

COMMISSION DECISION

C(2007)5497

of 16 November 2007

adopting a National Programme (Part 2) for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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 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, or, as appropriate, by group of countries or by theme. 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 the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia². The Commission has adopted on 30 April 2007 a Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document 2007-2009 for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to the country concerned³.
- (4) Therefore, the National Programme (Part 2) for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007 aims at providing assistance for good governance and the rule of law, economic development and social cohesion, ability to assume the obligations of EU membership and support to the participation in Community Programmes and Agencies.
- (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 (hereafter: "Implementing

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² Council Decision 2006/57/EC of 30 January 2006, OJ L 35, 7.2.2006, p. 57.

³ C(2007)1853 of 30 April 2007.

⁴ Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1), as last amended by Commission Regulation No 478/2007 of 23 April 2007 (OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p. 13).

Rules”) and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 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 (hereafter: “Financial Regulation”).

- (6) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The National Programme (Part 2) for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 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 centralised management. It shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Article 2

The maximum amount of Community contribution shall be **EUR 22,941613 million** 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

⁵ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1), as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) 1995/2006 of 13 December 2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p. 1).