COMMISSION DECISION
C(2008)5659/2 of 09/10/2008

adopting a National Programme (Part I) for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA-
Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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, or, as appropriate, by group of countries or by theme. 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 adopted on 18 February 2008 Decision 2008/211/EC\(^2\) on the principles,
priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with Bosnia and
Herzegovina. The Commission has adopted on 24 May 2007 a multi-annual indicative
planning document 2007 - 2009 for Bosnia and Herzegovina which presents indicative
allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to the country concerned\(^3\).

(4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Bosnia and
Herzegovina, the National programme (part 1) for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the
IPA – Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008 aims to
assist the country's association process primarily in the field of rule of law and to
facilitate the country's progress towards the EU membership through raising public
awareness of the EU integration process and assisting the national authorities in

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\(^{1}\) OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p.82.


planning, programming and implementing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) by means of a Project Preparation Facility.


(6) It is appropriate to implement the project to support the construction of a State high-security prison by joint management with the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), in accordance with article 53(d) of the Financial Regulation.

(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 National programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina (Part I) under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented partly by centralised management and partly by joint management with the Council of Europe Development Bank. It shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Article 2**

The maximum amount of Community contribution shall be **EUR 12,500,000.00** to be financed through Article 22.02.02 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2008.

Done at Brussels,

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