

## Standard Summary Project Fiche – IPA centralised programmes

### DABLAS<sup>1</sup> Support and Secretariat Services

#### 1. Basic information

1.1 CRIS Number: 2008/020-320

1.2 Title: DABLAS<sup>2</sup> Support and Secretariat Services

1.3 ELARG Statistical code: 03.27

1.4 Location: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as Kosovo<sup>3</sup> and Turkey

#### Implementing arrangements:

1.5 Contracting Authority (EC) European Community represented by the Commission of the European Communities for and on behalf of Beneficiaries. DG ENV will implement the project on sub-delegation from ELARG.

1.6 Implementing Agency: Not applicable

1.7 Beneficiaries: Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as Kosovo. Turkey

The main beneficiaries of the programme will be the environmental administrations in the beneficiaries, including the water authorities and utilities which participate in the DABLAS Task Force<sup>4</sup>.

#### Financing:

1.8 Overall cost (VAT excluded)<sup>5</sup>: EUR 500 000

1.9 EU contribution: EUR 500 000

1.10 Final date for contracting: 30/11/2009

1.11 Final date for execution of contracts: 30/11/2011

1.12 Final date for disbursements: 30/11/2012

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<sup>1</sup> Danube And Black Sea Basin

<sup>2</sup> Danube And Black Sea Basin

<sup>3</sup> under UNSCR 1244/99

<sup>4</sup> The DABLAS Task Force comprises a number of representatives from the beneficiaries, the [International Commission for the Protection of the River Danube \(ICPDR\)](#), the [Black Sea Commission](#), International Financing Institutions (IFIs), the EC, interested EU Member States, other bilateral donors and other regional/international organisations with relevant functions. The European Commission DG Environment holds the Secretariat of the Task Force. The main function of the process is to encourage a more strategic focus to the use of available financing, and to ensure co-ordinated action between all financial instruments operating in the region. More information about the DABLAS process is available on [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enlarg/dablas/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enlarg/dablas/index_en.htm)

<sup>5</sup> The total cost of the project should be net of VAT and/or other taxes. Should this not be the case, the amount of VAT and the reasons why it should be considered eligible should be clearly indicated.

## 2. Overall Objective and Project Purpose

### 2.1 Overall Objective:

The project aims to facilitate the approximation to the EU environmental *acquis* especially in the field of water through the identification of priority objectives common to the Beneficiaries as a whole and by encouraging a more strategic focus to the use of available financing and ensuring coordinated action of all financial instruments operating in the region.

### 2.2 Project purpose:

- To improve investments in projects particularly relating to the protection of the water and water-related ecosystems in the Danube River and the Black Sea;
- To facilitate the dialogue of stakeholders in relation to project financing in the Beneficiaries of the Danube – Black Sea region under the DABLAS Task Force;
- To facilitate upstream measures leading to the eventual preparation of investment projects aimed at improving water quality in the Beneficiaries;
- To promote the reform and modernisation of water administrations/utilities in the Beneficiaries;
- To promote cooperation and networking within the regions covered by the programme and ensure liaison with all regional project preparation and implementation activities;
- To increase experience of all relevant stakeholders in the beneficiaries in structuring environment investments from a technical, financial and legal (*acquis* alignment) point of view in preparation for future investment activities under Community funding schemes and with International Financing Institutions;
- To assist the DABLAS Task Force in terms of inter-alia preparation of meetings and background documents, coordination of activities, provision of information on projects and preparation and dissemination of information in the region.

### 2.3 Link with AP/NPAA / EP/ SAA

The current project will strengthen the administrative capacity of beneficiaries to organise and prepare environmental projects to enhance and ensure effective implementation of the EU environmental *acquis*. On a more general level it will also strengthen strategic planning for the development of strategies in the beneficiaries for alignment with the *acquis*.

In particular the project will assist in targeting the existing challenges related to waste water management such as:

- In Bosnia and Herzegovina insufficient waste water treatment remains a key environmental challenge<sup>6</sup>;

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<sup>6</sup> Bosnia and Herzegovina 2007 Progress Report COM (2007) 663 final

- In Croatia the Water Management Strategy has not yet been adopted<sup>7</sup>. In addition, in order to be able to assume the obligations of membership there is a need to continue on transposition and implementation of the EU *acquis* with particular emphasis on waste management and water quality. It is necessary to increase investments in environmental infrastructure, with particular emphasis on waste water collection and treatment, and drinking water supply<sup>8</sup>;
- In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the adoption by the Government of a new law on waters which allocates clear responsibilities for water management to the Ministry for the Environment and Physical Planning should provide a good basis for further progress<sup>9</sup>. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should also continue legislative alignment with the *acquis*, in particular in the fields of water quality, and improve significantly implementation of legislation and environmental monitoring. The increase in investments in environmental infrastructure, with particular emphasis on waste water collection and treatment, and drinking water supply is needed<sup>10</sup>;
- In Montenegro a new law on water was adopted in May 2007, transposing some of the obligations imposed by the Water Framework Directive. As for water quality, the implementation and enforcement of legislation are weak and pose significant challenges<sup>11</sup>;
- In Serbia a challenge is the upgrading of the waste water treatment infrastructure throughout the country. The price of water is low and there is little water metering. The sustainability of further investments is a constraining factor<sup>12</sup>;
- In Kosovo the public utilities responsible for water have been consolidated and incorporated. However, the utilities face problems with revenue collection, as on average only about one third of consumers pay their bills<sup>13</sup>.
- In Turkey the institutional framework for water management is not organised on a river basin management basis<sup>14</sup>. There is also a need to adopt a comprehensive strategy for the gradual transposition, implementation and enforcement of the *acquis*, including plans for building up the necessary administrative capacity at national, regional and local level and required financial resources, with an indication of milestones and timetables<sup>15</sup>.

## 2.4 Link with MIPD

The Multi-beneficiary MIPD 2008-2010 identifies tackling cross-border problems and coordination of the assistance provided by International Financing Institutions as two of the overarching objectives of community objectives in the IPA Beneficiaries. The current project will seek to bring cohesion to the financing process, by identifying priority objectives

<sup>7</sup> Croatia 2007 Progress Report COM (2007) 663 final

<sup>8</sup> Proposal for a Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with Croatia and repealing Decision 2006/145/EC COM 2007 (658) final

<sup>9</sup> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2007 Progress Report (COM (2007) 663 final)

<sup>10</sup> Proposal for a Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and repealing Decision 2006/57/ EC COM (2007) 659 final.

<sup>11</sup> Montenegro 2007 Progress Report COM (2007) 663 final

<sup>12</sup> Serbia 2007 Progress Report COM (2007) 663 final

<sup>13</sup> Kosovo under UNSCR 1244 2007 Progress Report COM (2007) 663 final

<sup>14</sup> Turkey 2007 Progress Report COM (2007) 663 final

<sup>15</sup> Proposal for a Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with Turkey and repealing Decision 2006/35/EC.

common to the region as a whole and by encouraging a more strategic focus to the use of available financing and ensuring coordinated action between all financial instruments operating in the region.

Finally, the environment is also identified in the MIPD under section 2.3.3.8, in terms of exchange of best practices in the implementation of the transposed *acquis*. The present project will aim at facilitating the stakeholders' dialogue in relation to environmental financing in the Danube-Black Sea region under the DABLAS Task Force.

## 2.5 Link with National Development Plan

- In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Medium – Term Development Strategy (PRSP 2004-2007) states that the integration of BiH into the EU is a generally accepted goal of all government levels and all segments of BiH society. In the chapter on Water Management it has been clearly declared that water management will be organised on the level of river basins. The following priorities were identified (inter alia): set up the system of sustainable water management on modern European principles and plan water resources use in an integrated and inter-sectoral manner.
- In Croatia, preservation of water quality, prevention of pollution, including waste water management, ensuring adequate and stable supply are basic strategic priorities of the Strategic Development Framework.
- In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, environmental infrastructure in the water sector (waste water, drinking water) is one of the activity areas set out in the National Development Plan.
- In Montenegro, the recently adopted Spatial Plan of Montenegro provides a framework for the spatial development of the territory with a view to sustainable development. The Plan is not to be understood as an “investment plan”, as it does not determine the realisation of investments on particular locations.
- In Kosovo, there is a document named Kosovo Development Strategy and Plan (KDSP), which was left aside to focus on the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF). However, there will be a new version of the MTEF by the end of April. The current document includes information on the water sector, especially drinking water and waste water management.
- In the Ninth Development Plan of Republic of Turkey, protection of the environment is defined as an important issue for the future generations, since aligning with EU norms and standards in environmental protection will enhance quality of life for Turkish people. On this account, during the adoption of the *acquis*, environment will be considered among the top priorities for harmonisation. The Ninth Development Plan clearly defines a need to improve the environmental infrastructure.

## 2.6 Link with national/ sectoral investment plans (where applicable)

- In Bosnia and Herzegovina both Entities have started and partly completed some of the water policy level documents.

In the Republica Srpska, the 'Water Management Development Framework Plan' (Okvirni plan razvoja vodoprivrede Republike Srpske) was completed in September 2006. The Framework Plan is thought to be a transition document until the Integrated Water Management Strategy (obligation according to the RS Water law) has been prepared and given the basis for studies and documents to be prepared within the river basin management plans.

In the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the preparation of the Water Management Strategy (Strategija upravljanja vodama) was contracted at the end of 2007, with an expected project duration of ten months. According to the FBiH Water Law, this Strategy will constitute an integral part of the Environment Protection Strategy and will define water management policy aspects, water protection and protection from waters, as well as sustainable water use aspects.

- In Croatia the Water Management Strategy is still in being dealt with by Parliament. It includes a financing plan section for the water sector. An overall environmental investment strategy is about to be completed which includes a section on water management.
- In the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, a National Environmental Financing Strategy is due to be adopted in 2008, including a section on the water sector.
- Montenegro adopted Wastewater Strategic Masterplan (Central and Northern Region) and Republic-Level Waste Strategic Master Plan both of which define priority investments in the field of water and waste management.
- In Serbia the project on sewage and wastewater strategic master plan for the West Morava River Basin will be implemented under IPA 2007. A National Environmental Action Plan called "Strategy on Environment Protection" was drafted with CARDS assistance in 2006 but has not yet been adopted.
- In Kosovo the current Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) includes some rough estimates of the expected spending in the water sector until 2010.
- In 2007, Turkey adopted the EU integrated approximation strategy for environment that estimates costs for compliance with the environmental *acquis*. In addition, an Operational Programme for Environment under IPA, Component III has been prepared by Turkey and it defines priority investments in the field of water and waste management. Furthermore, a project concerning financing strategies for heavy investment directives was completed in 2005.

### **3. Description of project**

#### 3.1 Background and justification:

The DABLAS Task Force was set up by Environment Ministers of the Danube-Black Sea Region in November 2001 with the aim to provide a platform for cooperation for the protection the Danube and Black Sea.

In 2003 the DABLAS Task Force, starting from existing lists of potential investment projects developed by the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), the Danube and Black sea countries and the Black Sea Commission, developed a priority project pipeline using a combination of regional environmental and financial criteria.

A number of project preparation facilities have been established, used partly or fully to advance the DABLAS priority projects to a stage where they are interesting for donors and IFIs. These facilities have included the Danube Investment Support Facility (DISF), the Black Sea Investment Facility, the “Black Sea Project Broker” function working on developing the priority projects in the Black Sea Region, the Balkan Priority Environmental Investment Programme Portfolio (PEIP) managed by the Regional Environment Centre (REC-CEE), as well as the Environmental Project Preparation Facility (EPPF).

A 2006 Phare MCP project is aiming to support investment planning and preparation under the DABLAS Task Force in four Beneficiaries (Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and Turkey) and provide the overall secretariat function for DABLAS. This contract will run until the end of 2009. An IPA 2007 project will complement and extend this DABLAS work to all the relevant IPA Beneficiaries in the Danube and Black Sea basins and is expected to end in the third quarter of 2010. The current project is to ensure comprehensive continuity when these two previous projects come to an end (at different points in time).

A main challenge remains to provide the underlying capacity and guidance needed to move priority projects from identified problems and pollution hot-spots to bankable projects and to ensure that administrative structures in the Beneficiaries are enabling efficient structuring of the needed investments.

The present project will complement a planned IPA infrastructure project preparation facility through the provision of supporting services to the DABLAS Task Force and accompanying measures aimed at regional capacity building such as organisation of seminars, production of guidance documents etc.

#### 3.2 Assessment of project impact, catalytic effect, sustainability and cross-border impact (where applicable)

Projects will have a very positive cross- border impact. Through facilitating investments preparation the project will contribute to decreasing pollution in the region and beyond the region.

There will be a positive impact on institutional strengthening of stakeholders, who, through the regional exchange of know-how will be able better prepare environmental investments in their countries.

### 3.3 Results and measurable indicators:

The main result of the project is the increased experience of all relevant stakeholders in structuring water investments from a technical, financial and legal point of view in preparation for future investment activities under Community funding schemes and with international financing institutions.

In particular the results of the project will be;

- DABLAS project pipeline effectively updated;
- DABLAS Task Force meetings and preparatory meetings and DABLAS process facilitated in cooperation with the DABLAS Task Force Secretariat (co-chaired by the Commission);
- Dissemination of experience (both positive and negative) in preparation of environmental investments, particularly in the field of water, as well as guidance and training in the issues related to successful investment in the environment sector;
- Improved stakeholder dialogue in the entire Danube-Black Sea region in relation to relevant investments.

Progress will be assessed taking into account the following measurable indicators:

- Number of Task Force meetings organised;
- Participation of IFIs and relevant beneficiary administrations in DABLAS meetings;
- Number of beneficiary and regional authorities trained in preparing effective investment financing projects;

### 3.4 Activities:

Activity 1 – Facilitation of the DABLAS process by assisting in organising DABLAS Task Force meetings and preparing background material relevant to the beneficiaries of this IPA project. This project should assist the Secretariat of the DABLAS Task Force in terms of inter alia preparation of meetings and background documents, coordination of activities, provision of information on projects and preparation and dissemination of information in the region.

Activity 2 - Implementation of activities supporting the DABLAS process such as training, production of guidelines and financing strategies etc.

The main aim of the technical assistance will be to ensure the preconditions and success of technical assistance available for project preparation under IPA and other investment facilities. As the biggest towns find it easier to receive financing for water supply and wastewater treatment and other environment infrastructure from IFIs, the challenge will be to

structure investment projects for smaller municipalities. This will imply grouping several municipalities together under one investment project and will require assistance in terms of legal, technical and financial restructuring of the utilities.

In addition, institutional work is needed in order to consolidate the water sector. In order to be attractive investments in the selected pilot projects may need to take an integrated approach to implementation of the EU water and waste *acquis* (mainly Water Framework Directive, Urban Waste water Treatment Directive and Drinking Water Directive as well as the Waste Framework Directive), and to take into account emerging issues including adaptation to climate change.

Activity 3 –The project will aim at the continued identification of potential sources of financing: the main task will be linked to developing a strategy for closer involvement of bilateral donors and more involvement of financing institutions including National Development Banks, International Financing Institutions and water utilities with a view to identify more sources of funding.

Activity 4 – Finally, a smaller task under the contract will be linked to the continued process of identification of projects with a significant environmental impact on the Danube and/or Black Sea (in support to national processes). This will however not be the main aim of the present contract, given that it is covered by the above mentioned PHARE 2006 and IPA 2007 projects.

### 3.5 Conditionality and sequencing:

This project will be implemented on the assumption that there will be continuous commitment and active participation by the Beneficiaries in the DABLAS process. It is also assumed that:

- Beneficiaries will assist in identifying priorities;
- co-financing sources can be identified;
- sufficient resources, including staff, are allocated in the Beneficiaries to support implementation of this contract;
- there will be a high level of involvement, cooperation and participation of all the stakeholders.

### 3.6 Linked activities

This project will follow on from the recently launched 2006 PHARE project on investment preparation under the Danube-Black Sea Task Force for Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey and the IPA 2007 project which extends DABLAS activities to the other IPA Beneficiaries.

While these projects are mainly focused on the preparation of investment projects, the first also provide Secretariat services for the DABLAS Task Force. The present contract will ensure continuity in the secretariat services and the detailed content will depend on the results obtained in the period between now and the tendering process for the present contract.



The DABLAS Task Force will also achieve its objectives in coordination with other financing mechanisms and facilities. Results of the works of the DABLAS Task Force will be public and will be presented as decided by the DABLAS Task Force in its meetings to the relevant Ministers of the region being responsible for programming, planning, financing and implementation of water protection projects, thereby ensuring visibility and thus favouring that the strategic priorities are integrated into national priorities.

### 3.7 Lessons learned

Since 2001, the DABLAS Task Force has been working to identify and advance towards implementation priority projects. The difficulties faced to move from problem identification to the preparation of donor-ready bankable projects are among others due to the many actors involved and the limited resources available (see among others Project Preparation Committee: Evaluation of EC Environmental Investment Support Facilities: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enlarg/dablas/pdf/isf\\_evaluation.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enlarg/dablas/pdf/isf_evaluation.pdf) and minutes from DABLAS meetings from 2002-2007). For this reason, this project will take steps to involve all of the relevant institutions in the work.

Particular care will also be devoted to promoting environmentally-related financial training and capacity building activities at regional and local (municipality/utilities) level in order to ensure sustainability.

The experience gained to date in running the DABLAS Task Force will enable the contractor to provide secretarial services in the most effective manner by targeting the correct partners in Beneficiaries.

#### 4. Indicative Budget (amounts in EUR)

			SOURCES OF FUNDING									
			TOTAL EXP.RE	IPA COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION		DOMESTIC CONTRIBUTION					PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION	
ACTIVITIES	IB (1)	INV (1)	EUR (a)=(b)+(c)+(d)	EUR (b)	% (2)	Total EUR (c)=(x)+(y)+(z)	% (2)	Central EUR (x)	Regional/Local EUR (y)	IFIs EUR (z)	EUR (d)	% (2)
Activity 1												
contract 1	x	-	500 000	500 000	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
TOTAL IB			500 000	500 000	100							
TOTAL INV												
<b>TOTAL PROJECT</b>			<b>500 000</b>	<b>500 000</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Amounts net of VAT

(1) In the Activity row use "X" to identify whether IB or INV

(2) Expressed in % of the **Total** Expenditure (column (a))

The implementation of this programme will be sub-delegated to DG ENV.

## 5. Indicative Implementation Schedule (periods broken down per quarter)

Contracts	Start of Tendering	Signature of contract	Project Completion
Contract 1	Q1 2009	Q4 2009	Q4 2011

All projects should in principle be ready for tendering in the 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter following the signature of the FA

## 6. Cross-cutting issues (where applicable)

### 6.1 Equal Opportunity

The European Commission is fully committed to a policy of equal opportunity. In all activities during this project, but particularly in training, steps will be taken to ensure the equal participation of men and women.

### 6.2 Environment

Target sector

### 6.3 Minorities

In all activities during this project, but particularly in training, steps will be taken to ensure that the rights of minorities are taken into account.

## ANNEXES

- 1- Log frame in Standard Format
- 2- Amounts contracted and Disbursed per Quarter over the full duration of Programme
- 3- Description of Institutional Framework
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- 5- Details per EU funded contract (\*) where applicable:

**ANNEX 1: Logical framework matrix in standard format**

LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR Project Fiche	Programme name and number	
<b>DABLAS SECRETARIAT SERVICE</b>	Contracting period expires 30/11/2009	Disbursement period expires 30/11/2012
	Total budget €500000	IPA budget: <b>€500.000</b>

Overall objective	Objectively verifiable indicators	Sources of Verification
To facilitate the approximation to the EU environmental acquis especially in the field of water through the identification of priority objectives common to the Beneficiaries as a whole and by encouraging a more strategic focus to the use of available financing and ensuring co-ordinated action between all financial instruments operating in the	Size of investment portfolio particularly in the water sector in the National Development Banks and IFIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFI project pipelines</li> <li>• National development Banks portfolio</li> </ul>

region.			
<b>Project purpose</b>	<b>Objectively verifiable indicators</b>	<b>Sources of Verification</b>	<b>Assumptions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve investments in projects particularly related to the protection of the water and water related ecosystems in the Danube and the Black Sea.</li> <li>To facilitate the stakeholder dialogue in relation to project financing in the Danube – Black Sea region under the DABLAS Task Force.</li> <li>To promote the reform and modernisation of water administrations/utilities in the Beneficiaries.</li> </ul>	<p>Size of investment portfolio in each of the beneficiaries</p> <p>Organisation of DABLAS meetings, workshops, trainings</p> <p>Involvement of Beneficiaries in DABLAS Task Force meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development plans in the beneficiaries</li> <li>IFI project pipelines</li> <li>National development Banks portfolio</li> <li>DABLAS Task Force website</li> <li>DABLAS Task Force meeting minutes</li> <li>Training material</li> <li>DABLAS Task Force project pipeline</li> </ul>	<p>Beneficiaries will assist in identifying priorities</p> <p>Co-financing sources can be identified</p> <p>Beneficiaries will participate actively in DABLAS Task Force activities</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build capacity in administrations to pursue environmental investments</li> </ul>			
<b>Results</b>	<b>Objectively verifiable indicators</b>	<b>Sources of Verification</b>	<b>Assumptions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DABLAS project pipeline effectively updated</li> <li>DABLAS Task Force meetings organised and DABLAS process facilitated</li> <li>Dissemination of experience in preparation of environmental investments</li> <li>Improved stakeholder dialogue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New projects - identified under other projects brought into pipeline and funded projects leave.</li> <li>Strategy for further involvement of donors and IFIs developed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project fiches</li> <li>Pre-feasibility/feasibility studies</li> <li>Meeting minutes</li> <li>Web-site</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sufficient projects relevant to the Danube and Black Sea can be identified</li> <li>Co-financing sources can be identified</li> <li>Beneficiaries will participate actively in DABLAS Task Force activities</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Means</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Assumptions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitation of the DABLAS process by organising DABLAS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract to consultant with experience in preparation of environmental projects and knowledge of the relevant Beneficiaries</li> <li>Number of projects included in DABLAS pipeline of</li> </ul>	<b>€500.000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Financing Institutions participation in</li> </ul>

<p>Task Force meetings and preparing background material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of officials in issues relating to financing of infrastructure</li> <li>• Developing a strategy for closer involvement of bilateral donors and more involvement of financing institutions</li> <li>• Continued identification of projects with a significant environmental impact on the Danube and/or Black Sea (in support to national processes).</li> </ul>	<p>projects;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of projects with identified sources of finance;</li> <li>• Number of Task Force meetings organised;</li> <li>• Participation of IFIs and water administrations in DABLAS meetings</li> <li>• Number of national and regional authorities trained in preparing effective investment financing projects</li> </ul>		<p>DABLAS meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beneficiaries will participate actively in DABLAS Task Force activities</li> </ul>
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Main pre-conditions include:

- Beneficiaries will assist in identifying priorities;
- Co-financing sources can be identified;
- Sufficient resources, including staff, are allocated in the Beneficiaries to support implementation of this contract;

- High level of involvement, cooperation and participation of all the stakeholders.



**ANNEX II: amounts (in €) Contracted and disbursed by quarter for the project**

<b>Contracted</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 2009</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> 2009</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> 2009</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> 2010</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 2010</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> 2010</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> 2011</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 2011</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> 2011</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> 2011</b>
	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cumulated</b>	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
<b>Disbursed</b>		150,000				200,000					150,000
<b>Cumulated</b>	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	500,000

### **Annex 3: Description of Institutional Framework**

Investments into water sector are the priority for all the Beneficiaries covered by this project. The project brings added value through maintaining a regional aspect. In order to have a regional mechanism to maintain a regional aspect DABLAS Task Force was created. DABLAS Task Force meetings are for discussing the progress on the priority projects list and discussing overall progress in water reforms in the Beneficiaries. DABLAS Task Force Secretariat prepares the background materials and the meetings.

#### **Annex 4: Reference to laws, regulations and strategic documents:**

- DABLAS Task Force web-site ( [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enlarg/dablas/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/enlarg/dablas/index_en.htm) )
- Multi-Beneficiary Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document (2007/2009)
- International Convention for the Protection of the Danube River (www.icpdr.org)
- Bucharest Convention ([www.blacksea-commission.org](http://www.blacksea-commission.org))
- Commission Communication on Black Sea Synergy (COM(2007) 160 final)
- Reports on the Beneficiaries from [http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/key\\_documents/reports\\_nov\\_2007\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/key_documents/reports_nov_2007_en.htm))
- Bosnia and Herzegovina 2007 Progress Report
- Croatia 2007 Progress Report
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2007 Progress Report
- Montenegro 2007 Progress Report
- Serbia 2007 Progress Report
- Kosovo 2007 Progress Report
- Turkey 2007 Progress Report
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with Turkey and repealing Decision 2006/35/EC.
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with Croatia and repealing Decision 2006/145/EC COM 2007 (658) final
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and repealing Decision 2006/57/ EC COM (2007) 659 final

#### **Annex 5: Details per EU funded contract**

Technical Assistance will be provided through the service contract of €500,000.

The implementation of this programme will be sub-delegated to DG ENV.