare Support (in MEUR)				National Co-financing	IFI	SUBTOTAL		TOTAL
	Invest. Support	Institution Building (IB)		Total Phare (I+IB)			BG	RO	
		BG	RO						
Component 1 BG & RO Preparing a pipeline of mature projects in the field of economic development		0.200	0.700	0.900			0.200	0.700	0.900
Component 2 BG Study on inter-regional measures for the		0.600	0	0.600			0.600	0	0.600

<i>development of the Middle-Danube Euroregion "Danube 21" following the construction of Vidin-Calafat bridge</i>									
<i>Component 3 BG Review of the project "To revive the tradition – Vidin Dolj".</i>		0.200	0	<b>0.200</b>			0.200	0	<b>0.200</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>1.700</b>			<b>1.000</b>	<b>0.700</b>	<b>1.700</b>

## 6. Implementation Arrangements

### 6.1. Implementing Agency

#### Bulgaria

The Implementing Agency will be the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, through its DG Programming of Regional Development, which will retain overall responsibility for the implementation of the programme, including: approval of tender documents, evaluation criteria, evaluation of offers, signature of contracts, authorisation of invoices. The Payments Department within the same ministry will make the payments of invoices.

#### Romania

The Implementing Agency will be the Ministry of European Integration, through its Cross Border Co-operation Directorate, which will retain overall responsibility for the implementation of the programme, including: approval of tender documents, evaluation criteria, evaluation of offers, signature of contracts, authorisation of invoices. The Payments Directorate within the same ministry will make the payments of invoices.

### 6.2. Twinning Arrangement

Not Applicable

### 6.3. Non standard aspects

There are no non-standard contracts or tender procedures envisaged within this project. "The Practical Guide to Contract Procedures financed from the General Budget of the European Communities in the context of external actions" will be strictly followed.

### 6.4 Contracts

#### *Component 1:*

Two contracts are foreseen under this component.

The consultant will be chosen after a common international tender, by a Joint Evaluation Committee with equal members of both countries.

Part of the activities will be performed under a framework contract signed with BG side (Phare CBC contribution of 0.200 MEUR).

The rest of activities will be performed under a service contract signed with RO side (Phare CBC contribution of 0.700 MEUR).

A single Joint Steering Committee will be established for the whole component.



*Component 2:*

One service contract is foreseen after an international tender (BG Phare CBC contribution: 0.600 MEUR)

*Component 3:*

One framework contract is foreseen (BG Phare CBC contribution: 0.200 MEUR)

## **7 Implementation Schedule**

Start of tendering/call for proposals: October 2003

Start of project activity: February 2004

Project completion: February 2005

## **8. Equal Opportunity**

The project implementation procedures will ensure that the project brings benefits to men and women, and to ethnic groups in equal measure. Special attention will be paid to ensure that women and members of ethnic groups are included in the projects activities.

## **9. Environment**

Not Applicable

## **10. Rates of return**

Not Applicable

## **11. Investment criteria**

### **11.1. Catalytic effect**

Without Phare assistance, the project would have never taken place due to a lack of funds.

### **11.2. Co-financing:**

There is no co-financing.

### **11.3. Additionality:**

No other financing sources from the private sector or from IFIs were available for financing this project.

### **11.4. Project readiness and Size:**

The project can start according to the implementation chart.

### **11.5. Sustainability:**

Not Applicable

### **11.6. Compliance with state aids provisions**

The project respects the state aids provisions.

## **12 Conditionality and sequencing**

Beneficiaries undertake to finance any additional costs, which may arise in order to ensure timely completion and implementation of this project.

**Annexes to project Fiche**

1. Logical framework matrix in standard format
2. Detailed implementation chart
3. Contracting and execution of contracts schedule by quarter for full duration of programme (including execution of contracts period)

<b>ANNEX 1 – LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX</b>		Programme name and number <b>CBC Bulgaria/Romania, BG 2003/000-631.02 RO 2003/005-701.05</b>	
<i>Project title: - Sustainable Economic Development of the Bulgarian-Romanian Border Region</i>		Contracting period expires: <b>30.11.2004</b>	Execution of contracts period expires: <b>30.11.2005</b>
		Total Budget: <b>1,0 MEUR – BG 0.7 MEUR - RO</b>	Phare Budget: <b>1,0 MEUR - BG 0.7 MEUR - RO</b>
<b>Wider Objectives</b>	<b>Indicators of Achievement</b>	<b>Sources of Information</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to strengthen the capacity to prepare adequate programmes and projects in the context of Phare Cross Border Cooperation Programme Romania/Bulgaria with a view of financial support under future Phare CBC programmes;</li> <li>to support the relevant authorities to prepare a pipeline of mature projects in economic development that will be proposed for Phare CBC BG-RO 2004-2006 Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct involvement of stakeholder organisations from both sides of the border in the preparation and management of programmes and projects</li> <li>Involved institutions and staff trained and improved abilities to identify, prepare and implement CBC programmes and projects by end of 2005</li> <li>All funds committed by end of 2004</li> <li>Increased Romanian and foreign investment in the RO region by 15% by end of 2007</li> <li>Increased Bulgarian and foreign investment in the BG region by 8% by end of 2007</li> <li>Increased number of common investments by end of 2006 by 15%</li> <li>Increased Romanian and foreign investment in the region by 15% by end of 2007</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project reports</li> <li>Government and international statistics</li> <li>Protocols of cooperation signed between the two countries</li> <li>Reports from local authorities and NGOs</li> <li>Sectoral Strategies</li> </ul>	

Purpose of the Project	Indicators of Achievement	Sources of Information	Assumptions and Risks
To ensure that responsible central and local authorities have relevant information, programme documents and capacity for step-by-step planning, identification and development of programmes and projects for cross border and inter-regional sustainable economic development of the Middle- and Lower-Danube Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 2 experts from each central and local authority involved, from both sides of the border, with strong analytical and strategic skills, by end of 2005</li> <li>• Well prepared Financing Proposals for 2004 and 2005 future programmes, including mature projects ready to start implementation after signing of the relevant Financing Memoranda.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring and assessment reports;</li> <li>• Reports of the Phare IA (BG &amp; RO).</li> <li>• Programme evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficient programme management (implementation, monitoring assessment);</li> <li>• Continued commitment of the Government towards the priorities of the programme;</li> <li>• Availability of qualified staff and institutional support;</li> <li>• Sustained interest of the border region population in co-operation.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-border and Inter-regional strategies, programmes and plans for 2005-2007 by 2005;</li> <li>• Elaborated Models and Methodologies for implementation</li> </ul>		
Results of Project	Indicators of Achievement	Sources of Information	Assumptions and Risks
<p><i>Component 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint projects in the field of economic development identified and prepared in order to be ready for future CBC financing.</li> <li>• A grant scheme designed to support CBC projects in the field of economic development (selection criteria, implementation procedures, etc.).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jointly agreed Strategy for sustainable economic development of the region;</li> <li>• At least 5 mature projects in the field of Economic Development, potentially eligible for CBC programmes</li> <li>• All documents for grant scheme prepared and approved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project component completion reports;</li> <li>• Monitoring and assessment reports;</li> <li>• Financing proposals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of adequate funds through the next Phare CBC Programmes to finance the prepared projects</li> <li>• Availability of co-financing for the prepared projects from the Bulgarian and Romanian authorities</li> </ul>

<p><i>Component 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A balanced set of co-ordinated inter-regional development measures identified to be implemented in order to take maximum advantage of the construction and operation of the bridge Vidin Calafat.</li> <li>• Joint projects prepared and ready for future CBC financing</li> <li>• A draft Inter-regional Operational Plan (DIROP) elaborated</li> <li>• An workshop on IRD in order to link with the indicators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies and measures in a Inter-regional Operational Plan developed according to national and EU framework</li> <li>• Inter-regional Operational Plan delivered on time and within budget</li> <li>• At least 5 mature projects in the field of Economic Development</li> <li>• At least 10 local stakeholders from each region involved in the workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project component completion reports;</li> <li>• Monitoring and assessment reports;</li> <li>• Financing proposals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of adequate funds through the next Phare CBC Programmes to finance the prepared projects</li> <li>• Availability of co-financing for the prepared projects from the Bulgarian and Romanian authorities</li> </ul>
<p><i>Component 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed "Revive the tradition – Vidin Dolj" project revised in order to ensure it to be supported by local, national, EU or other donors' funds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A mature project "To Revive the Tradition – Vidin-Dolj" ready for Phare 2004 CBC or for any other relevant programme.</li> <li>• Tender dossier for the project prepared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project component completion reports;</li> <li>• Monitoring and assessment reports;</li> <li>• Financing proposals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Availability of adequate funds through the next Phare CBC Programmes to finance the prepared project</li> <li>• Availability co-/financing for the prepared project from local, EU sources or other donors' funds</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Means</b>	<b>Sources</b>	<b>Preconditions</b>
<p><i>Component 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification and preparation of mature and sustainable CBC projects</li> <li>• Formulation of an implementation strategy for supporting future joint cross-border activities, in the field of economic development</li> <li>• Preparation of preliminary documentation of some investment projects to be ready, when future funding is available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project component contracted according to the Implementation chart</li> <li>• Adequate team of consultants nominated</li> <li>• A Framework contract with maximum value of 0.2 M€ concluded</li> <li>• A service contract with maximum value of 0.7 M€ concluded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local/regional/national statistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well functioning co-operation and co-ordination between Bulgarian and Romanian authorities</li> <li>• Continuity of staff and policy in MRDPW/MEI and other involved institutions enabling preparation and implementation of the projects without delays</li> </ul>

<p><i>Component 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and analysis of available baseline information and existing plans ;</li> <li>• Regional partnership, legislation, Inter-regional Operational Programme</li> <li>• Development plan</li> <li>• Workshop on Inter-regional Development</li> <li>• Preparation of preliminary documentation of some investment projects to be ready, when funding is available under Phare CBC BG/RO programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project component contracted according to the Implementation Chart</li> <li>• Adequate team of consultants nominated</li> <li>• A service contract with maximum value of 0.6 M€ concluded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local/regional/national statistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well functioning co-operation and co-ordination between Bulgarian and Romanian authorities</li> <li>• Continuity of staff and policy in MRDPW/MEI and other involved institutions enabling preparation and implementation of the projects without delays</li> </ul>
<p><i>Component 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision of the project “ To revive the tradition Vidin-Dolj”</li> <li>• Develop a project proposal with the necessary documentation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project component contracted according to the Implementation chart</li> <li>• Adequate team of consultants nominated</li> <li>• A Framework contract with maximum value of 0.2 M€ concluded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local/regional statistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well functioning co-operation and co-ordination between local actors in economic development</li> </ul>

Annex 2 – Detailed implementation chart																											
Project title: Sustainable Economic Development of the Bulgarian-Romanian Border region																											
Project by Components	2003		2004												2005												
	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Component 1																											
Framework contract – BG	T	T	C	I	I	I	I	I	I																		
Service contract – RO	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	C	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
Component 2																											
Service contract – BG			T	T	T	T	T	T	T	C	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I						
Component 3																											
Framework contract – BG	T	T	C	I	I	I	I																				

T: Tender Procedures

C: Contracting

I: Implementation

Annex 3 – Contracting and execution of contracts schedule by quarter															
Project title: - Sustainable Economic Development of the Bulgarian-Romanian Border Region															
Project by Components	Cumulative contracting schedule by quarter in MEUR (planned)														Total Phare Allocation (MEUR)
	2003		2004				2005				2006				
	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	
Component 1 -			0,20	0,20	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90	0,90					0.900
Framework contract – BG			0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20					0.200
Service contract - RO					0,70	0,70	0,70	0,70	0,70	0,70					0.700
Component 2 –					0,60	0,60	0,60	0,60	0,60	0,60					0,600
Service contract - BG															
Component 3 –			0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20					0.200
Framework contract - BG															
Total contracting BG:			0,40	0,40	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00	1,00					1,000
Total contracting RO:			-	-	0,70	0,70	0,70	0,70	0,70	0,70					0.700
Total contracting:			0,40	0,40	1,70	1,70	1,70	1,70	1,70	1,70					1.700



Project by Components	Cumulative execution of contracts schedule by quarter in MEUR (planned)														Total Phare Allocation (MEUR)
	2003		2004				2005				2006				
	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	
Component 1 -			0,16	0,16	0,62	0,62	0,83	0,83	0,90	0,90					0.900
<i>Framework contract – BG</i>			0,16	0,16	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20					0.200
<i>Service contract - RO</i>					0,42	0,42	0,63	0,63	0,70	0,70					0.700
Component 2 –															
<i>Service contract - BG</i>						0,36	0,36	0,54	0,60	0,60					0.600
Component 3 –															
<i>Framework contract - BG</i>			0,16	0,16	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20	0,20					0,200
<i>Total execution of contracts BG:</i>			0,32	0,32	0,40	0,76	0,76	0,94	1,00	1,00					1,000
<i>Total execution of contracts RO:</i>			-	-	0,42	0,42	0,63	0,63	0,70	0,70					0.700
<b>Total execution of contracts:</b>			0,32	0,32	0,82	1,18	1,39	1,57	1,70	1,70					1.700