

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

Summary Project Fiche

Project n°: LI 9804.02

Title: Training and expert assistance to the Lithuanian Border Police on border management procedures and training of the judiciary (twinning)

Location: Vilnius and districts and the Eastern Border

Objectives:

The first objective of the Project is to enhance the capabilities of the Lithuanian Border Police to carry out effective border supervision and control border crossings, to be achieved via the provision of expert and training assistance.

The second objective is to train judges and administrators in district and local courts, to be achieved via twinning with similar administrations in the Member States. Training will concentrate on improving court administration and broadening the experience of judges. The effectiveness of this twinning should be evidenced by an increased public confidence in the courts.

Description:

The Project envisages a diverse package of training for the Border Police, from senior and middle-level officials, through to heads of sub-units and border guards/patrols. The training will cover border control procedures (document and persons control, control vehicles), the use and maintenance of technical means, plus dog-handling.

The judiciary-training component of twinning will develop a comprehensive training system building upon the existing system. The system will provide the basis for cascading the experience gained through out the country and will focus on establishing a suitable training methodology, training-the-trainers and setting up a programme of exchange visits for judges in order to gain first hand experience of judicial systems in the Member States.

Institutional framework

The Republic of Lithuania's state land border is guarded by the Border Police, a uniformed and armed civil service under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior. The Border Police control the state's borders at transport at road, railway, seaport and airport border control points. The Border Police are organised into territorial Border Police Districts, with a headquarters, which includes a Border Police Training Centre. The Border Police work in close co-operation with the Ministry of Interior (Immigration police, State police), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other state and local authorities.

The court administration structure in Lithuania consists of four levels: first at local level, second at district level, third the appeal court level and lastly the Supreme Court. There are 54 local courts, 5 district courts, with a single appeal court. The Ministry of Justice has overall responsibility for the court system and an independent Court Department has recently been established.

Budget:

	Investment	Institution Building	Total Phare (=I+IB)	Recipient*	IFI*	TOTAL*
Border police training		250,000	250,000			250,000
Judicial training		250,000	250,000			250,000
TOTAL		500,000	500,000			500,000

* In cases of co-financing only

Implementation arrangements:

The twinning actions will be managed by the European Commission, with the exception of any procurement and funding of the in-country expenses of the Pre-Accession Advisers managed by the CFCU.

Implementation schedule

December 1998:	Designing of Sub-Projects and signing the protocol between Lithuania and the Member State(s) on starting the Project
January 1999:	Beginning of realisation of the Project
July 2001:	End of Border police training component
October 2001	End of Judiciary training component

The implementation of the twinning through Phare funds fits in to the ongoing training assistance, provided through bi-lateral assistance, by expanding both the length of the separate courses and increasing the number of trainees as well as by arranging extra courses.

Equal opportunity

The project will be implemented in accordance with the legislation of Lithuania, which provides equal rights to men and women in all fields of activities. In particular, the Lithuanian court administration encourages equal participation of the sexes in the court administration. Currently there are approximately equal numbers of sexes serving as judges in the system.

Environment N/A

Rates of return: N/A

Investment criteria: N/A

Conditionality and sequencing:

The Project will be based on the concept of training worked out by the Lithuanian Border Police. The Lithuanian Border Police will have prepared necessary technical and organisational preconditions for the implementation of the Project.

Success of the implementation of the project will depend on the integration of the long-term and short advisors into the related Border Police's activities and the commitment of the Ministry's staff to facilitating the integration of the adviser. The Border Police will be committed to provide the necessary office space and basic office furniture for the advisor(s). The Border Police's staff should be available to contribute to the implementation of project activities, to ensure implementation of project results and to receive training.

In general, the current assistance and training programme focuses on Court administration and such future assistance should follow and build on their work. The development of a judicial training programme reflects the need to incorporate the extensive tradition of legal practice established in Lithuania with good legal practice in the Member States.

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Detailed Cost Breakdown

Sub-Project	Institution Building (IB)	Investment (IN)	Total Phare (= IB + IN)	Recipient Co-financing	IFIs	TOTAL
Border police training	250,000		250,000			250,000
Judicial training	250,000		250,000			250,000
TOTAL	500,000 ECU		500,000 ECU			500,000 ECU

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Implementation Schedule

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Cumulative Quarterly Contracting Schedule (MECU)

Project	4Q 98	1Q 99	2Q 99	3Q 99	4Q 99	1Q 00	2Q 00	3Q 00	4Q 00	1Q 01	2Q 01	3Q 01	Total
Training and expert assistance to the Lithuanian Border Police on border management procedures and training of the judiciary		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.5

Cumulative Quarterly Disbursement Schedule (MECU)

Project	4Q 98	1Q 99	2Q 99	3Q 99	4Q 99	1Q 00	2Q 00	3Q 00	4Q 00	1Q 01	2Q 01	3Q 01	Total
Training and expert assistance to the Lithuanian Border Police on border management procedures and training of the judiciary			0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.35	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.50

OBJECTIVE 2 JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS			Programme number: LI9804.02	Date of drafting: August 1998
LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR TWINNING WITH JUDGES AND BORDER POLICE			Contracting period expires: 10/2000	Disbursement period expires: 10/2001
<i>Project Number LI9804.02</i>			Total Budget: 0.5 MECU	Phare contribution: 0.5 MECU
Wider Objective	Indicators of Achievement*	Indicators	Assumptions and Risks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement measures to combat corruption and organised crime, Improve border management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-corruption programme adopted Border management procedures introduced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Committee Border police Ministry of Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued government commitment to the anti-corruption programme Continued government commitment to restructuring Border Police 	
Immediate Objectives	Indicators of Achievement*	Indicators	Assumptions and Risks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Border management training Border control procedure, organisation and management of service training, Border control and technical surveillance systems training , Train dog handler service, Acquire practical experience from member state Train the judges & administrations in district and local courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Border training programme introduced Officers become experienced in use of surveillance systems Dog handling training programme introduced Judicial training programme adopted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Committee Border police Ministry of Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued funding into programmes 	

Outputs	Indicators of Achievement*	Indicators	Assumptions and Risks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Border management • Revised border control, procedures • Experience in use of control and technical surveillance systems, • Dog handlers trained • Establish judicial training methodology, • Training judicial trainers • Establish programme of exchange visits for judges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25-30 high- and middle level officials trained • 400-500 low-level Border Police officials trained • 20-25 dog handlers trained • Judicial training methodology established • Train the trainers programme set up • Judges gained first hand experience of judicial systems in member states. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Committee • Border police • Ministry of Justice • Increased public confidence in the courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement with new border management procedures • Government funding available to implement procedures • Judicial methodology accepted • Exchange programme acceptable
Inputs	Indicators of Achievement*	Indicators	Assumptions and Risks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term expert for a total of 12 man months • Specialist do handler • Judicial training specialist • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre Accession advisers in place • Specialist advisers in place • Judicial exchange programme operating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Committee • Border police • Ministry of Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable adviser(s) available