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Twinning in 2008-2009 *Work ahead*

The Twinning Coordination Team has just circulated to the National Contact Points 7 fiches for Twinning projects in Kosovo under the IPA 2008 programme. As listed in *Twinning News* issues 31 and 32, many projects are to be launched for the Western Balkans in the near future. In the present issue you will find a list of projects to be launched in Turkey under the IPA 2008 programme. In addition, following the completion of the IPA and Transition Facility 2007 selection procedures in Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and the countries of the Western Balkans, the partners are currently working hard on the finalisation of around 40 new Twinning contracts in the different beneficiary countries. This all means that after the summer break we can look ahead at an active Twinning season.

Twinning Projects in Bulgaria *Twinning not affected by suspension of EU funds*

Following the announcement last month of the suspension of EU funds for Bulgaria on the basis of the findings of the latest progress report, we would like to underline that Twinning projects are not affected by these measures.

The Decision on the withdrawal of the EDIS accreditation to two Implementing Agencies, the CFCU and the IA in the Ministry for Regional Development and Public Works, means that any contracts signed after 23 July 2008 would be ineligible for financial support under Phare or the Transition Facility. This affects non-contracted amounts under the 2005-2007 programmes. Ongoing tenders can continue and new tenders under these programmes can be launched entirely at the risk of the Bulgarian authorities as eligibility for EU support could only be considered if the right to manage aid is restored by the Commission before the expiry of the contracting deadlines for these programmes. All provisions only refer to contracts that should receive support from PHARE/Transition Facility funds. Contracts financed nationally and payments made from national funds are not affected.

Twinning contracts are not concerned by this decision, which means *in concreto* that all running and planned Twinning contracts should remain unaffected by the above measures. You can of course always contact us should you have additional questions on this topic.

Programming *Upcoming Circulations*

Forecast for IPA 2008 Twinning projects to be launched in Turkey

Below you will find a list of upcoming Twinning projects in Turkey. Please note that this list is provisional.

	Project Working Title	Sector	Expected Duration (months)	Total Budget (IPA Finance + 5% National Co-Finance)	BC Administration
1.	Preparation for Implementation of	Agriculture	12	1.000.000 €	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

	Environment and Countryside under IPARD				
2.	Improving Emissions Control	Environment	min. 24	1.300.000 €	Ministry of Environment and Forestry
3.	IPPC – Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control	Environment	24	2.000.000 €	Ministry of Environment and Forestry
4.	Mining Waste Management	Environment	24	1.300.000 €	Ministry of Environment and Forestry
5.	Decision Making and Performance Management in Public Finance	Financial Control	15	860.000 €	Ministry of Finance
6.	Strengthening the Capital Markets Board	Financial Services	24	1.300.000 €	Capital Markets Board of Turkey
7.	Action Plan on Integrated Border Management – Phase 2	JFS	15	1.000.000 €	Ministry of Interior
8.	Improving Skills of the Forensic Experts	JFS	24	2.111.300 €	Council of Forensic Medicine, Ministry of Justice Gendarmerie Command, Turkish National Police
9.	Strengthening the Investigation Capacity of Turkish National Police and Gendarmerie Against Organised Crime	JFS	18	1.500.000 €	Ministry of Interior, Turkish national Police, Gendarmerie Command
10	Training of Border Police	JFS	15	1.200.000 €	Ministry of Environment, Turkish National Police
11	Promoting Gender Equality in working life	Social Policy and Employment	18	1.000.000 €	Ministry of Labour and Social Security - GD of Labour
12	Improving Data Quality in Public Accounts	Statistics	18	1.575.000 €	Ministry of Finance

Finally, remember not to hesitate to contact the Twinning and SIGMA Coordination Team for information or questions on both institution building instruments:

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