

COMMISSION DECISION

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adopting a National programme for Turkey under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for the year 2009

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 (EC) 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. 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 an Accession Partnership for Turkey². The Commission has adopted on 29 June 2009 a multi-annual indicative planning document (MIPD) 2009-2011 for Turkey³ which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to that country.
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Turkey, the national programme for Turkey under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for the year 2009 aims at providing assistance to four priority axes: progress towards fully meeting the Copenhagen political criteria, adoption and implementation of the *acquis communautaire*, promotion of an EU-Turkey Civil Society Dialogue, and support activities.
- (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 and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) 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.

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82

² Council Decision 2008/157/EC of 18 February 2008 (OJ L 51, 26.02.2008, p. 4)

³ Commission Decision C(2009)5041

⁴ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1 Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 478/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p. 13).

⁵ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1. Regulation as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p. 9).

- (6) The administrative capacity of Turkey is sufficiently developed to allow for implementation of this programme by decentralised management with ex-ante controls, as provided for in Article 53c of Regulation (EC, EURATOM) No 1605/2002.
- (7) The Commission concluded on 11 July 2008 a Framework Agreement with the Government of Turkey on the rules for co-operation and implementation of IPA assistance.
- (8) 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 for Turkey under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2009, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented by decentralised management with ex-ante controls. To that effect, two financing agreements shall be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Turkey, one for the project 0465.01 “Participation in Community Programmes and Agencies” and the second for the remaining projects.

Article 2

The maximum amount of Community assistance shall be EUR 204 550 810 to be financed through Article 22.02.01 of the general budget of the European Communities for the year 2009.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission