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| 2007 Project Fiche Kosovo IPA centralised programme |
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1. Basic information

1.1 CRIS Number:

1.2 Title: General Technical Assistance Facility (GTAF) & Programme Reserve

1.3 Sector: 07.40

1.4 Location: Kosovo

Implementing arrangements:

1.5 Contracting Authority: The European Commission Office in Pristina.

1.6 Implementing Agency: The European Commission Office in Pristina.

1.7 Beneficiary: Kosovo's authorities as described in other project fiches of the current programme plus potential Beneficiaries of further IPA programmes.

1.8 Overall cost: €6 million.

1.9 EU contribution: €6 million.

1.10 Final date for contracting: Three years after the signature of the financing agreement between the European Commission and the Kosovo Authorities.

1.11 Final date for execution of contracts: Two years after the final date for contracting.

1.12 Final date for disbursements: One year after the final date for the execution of contracts.

2. Overall Objective and Project Purpose

2.1 Overall Objective: Successful design and implementation of IPA programmes.

2.2 Project purpose

The purpose of the General Technical Assistance Facility (GTAF) is to allow project preparation to proceed in a quick and effective manner.

The Programme Reserve will be used to cover additional programme related priorities and expenditures that are currently unforeseeable

3. Description of project

3.1 Activities:

The GTAF will support the preparation and early implementation of activities under the Annual Programme. Actions to be supported are likely to include: recruitment of short-term technical assistance (local and international) for activities typically including feasibility studies, inputs to terms of reference and specifications, and tender evaluations.

The Programme Reserve is particularly important for enabling EC assistance to maintain a flexible capacity to respond to Kosovo's priorities, particularly in meeting the provisions of

the status settlement, and moves ever closer to the region and the EU. Such EC assistance is intended to be targeted particularly but not exclusively towards such areas as: the rule of law; decentralisation; economic development; refugees and minority communities; as well as the development of institutional capacity to address the preparation of projects for financing under future IPA programmes. In this regard, full use will be made of exemptions to procurement rules and calls for proposals provided for in the Financial Regulation.

4. Indicative Budget (amounts in €million)

| Activities | TOTAL COST | SOURCES OF FUNDING | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|------------|----------|----------|------------------------------|-----|---------|----------|------|---------|-----|
| | | EU CONTRIBUTION | | | | NATIONAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION | | | | | PRIVATE | |
| | | Total | % * | IB | INV | Total | % * | Central | Regional | IFIs | Total | % * |
| GTAF | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Reserve | 5 | 5 | | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 6 | 6 | 100 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | |

* expressed in % of the Total Cost

5. Indicative Implementation Schedule: Provisions given in items 1.10-1.12 of the current fiche apply.

6. Mainstreaming cross-cutting issues: General principles described in the MIPD and other project fiches apply.