

**COMMISSION DECISION PE/2007/2793**  
**of 10 December 2007**  
**C(2007)5995**

**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)<sup>1</sup>, 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<sup>2</sup>, and a European Partnership for Albania<sup>3</sup>. 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<sup>4</sup>;
- (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)<sup>5</sup> (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

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision 2006/57/EC of 30 January 2006 on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and repealing Decision 2004/518EC. OJ L 35, 7.2.2006, p. 57.

<sup>3</sup> Council Decision 2006/54EC of 30 January 2006 on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with Albania. OJ L 35, 7.2.2006, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> For the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia : C(2007) 1853; for Albania: C (2007) 2245 .

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 170, 29.6.2007, p.1

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 Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002<sup>6</sup> 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 Communities<sup>7</sup>;
- (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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<sup>6</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1 Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 478/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p.13)

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p.1).

## Article 2

The maximum amount of Community contribution shall be EUR 2.2million 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