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COMMISSION DECISION

C/2007/6423 of 20/12/2007

adopting a National programme for Turkey under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007

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)¹, 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. 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 has established a European Partnership for Turkey². The Commission has adopted on 30.04.07 a multi-annual indicative planning document for Turkey which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to that country³.
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Turkey, the national programme for Turkey under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007 aims at providing assistance to three priority axes: progress towards fully meeting the Copenhagen political criteria, adoption and implementation of the *acquis communautaire*, and promotion of an EU-Turkey Civil Society Dialogue.

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² Council Decision 2006/35/EC of 23 January 2006 (OJ L 22, 26.01.06,p.34)

³ C(2007)1835 of 30/04/2007

- (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 1605/2002⁴ and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁵.
- (6) The administrative capacity of Turkey is sufficiently developed to allow for implementation of this programme by decentralised management, as provided for in Article 53c of Regulation (EC, EURATOM) No 1605/2002. The Commission concluded on 14 May 2004 a Framework Agreement with the Government of Turkey on the rules for co-operation and implementation of pre-accession assistance.
- (7) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA committee.

Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The national programme for Turkey under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented by decentralised management. To that effect, a financing agreement shall be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Turkey.

Article 2

The maximum amount of Community assistance shall be EUR 256,202,720 to be financed through Article 22.02.01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2007.

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Commission

[...]

Member of the Commission

⁴ 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).

⁵ 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).

ANNEX: National programme for Turkey under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007

1 IDENTIFICATION

Beneficiary	<i>Republic of Turkey</i>
CRIS number	<i>2007/019-329</i>
Year	<i>2007</i>
Cost	<i>256,202,720 EUR</i>
Implementing Authority	The Implementing Agency responsible for the programme is the Central Finance and Contracting Unit (CFCU) at the Undersecretariat of the Treasury except for: Project TR 07 03 04 “Participation in Community Programmes and Agencies”, where implementation will consist in the payment of the EC part of the financial contribution to the programmes by the National Fund.
Final date for concluding the Financing Agreements	At the latest by 31 December 2008
Final date for contracting	2 years following the date of conclusion of the Financing Agreement. No deadline for audit and evaluation projects covered by this Financing Agreement, as referred to in Article 166(2) of the Financial Regulation. These dates apply also to the national co-financing.
Final dates for execution	2 years following the end date for contracting. These dates apply also to the national co-financing.
Sector Code	15162(priority axes 1 - PC); 15140 (priority axes 2 – ACQUIS); 15150 (priority axes 3 - CSD)
Budget line concerned	22.02.01
Programming Task Manager	Mr. Bert Kuby (European Commission, Brussels)
Implementation Task Manager	Mr. Holger Schroeder (EC Delegation, Ankara)

2 PRIORITY AXES / PROJECTS

2.a Priority axes

The programme’s strategic reference is the Multi-Annual Indicative Planning Document (MIPD) 2007-2009. As reflected in the MIPD, IPA – notably through component I ' Institution Building' – will support the EU pre-accession strategy for Turkey adopted in the conclusions of the European Council of December 2004. This corresponds to three priority