COMMISSION DECISION PE/2007/2793  
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adopting the Cross-border programme between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Albania under the IPA-Cross-border Co-operation component, for the year 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 (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidates 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, by group of countries or 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 documents referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation;

(3) The Council has established a European Partnership for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\(^2\), and a European Partnership for Albania\(^3\). The Commission has adopted on 30/04/2007 the Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document 2007-2009 for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and on 31/05/2007 the Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document 2007/2009 for Albania which present the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to those countries\(^4\);

(4) The responsible authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and of Albania submitted to the Commission on the 31 May 2007 a proposal for a multi-annual cross-border programme between the two countries. This draft programme contains all the elements referred to in Article 94 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an Instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA)\(^5\) (hereinafter referred to as the "IPA Implementing Regulation") and is consistent with the goals and priorities of the Multi-annual Indicative Planning Documents of the countries concerned. The

\(^1\) OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.
\(^5\) OJ L 170, 29.6.2007, p.1

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of the Multi-annual Indicative Planning Documents of the countries concerned. The
draft programme contains, in particular, a description of priorities and the measures
chosen for assistance and an indicative financing plan based on the multi-annual
indicative financial framework comprising a table for each participating country
specifying for each year covered by the multi-annual indicative financial framework
and for each priority axis, the indicative amount of the Community contribution and its
rate, as well as the amount financed by the national counterparts. The draft programme
should therefore be adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 91 (6) of
the IPA Implementing Regulation.

(5) The multi-annual cross-border programme between the former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia and Albania aims at providing assistance for promoting sustainable
development in the cross border area through three specific objectives defined to
protect and valorise the natural resources, to foster sustainable economic development
and to develop long term partnership and networking in the region. These objectives
will be reached through the implementation of two priorities, the first to support cross-
border economic, environmental and social development and the second to ensure
technical assistance to the programme.

(6) For the year 2007, this decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission
rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002⁶ and constitutes
thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) of Council Regulation
to the general budget of the European Communities⁷;

(7) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the
IPA Committee.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The "Cross-border programme the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – Albania", as
set out in Annex 2 to this Decision, is hereby adopted.

The Financing proposal for the year 2007 of the "Cross-Border programme the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – Albania", as set out in Annex 1 to this Decision, is hereby
adopted.

The programme shall be implemented by centralised management in both beneficiary
countries

The programme corresponding to budget year 2007 shall be implemented by means of
Financing Agreements to be concluded between the Commission and the Government of each
of the participating Countries. Each such Financing Agreement shall cover the Community
contribution for the beneficiary country and the year concerned.

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28.4.2007, p.13)
Article 2

The maximum amount of Community contribution shall be EUR 2.2 million for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and EUR 1.1 million for Albania to be financed through Item 22.02.04.01 of the general budget of the European Communities for the year 2007.

Done at Brussels, […]

For the Commission
[…]
Member of the Commission