

**PHARE 2004  
PROJECT FICHE**

**Participation in Interreg III B and C Community Initiative projects**

**1. Basic Information**

CRIS Number: Phare 2004/016-772.05.02

Title: Participation in Interreg III B and C Community Initiative projects

Sector:

Location: whole territory of Romania

Duration: 18 months

**2. Objective**

**Overall Objective:**

- To achieve a higher territorial and economic integration within co-operation area and promote a more balanced and harmonious development of the Central European space during the pre-accession period.
- To prepare and facilitate the successful participation and implementation of Interreg III B and C programmes in Romania

**Project purpose:**

- Preparation of the Romanian administration and the potential intermediaries, beneficiaries and socio-economic partners for the participation in Interreg III B and C programmes in Romania
- Supporting participation of Romanian project partners in transnational and interregional co-operation programmes.

**Accession Partnership and NPAA priority**

Participation of Romania in Interreg III B and C projects will play a role in Romania's preparation for the accession to the EU, primarily by building up capacities at local and regional level. The project represents, therefore, an important element in the preparation of Romania for the adoption of Structural Funds and is fully in compliance with the priorities of the NPAA.

**Contribution to National Development Plan**

The priorities of the NDP established for the 2004-2006 period are as following:

- Improving the competitiveness of the productive sector and making it more attractive to foreign investors
- Improving and developing transport and energy infrastructure and ensuring environmental protection

- Human resources development, increasing employability and fighting social exclusion;
- Developing the rural economy and increasing productivity in the primary sector
- Promoting a balanced participation of all Romania's regions to the socio-economic development process.

Interreg III B and C actions are clearly in harmony with the objectives of the NDP.

### **Cross Border Impact**

Not applicable

## **3. Description**

### **Background and justification**

- The INTERREG programme encourages the participation of future Member States in all three strands of the programme. The main challenge of INTERREG is to progressively **develop structures** for co-operation across the Community. In accordance with the Interreg Guidelines, such co-operation under strand B and C in the applicant countries can be supported through the national Phare programmes.
- The establishment of a stronger cohesion of the whole European space is a fundamental goal for the development of all Member States and the concerned Accession Countries. The Central, Adriatic, Danubian and South-Eastern European Space (CADSES) especially lacks a common spatial development strategy and co-operation between regions. Developing a common vision of the future development of this space is quite difficult to achieve because of the apparent disparities between existing national and regional planning systems, and of the low level of transnational co-operation. As a consequence, INTERREG IIC-CADSES Program was launched in the past years and the common efforts of the participating countries are going to be continued in the frame of INTERREG IIIB Initiative.
- The Central, Adriatic, Danubian and South-Eastern European Space (**CADSES**) is one of the given European co-operation areas covered by the INTERREG IIIB Initiative. Since Romania is one of the Accession Countries and is situated in the CADSES area, it is of vital importance to take an active part in the relevant programme. The project therefore seeks to increase Romanian participation in transnational projects implemented under the INTERREG Initiative with a view to future membership in the European Union. Romania has to upgrade its transport system, readjust the urban system and promote natural and cultural heritage. Spatial planning in the transnational and interregional perspective is hence especially perceived as a tool to provide local, regional and national authorities with appropriate documentation on deficits in current infrastructure as well as on the impacts of planned investments.
- The overall objective of the **INTERREG IIC Program**, which focuses on interregional cooperation, is to improve the effectiveness of policies and instruments for regional development and cohesion in a structured way –through large-scale information exchange and sharing of experience. The INTERREG IIC Program, in

particular, aims at promoting the Europe wide cooperation among regions and municipalities to transfer and exchange information, knowledge and good practice from different types of activities supported by different Structural Fund Programs. It has an emerging importance to involve and integrate relevant Romanian partners to this Europe-wide process as early as possible

During the negotiations with the EU on regional policy issues (Chapter 21), the Romanian Government expressed its interest and intention to participate in all three strands of the Interreg Initiative. In the case of the INTERREG cross-border cooperation programmes, the management will be carried out by the institutions situated close to the borders on which the Community Initiative Programme will be implemented.

In this respect, for the Romania-Hungary INTERREG Programme, the RDA West and RDA North-West will associate and establish a CBC Office (with legal status) in Oradea. For the Romania-Bulgaria INTERREG Programme, the RDA South-East, RDA South and RDA South-West will associate and establish a CBC Office (with legal status) in Călărași.

In order to appoint the Managing Authority which will carry out the overall responsibility for the programme that is run on the whole border area, containing both Romanian and neighbour country area, Romania will proceed to the negotiations with the concerned partner countries and the EC. An Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding stating on which country will carry out the Managing Authority responsibility will be signed.

If Romania will host the Managing Authority for a Programme, the corresponding Romanian CBC Office in border area will undertake the overall responsibility of managing the Programme. If the Managing Authority will be established in the neighbor country, the Romanian CBC Office will act as the Romanian Counterpart of the Managing Authority. The responsibilities of the Managing Authority will be in line with the EC Regulation No 1260/99, Art. 34.

At the central administration level, within the CBC Directorate with the Ministry of European Integration, a National Supporting Unit for INTERREG Programmes will ensure the methodological guidance and procedures and promotion of the transfer of good practices between the two CBC Offices and will carry out an overall monitoring of the use of the ERDF Funds for INTERREG on Romanian territory. Also, the National Supporting Unit for INTERREG will fulfil the responsibility of managing trans-national cooperation programmes.

The Interreg programs require a basically **new management style**, also differing from the “mainstream” of the Structural Funds. The special program management issues of the Interreg (first of all as regards the operation of common structures, financial procedures and “multilateral” control and audit, application of the Lead Partner Principle, etc) are not entirely known to Romania. These management procedures – especially in case of the internal program – substantially differ both from the Phare CBC practice and from the solutions planned for the Structural Funds’ mainstream, therefore they should also be managed separately. Another serious concern is that

there were only few chances to develop real cross-border projects within the framework of the Phare CBC program, mainly due to the given financial and programming constraints of the Phare regulations.

## **Results**

The expected results are as follows:

- Central authorities provided with sufficient knowledge so as to manage the Interreg III B/C in Romania,
- The necessary procedural framework for implementation of Interreg III B and C programmes developed
- Romanian partners involved in transnational and interregional Interreg projects/networks in order to contribute to the common objectives of the Interreg IIIB – CADSES and Interreg IIIC programmes
- Local and regional programme management and project development potential increased

## **Activities**

The project will be implemented through 3 components:

### **1. Technical assistance (TA) aimed at Interreg programme and project development**

#### ***Objective:***

Preparation of the key documents for Interreg III B/C programmes and projects (Specific Guidelines etc) to be implemented in Romania and dissemination of the results of the programming process.

#### ***Background:***

Due to their trans-national character and to their direct connection to the European development policy, Interreg programmes are very complex instruments both as regards strategic planning and programming, and in respect of management processes. It is a well-known fact that similar cooperation programmes require expenditure of human resources well in excess of the average.

During the preparation-phase it is very important to focus on the most specific and complex issues, which are necessary for programming and implementation of successful Interreg B/C programmes and projects. Therefore, it is important to focus

*on documents related to management and monitoring, to control, and also on preparation of a pipeline of Interreg projects.*

The TA contractors should co-operate with the MoEI (future MA/counterpart for Interreg B/C), MoPF, RDAs and with other key institutions involved in Interreg III B/C programmes. Involvement of all relevant actors in the programming process has to be achieved through workshops and/or direct contacts – according to a working plan to be worked out jointly by the beneficiary and the experts.

Institution building components preparing for Interreg programmes will focus on the special characteristics of the development of Interreg programmes and projects. A considerable part of the resources should be concentrated to the preparation of pipeline of projects to be financed by future Interreg programmes.

***Results:***

- Preparations of specific guidelines and implementing structures ensuring compatibility with Phare procedures
- 10-15 experts staff experienced in Interreg B/C procedures
- Organisation of the necessary co-ordination meetings and direct consultation.
- Creation of the partnership networks.
- Preparation of a pipe-line of projects
- Dissemination of the information related to the good practice in Interreg B/C

***Geographical area:***

***Target groups:***

- A. Interreg Managing Authority(s)/counterpart(s) located in Romania, MoPF, RDAs, regional offices dealing with cross-border and trans-national co-operations
- B. Other relevant national organisations responsible for future SF management audit and control
- C. Relevant local and regional actors to be involved in the programming and implementing process
- D. Potential beneficiaries of future Interreg programmes: organisations in future programming areas playing a role in project development and implementation

**2. Grant scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the transnational projects of the Interreg IIIB CADSES programme**

The component will be implemented through Specific Guidelines, which will be developed in accordance with the PRAG Guide and will be approved by the Delegation.

*The **objectives** of the component are:*

- Promotion of balanced territorial development of the European space,
- Widening the scope of strategic spatial and regional development efforts in Europe as it is set out in the European Spatial Development Perspective, promotion of sustainable spatial development measures in the CADSES in order to increase economic and social cohesion,
- Enhancing the future territorial integration of Romania into the European Union with a substantial Romanian contribution to fulfill the general aim of the Initiative,
- Inclusion of Romanian regional and other institutions into transnational co-operation between national, regional and local authorities to promote a higher degree of territorial integration across the CADSES area, with a view to achieving sustainable, harmonious and balanced development in Romania,
- Preparation of Romanian regions, administration, research institutions for the participation in the transnational projects,
- Strengthening interregional co-operation between Romanian and other CADSES regions to improve the effectiveness of policies and instruments for regional development

***The eligibility of project:***

Proposals and beneficiaries, the project selection criteria and programme management procedures will all be regulated by the Romanian Guidelines based upon the CIP and the programme complement of the CADSES programme and to be elaborated in line with Phare regulations.

Priorities and measures: see annex 5

Geographical area: whole territory of Romania

Potential beneficiaries: national, regional and local non-profit organisations (in line with Phare regulations)

**3. Grant scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the interregional projects of the Interreg IIIC programme**

The overall objective of the INTERREG IIIC Program, which focuses on interregional cooperation, is to improve the effectiveness of policies and instruments for regional development and cohesion in a structured way – through large-scale information exchange and sharing of experience. The INTERREG IIIC Program, in particular, aims at promoting wide cooperation among regions and municipalities with an aim to transfer and exchange information, knowledge and good practice from the types of activity supported under Objective 1 and 2 programs, the INTERREG Community

initiative, URBAN Community initiative and urban development, and the regional innovative action programs.

This component of the fiche (which provides financing Romanian partners within the interregional projects) will be implemented through Specific Guidelines, which will be developed in accordance with the PRAG Guide and will be approved by the Delegation.

*The **specific objectives** of the component are:*

- To improve the effectiveness of policies and instruments for regional development and cohesion
- Enhancing the future territorial integration of Romania into the European Union with a substantial Romanian contribution to fulfill the general aim of the Initiative,
- Inclusion of Romanian regional and other institutions into interregional co-operation
- Preparation of Romanian regions, regional and local institutions for the participation in the interregional projects,
- Strengthening interregional co-operation between Romanian and other European regions to improve the effectiveness of policies and instruments for regional development

***Description:***

INTERREG IIIC should encourage regional and other public authorities, to view interregional cooperation as means of enhancing their development through access to the experiences of others. In this way, the added value of the individual structural fund interventions in the different regions can be expanded throughout Europe.

The INTERREG IIIC co-operation area covers the entire territory of the European Union. Furthermore, the program encourages the participation of third countries as widely as possible, especially the EU candidate countries etc.

***Topics for Co-operation:***

The following topics for co-operation are supported in the framework of the Program:

- a) Exchange on type of activities supported under Structural Funds.
- b) Exchange on interregional cooperation linking public authorities or equivalent bodies involved in other INTERREG programs.
- c) Exchange on interregional cooperation in the field of urban development.
- d) Exchange on interregional cooperation linking regions involved under the three themes of the regional innovative actions for 2000-2006.
- e) Exchange on other subjects appropriate to interregional cooperation
- f) Co-operation on border regions with the candidate countries

The activities of the Program can be performed through 3 Types of Operations (called

“operations” further in text) in compliance with the “*Communication from the Commission to the Member States from May 2001*”:

- **Regional Framework Operations (RFO):** A mini-program involving partnership of cooperating regions and based on jointly developed strategy addressing limited number of topics and joint priorities. RFO should involve partners from at least three countries, at least two of which are EU Member States. In these operations the objective of the 2004 Phare support is to make limited resources available to the Romanian regional bodies to take part in the RFOs' work. The detailed description of the requirements will be laid down in the Specific Guidelines to be developed later and approved by the EC Delegation.
- **Individual interregional cooperation projects:** A cooperation project involving partners from at least three countries, of which at least two are EU Member States, an exception being operations on border regions, which should involve at least three partners from at least two countries. In case of individual projects, Phare 2004 will support participation of Romanian organizations.
- **Networks:** A networking activity aimed at exchange of experience and dissemination of information. Networks must involve partners from at least five countries, of which at least three are EU Member States, an exception being operations on border regions, which should involve at least five partners from at least three countries. In case of networks, Phare 2004 will support participation of Romanian organisations.

The eligibility of project proposals and beneficiaries, the project selection criteria and programme management procedures will all be regulated by the Romanian Guidelines based upon the CIP and the programme complement of the Interreg IIIC programme and to be elaborated in line with Phare regulations.

**Geographical area:** whole territory of Romania

**Potential beneficiaries:** national, regional and local public or non-profit organisations (in line with Phare regulations)

**Linked activities:**

**There have been no Phare supporting activities for Romania participation in Interreg B/C programmes**

**Lessons learned**

During the implementation of Community Initiative Interreg IIC in the previous planning period Non-Member states (among them also Romania) faced problems with raising sufficient funds for co-financing of their participation in the projects as they



were not eligible for drawing money from Structural Funds and Phare National Funds. This project reflects this experience and addresses persisting lack of necessary funds for co-financing of Romanian participation in transnational and interregional projects of Interreg IIIB CADSES/Interreg IIIC programmes.

#### **4. Institutional Framework**

The institutional framework comprises the following institutions and bodies:

The **National Aid Co-ordinator (NAC)** has overall responsibility for programming, co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation of all Phare programmes.

The **National Fund (NF)**, in the Ministry of Finance, headed by the National Authorising Officer (NAO), has overall responsibility for financial management of the Phare funds. The NAO shall have full overall accountability for Phare funds allocated to the programme until the closure of the programme.

The **Ministry of European Integration** will be the **Implementing Agency – Contracting Authority** and **Paying Agency** - with administrative and financial responsibilities.

The CA will be responsible for:

1. Submission of the Grant Dossier including the Specific Guidelines for the Grant Scheme within 4 months of the signature of the Financing Memorandum and submitting it to the EC Delegation for approval;
2. Publishing, after approval of the Grant Dossier by the EC Delegation, an information to potential successful Romanian participants in Interreg IIIB CADSES/Interreg IIIC programmes on the possibility to apply for a Phare grant under this project; including established eligibility criteria and eligible costs
3. Preparation submission of the Evaluation Report and the final list of grants to be awarded and submitting them to the EC Delegation for approval.

The main tasks of **Implementing Agency** will include:

- The overall responsibility for the technical and financial implementation of the programme, ensuring that the objectives are met and that the selection procedures are efficient, clear and transparent.
- The overall responsibility for monitoring and evaluation of the programme and sub-components
- Elaborating the selection and implementation procedures in accordance with the guidelines set up by the European Union
- Contracting the grants with the selected applicants.
- Providing the Implementing Authorities with all appropriate support to ensure that they achieve their task properly, (templates and guides, monitoring and ex-post evaluation, common understanding of selection criteria and eligibility criteria, etc).

The **Programme Authorising Officer (PAO)** is responsible for the operations of the IA Regular audits by a programme audit team will be carried out under the responsibility of the PAO.

The **Payment Directorate** of the MoEI will do the payments.

An **Evaluation Committee** is going to be established within the IA in order to ensure the compliance of the already selected projects by the Interreg Steering Committee with the PRAG rules.

## 5. Detailed Budget

(EURO)

Components	TOTAL Budget	Phare	National Co-financing
1. Technical assistance (TA) aimed at Interreg programme and project development	170,000	170,000	0
2. Grant Scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the transnational projects of the Interreg IIIB CADSES programme and Interreg IIIC programme	820,000	600,000	220,000
3. Grant Scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the interregional projects	770,000	550,000	220,000
<b>Total 2004</b>	<b>1.760,000</b>	<b>1,320,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>

### Explanatory remark:

The grant scheme will be jointly co-financed between Phare and government resources. The rate of Phare support within the total support will be 75%, while the Romanian national co-financing will be 25 %. The rate of the generally available maximum support (Phare and national co-financing) is 90 % of the total cost of the projects to be supported, and at least 10 % has to be provided as own resources by the beneficiaries. The national co-financing included in the above budget table indicates the governmental co-financing amount of the project.

## **6. Implementing Arrangements**

### **Implementation**

The above activities will be implemented under two specific Grant Schemes funded from the National Phare programme. The grants under the Grant Schemes will be awarded to the Romanian partners directly without a Call for Proposals as the projects have been already checked as parts of those joint transnational/interregional projects, which have successfully gone through an evaluation process under Interreg III B CADSES/Interreg IIIC. The Romanian partner (and his activities) in a successful Interreg IIIB CADSES/Interreg IIIC project qualifies for support from the Grant Schemes provided that he meets all of the following basic eligibility criteria:

1. The project is eligible according to the provisions of PRAG
2. Project comprises a Romanian part of a joint transnational/interregional project already approved for funding from ERDF by the Interreg IIIB CADSES/Interreg IIIC Steering Committees under 1<sup>st</sup> or subsequent Calls for Proposals;
3. Beneficiary must be public or non-profit making body;
4. Costs eligible for funding according to Phare rules must be incurred after the signature of the Grant Contract

Specific Guidelines will be drafted describing in detail all phases of the GS project cycle including all tasks and responsibilities of the bodies and subjects involved. The Grant Dossier including the Specific Guidelines will be submitted to the EC Delegation for approval. This will be fully in compliance with relevant PRAG principles and provisions and will take into account the Interreg procedures to the maximum possible extent.

After relevant Interreg B/C Steering Committees have decided on projects to be supported under Interreg IIIB CADSES/Interreg IIIC and successful transnational and interregional projects with Romanian participation are known, the Implementing Agency (the Ministry of European Integration) will confirm to Romanian partners the possibility to submit grant applications under this project (Grant Scheme). However, this cannot happen before the Financing Memorandum for Phare National Programme 2004 is signed and before the Grant Dossier including the Specific Guidelines is approved by the ECD.

Romanian partners will submit their grant applications to the Implementing Agency.

After the projects that qualify for support are identified (based on the above basic eligible criteria), the MoEI will draft the list of Grant Contracts to be awarded together with Evaluation Report and submit them to the PAO. The PAO approves these documents and submits them to the EC Delegation for final approval.

The Phare project part will be implemented in accordance with the Phare Guidelines developed at national level and in line with the Phare PRAG stipulations.

The National Fund will transfer the funds to the Implementing Agency after receiving the approval of the PAO and EC Delegation of the pre-selected projects. The

Implementing Agency assumes the full responsibility towards the contractors for fulfilling their obligations.

## **Implementing Agencies**

### **Implementing Agency (IA)**

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### **Twinning:**

Not applicable.

### **Non-standard aspects:**

The PHARE project parts will be implemented in accordance with the PHARE PRAG procedures.

### **Contracts:**

In order to implement the projects, beneficiaries may need to procure services, supplies or works (secondary procurement). This will take place through tendering and (sub-) contracting.

## **7 Implementation Schedule**

Financing Memorandum Phare 2004	Publication Call Proposals	of for	Start of project activity	Project Completion
November 2004	March 2005		July 2005	November 2007

## **8 Equal Opportunity**

Only such projects will be selected that do not contain discriminatory elements and that are open for women and men on an equal basis.

## **9 Environment**

In case of the Interreg IIIB CADSES program, only those project proposals, which are in line with the national and European environmental provisions, will be taken into consideration by the IA checking the eligibility criteria. Compliance with the environmental criteria is among the transnational evaluation priorities.

**10 Rates of return**

Not applicable

**11 Investment criteria**

Not applicable

**12 Conditionality and sequencing**

If the case might appear that the Evaluation Committee cannot identify enough eligible projects to be financed under Interreg III B/C, the Ministry of European Integration, with the agreement of the National Aid Coordinator, can reallocate the funds between programmes.

## **ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE**

**ANNEX 1** - Logical framework matrix in standard format

**ANNEX 2** - Detailed implementation chart

**ANNEX 3** - Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter for full duration of programme including disbursement period)

**ANNEX 4** - Reference to feasibility /pre-feasibility studies. For all investment projects, the executive summary of the economic and financial appraisals, and the environmental impact assessment should be attached (*not applicable*)

**ANNEX 5** - List of relevant Laws and Regulations

**ANNEX 6** - Reference to relevant Government Strategic plans and studies (may include Institution Development Plan, Business plans, Sector studies etc) (*not applicable*)

**ANNEX 7** - Template for the institutional framework/implementation arrangements in case of grant schemes (not applicable).

# ANNEX 1: LOGICAL FRAMEWORK MATRIX

LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX		Programme name and number:	200/xxx xxx
<b>Participation in Interreg III B and C Community Initiative projects 2004</b>		Contracting period expires: November 2006	Disbursement period expires: November 2007
		Total budget:1,760,000 €	Phare budget : 1,320,000€
<b>Overall objective</b>	<b>Objectively Verifiable Indicators</b>	<b>Sources of Verification</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prepare and facilitate the successful participation and implementation of Interreg III B and C programmes in Romania</li> <li>• To achieve a higher territorial and economic integration within co-operation area and promote a more balanced and harmonious development of the Central European space during the pre-accession period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Interreg IIIB CADSES/Interreg C projects with RO partners in leading position</li> <li>• Establish stable transnational and interregional co-operation structures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme evaluation reports</li> <li>• Regional/national/European statistics</li> <li>• Reports of the EC</li> </ul>	
<b>Project purpose</b>	<b>Objectively Verifiable Indicators</b>	<b>Sources of Verification</b>	<b>Assumptions</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the Romanian administration and the potential intermediaries, beneficiaries and socio-economic partners for the participation in Interreg III B and C programmes in Romania</li> <li>• Supporting the participation of Romanian project partners in transnational and interregional programmes</li> </ul>	<p>Institutions to be involved in administration of Interreg B CADSES and Interreg III Con Romanian part have clearly defined responsibilities and are fully operational</p> <p>Number of applications of Romanian bodies submitted to the Interreg to JTS</p> <p>2 transnational implemented projects</p>	<p>Programme evaluation reports</p> <p>Implementation and monitoring reports</p>	<p>Continued commitment of the EU and Romanian government on Interreg B and C policy objectives</p> <p>TA tendering procedures are carried out successfully and in the possible short period.</p> <p>Continued interest of bodies in regions to participate in particular programmes</p>
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Results	Objectively Verifiable Indicators	Sources of Verification	Assumptions
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central authorities representatives provided with sufficient knowledge so as to manage the Interreg III B/C in Romania,</li> <li>• The necessary procedural framework for implementation of Interreg III B and C programmes developed</li> <li>• Romanian partners involved in transnational and interregional Interreg projects/networks in order to contribute to the common objectives of the Interreg IIIB – CADSES and Interreg IIIC programmes</li> <li>• Local and regional programme management and project development potential increased</li> </ul>	<p>10-15 experts/staff experienced in Interreg III B/C procedures</p> <p>Manuals prepared, financial management, control, audit procedures are drafted with TA support</p> <p>Approx 6 Romanian projects implemented within Interreg B/C programme</p>	<p>Actions reports and analyses</p> <p>Monitoring and evaluation reports</p> <p>projects implementation reports and progress reports</p> <p>EU and Romanian audit reports</p>	<p>Effective communication and co-operation between EU and Romanian institutions</p> <p>Availability of co-financing</p> <p>Availability of feasible project proposals</p> <p>Successful identification of projects partners in MSs</p>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Means</b>		<b>Assumptions</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical assistance (TA) aimed at Interreg programme and project development</li> <li>2. Grant scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the transnational projects of the Interreg IIIB CADSES programme</li> <li>3. Grant scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the interregional projects of the Interreg IIIC programme</li> </ol>	<p>Service tenders for procurement of the TA</p> <p>A separate envelope will be marked from which the Romanian Interreg III B projects will be financed</p> <p>A separate envelope will be marked from which the Romanian Interreg III C projects will be financed</p>	<p>Contract documentation</p> <p>Evaluation and Monitoring Reports</p>	<p>Available resources and competent staff to facilitate activities and complete administrative processes;</p> <p>Successful tenders for potential subcontractors and effective co-operation with subcontractors</p>

## ANNEX 2: IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

D= Design    C= Contracting    I= Implementation    R= Review/evaluation

The implementation schedules are shown for the three annual programmes. It is assumed that the programming cycle will begin in the third quarter of each year. This schedule is fixed for the 2004 programme, but indicative for the 2005 and 2006 Programmes

RO	2004				2005				2006				2007			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
TA aimed at Interreg programme and project development	-	-	D	D	C	C	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	R
Grant scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the transnational projects of the Interreg IIIB CADSES programme	-	-	D	D	D	D	C	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	R
Grant scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the interregional projects of the Interreg IIIC programme	-	-	D	D	D	D	C	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	R

### ANNEX 3: CONTRACTING AND DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULES

<b>PRIORITY</b>														
<b>2004 PROGRAMME Cumulative contracting schedule by quarter in € MILLION</b>														
Components														
	<b>2004</b>		<b>2005</b>				<b>2006</b>				<b>2007</b>			
	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>
TA aimed at Interreg programme and project development	-	-	-	0.2										
Grant scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the transnational projects of the Interreg IIIB CADSES programme	-	-	-	-	0.867									
Grant scheme for financing the participation of Romania in the interregional projects of the Interreg IIIC programme	-	-	-	-	0.867									

Total			0.2	0.2	1,734								
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## ANNEX 5: Overview of priorities and measures of the INTERREG III B CADSES programme

<b>Priority 1</b> Promoting spatial development approaches and actions for social and economic cohesion	<b>Priority 2</b> Efficient and sustainable transport systems and access to the information society	<b>Priority 3</b> Promotion and management of landscape, natural and cultural heritage	<b>Priority 4</b> Environment protection, resource management and risk prevention
<b>Measure 1.1</b> Supporting joint strategies and actions for implementation	<b>Measure 2.1</b> Developing efficient transport systems with regard to sustainable development	<b>Measure 3.1</b> Protecting and developing cultural heritage	<b>Measure 4.1</b> Promoting environmental protection and resource management
<b>Measure 1.2</b> Shaping urban development, promoting urban networks and co-operation	<b>Measure 2.2</b> Improving access to knowledge and the information society	<b>Measure 3.2</b> Protecting and developing natural heritage	<b>Measure 4.2</b> Promoting risk management and prevention of disasters
<b>Measure 1.3</b> Shaping rural development		<b>Measure 3.3</b> Protecting and developing landscape	<b>Measure 4.3</b> Promoting integrated water management and prevention of floods
<b>Measure 1.4</b> Spatial impact of immigration			

