

FINAL VERSION

1. Basic information

1.1 CRIS Number: 2009/021-738

1.2 Title: Participation in Community Programmes and Agencies

1.3 ELARG Statistical code: 4.65

1.4 Location: Skopje, with nationwide project activities

2. Description of the project

On the basis of Association Council decisions or Framework Agreements, candidate countries may participate in certain European Community programmes and agencies.

Pre-accession financial assistance can be used to help a candidate country to meet part of the costs of participation in those programmes and agencies, on the basis of an increasing contribution from the Candidate Country. A maximum of 10% of Pre-accession financial assistance available for national programme funding may be used to co-finance participation in Community programmes and agencies. Participation in the R&D Programme does not count towards the 10% limit.

The Community's grant assistance will be made available each year for the country so as to co-finance the financial contribution to be paid by the country to participate in the programmes and agencies in the following year.

This project fiche for the shows Community support for the country's participation, *inter alia*, in the programmes and agencies listed in the table below for the year 2010.

The EU agreed in the Thessaloniki Agenda to open participation in Community Programmes up to the Western Balkan countries, following the approach used in the past for candidate countries. The Commission proposed concrete steps in its Communication of 3 December 2003¹, underlining the need for a selective and gradual approach.

The beneficiaries have expressed their interest to participate, *inter alia*, in the following **Community Programmes in the medium term:**

- 7th Research Framework Programme
- PROGRESS
- Competition and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)
 - CIP- Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (CIP-EIP)
 - CIP- Intelligent Energy- Europe (CIP-IEE)

¹ Communication of the Commission "Preparing for the participation of the Western Balkan countries in Community programmes and agencies" [COM (2003) 748 of 3.12.03] – accessible on the internet at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/see/docs/com03_748_en.pdf

- CIP- Policy Support Programme (CIP-ICT)
- Europe for Citizens
- Culture programme
- Media 2007 programme
- Integrated Life-Long Learning
- Youth in Action
- Fiscalis 2013
- Customs 2013
- Public Health;
- Civil Protection Mechanism and Civil Protection Financial Instrument, and

Agencies in medium and long-term:

- European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)
- Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)
- European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)
- European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
- European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
- European Environment Agency (EEA)
- European Railway Agency (ERA)
- European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

Also, the beneficiaries would like to retain the right to participate in other programmes and agencies which will be identified in a later stage.

Prior to the participation in the Community Programmes on Life-long Learning and Youth in Action a national agency for managing these programmes was established (supported through national funds and IPA 2007 funds). The National Agency for European Programmes in the field of Education and Mobility is expected to be accredited and fully functional during 2010.

The participation of the beneficiaries in Community Programmes follows specific terms and conditions set out for each such programme in a so called Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Such a MoU has already been concluded (by the beneficiary and the Commission) with regard to:

- the 7th Research Framework Programme
- PROGRESS
- CIP-EIP
- Culture Programme

3. Conditionality and sequencing:

Co-financing of entry tickets for participating in a certain programme will only be progressed once a respective MoU between the Commission and the beneficiary has been signed. Prior to the participation in the Community Programmes Life-long Learning and Youth in Action the relevant national agency must be fully operational, which is expected to be done in 2010.

With regard to participation in community agencies the following conditionality is to be added: Prior to the participation in the corresponding community agency, the Agency will assess whether the country is ready to participate in the Agency as an observer, following the country's participation in actions to prepare the country for this participation. Prior to its full participation as observer, the country may use the funds to cover its cost for participation in activities.

4. Indicative Budget (amounts in EUR)

| | | | SOURCES OF FUNDING | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------|
| | | | TOTAL EXP.RE | TOTAL PUBLIC EXP.RE | IPA COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION | | NATIONAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION | | | | | PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION | |
| ACTIVITIES | IB (1) | INV (1) | EUR (a)=(b)+(e) | EUR (b)=(c)+(d) | EUR (c) | % (2) | Total EUR (d)=(x)+(y)+(z) | % (2) | Central EUR (x) | Regional/ Local EUR(y) | IFIs EUR (z) | EUR (e) | % (3) |
| Activity 1 | | | 1 871 568 | 1 871 568 | 1 355 142 | 72.4 | 516 426 | 27.6 | | | | | |
| FP7 (2010) | X | | 948 000 | 948 000 | 654 120 | 69 | 293 880 | 31 | | | | | – |
| PROGRESS (2010) | X | | 160 000 | 160 000 | 112 000 | 70 | 48 000 | 30 | | | | | – |
| CIP-EIP (2010) | X | | 107 301 | 107 301 | 74 038 | 69 | 33 263 | 31 | | | | | |
| CIP-ICT (2010) | X | | 39 587 | 39 587 | 31 670 | 80 | 7 917 | 20 | | | | | |
| CIP-IEE (2010) | X | | 316 680 | 316 680 | 253 344 | 80 | 63 336 | 20 | | | | | |
| Europe for Citizens(2010) | X | | 15 000 | 15 000 | 12 000 | 80 | 3 000 | 20 | | | | | |
| Culture (2010) | X | | 32 000 | 32 000 | 22 400 | 70 | 9 600 | 30 | | | | | |
| Media 2007 (2010) | X | | 28 000 | 28 000 | 24 920 | 89 | 3 080 | 11 | | | | | |
| Fiscalis (2010) | X | | 40 000 | 40 000 | 28 000 | 70 | 12 000 | 30 | | | | | |
| Customs (2010) | X | | 50 000 | 50 000 | 35 000 | 70 | 15 000 | 30 | | | | | |
| Public Health (2010) | X | | 100 000 | 100 000 | 80 000 | 80 | 20 000 | 20 | | | | | |
| Civil Protection Mechanism and Civil Protection Financial Instrument | X | | 35 000 | 35 000 | 27 650 | 79 | 7 350 | 21 | | | | | |

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| Integrated Lifelong Learning and Youth in Action (2010 or 2011)* | X | | N/A | N/A | N/A | 89 | N/A | 11 | | | | | |
| Activity 2 | | | 385 000 | 385 000 | 287 500 | 74 | 106.500 | 26 | | | | | |
| European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) | X | | 110 000 | 110 000 | 77 000 | 70 | 33 000 | 30 | | | | | - |
| European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) | X | | 175 000 | 175. 000 | 122 500 | 70 | 52 500 | 30 | | | | | - |
| European Environmental Agency (EEA) | X | | 100 000 | 100 000 | 79 000 | 79 | 21000 | 21 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL IB | | | 2 256 568 | 2 256 568 | 1 633 642 | | 622926 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INV | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL PROJECT | | | 2 256 568 | 2 256 568 | 1 633 642 | | 622 926 | | | | | | |

NOTE: DO NOT MIX IB AND INV IN THE SAME ACTIVITY ROW. USE SEPARATE ROW

Amounts net of VAT

(1) In the Activity row use "X" to identify whether IB or INV

(2) Expressed in % of the **Public** Expenditure (column (b))

(3) Expressed in % of the **Total** Expenditure (column (a))

* a separate project fiche under the 2009 annual programme is developed only for LLL and YA

5. Implementation Arrangements

5.1. Contracting Authority: European Commission (EC Delegation in Skopje).

5.2. The various Commission services responsible for the different programmes will send to the Mission of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the EU a request for the total financial contribution for the participation in a given programme or agency ("call for funds"). The country shall pay its total financial contribution to each programme ("entry-ticket") within the deadline requested in the call for funds. In principle, this payment will be made by the sectoral ministry in charge of the programme concerned. When making the payment for each programme, the authority in charge should quote the reference number indicated in the call for funds for the programme concerned, and send simultaneously a copy of the payment order to the relevant Commission service.

5.3. Following the entry into force of the Financing Agreement, the National IPA Coordinator send to the Commission a request for funds for the reimbursement of the IPA part of the entry-tickets paid by the country, together with proofs of payment. The Commission signs the commitment for the IPA part of each entry-ticket and transfers the IPA funds to the country as reimbursement on the basis of the request for funds and proof of payment. The National IPA Coordinator then transfer the amount of the IPA support for each programme to the authority which made the payment of the financial contribution to the programme concerned.

ANNEX - Amounts (in €) contracted and disbursed by quarter over the full duration of the project (IPA funds only)

| Contracted | Q4 2010 | Q1 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q3 2011 | Q4 2011 |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FP7 | 654 120 | | | | |
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| CIP-ICT | 31 670 | | | | |
| CIP-IEE | 253 344 | | | | |
| Europe for Citizens | 12 000 | | | | |
| Culture | 22 400 | | | | |
| Media | 24 920 | | | | |
| Fiscalis 2013 | 28 000 | | | | |
| Customs 2013 | 35 000 | | | | |
| Public Health | 80 000 | | | | |
| Civil Protection Mechanism and Civil Protection Financial Instrument | 27 650 | | | | |
| Lifelong Learning and Youth in Action | N/A | | | | |
| European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction | 77 000 | | | | |
| European Fundamental Rights Agency | 122 500 | | | | |
| European Environment Agency | 79 000 | | | | |
| Cumulated | 1 633 642 | | | | |

| Disbursed | Q4 2010 | Q1 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q3 2011 | Q4 2011 |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FP7 | | 654 120 | | | |
| PROGRESS | | 112 000 | | | |
| CIP-EIP | | 74 038 | | | |
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