

ACTION FICHE FOR THE 2007 ENPI-EAST REGIONAL ACTION PROGRAMME

1. IDENTIFICATION

Title	ENPI-East Global Allocation for 2008		
Total cost	EUR 5,000,000		
Aid method / Management mode	Project approach – centralised		
DAC-code		Sector	

2. RATIONALE

The ENPI-East Global Allocation for 2008 follows a series of former Accompanying Measures financed in the framework of the TACIS programme.

This is a flexible mechanism, a "facility" giving the EC the possibility to decide on the financing of small-scale actions that are in keeping with the objectives of the Eastern dimension of the ENPI programme as well as its operational and policy priorities.

3. DESCRIPTION

3.1. Objectives

The objective of the ENPI-East Global Allocation for 2008 is to ensure rapidity of the commitment decision on actions and projects, while enabling the European Commission to act with flexibility through the use of an instrument capable of adapting to evolving circumstances, such as dealing with unforeseen situations.

3.2. Expected results and main activities

The Global Allocation will be used as a framework for financing activities in the following fields:

- **Support to the project cycle management**

This component includes activities linked to:

- identification and formulation of bilateral and regional projects which may result in funding from ENPI-East (e.g. sector studies, country or region studies, studies on cross-cutting issues or in specialised areas, preparatory activities, etc.);
- pilot projects and other small-scale activities to back up major projects during their implementation (programmes carried out under the country or multi-country programmes);
- audit and evaluation / impact assessment of projects for which financing of such activities could not be foreseen due to the N+1 rule, or is no longer available.

The indicative budget for this component is **EUR 2,000,000** to be contracted by means of framework contracts. In the very few cases where the existing framework contracts would be impossible (e.g. budget over the EUR 200,000 threshold, experts unavailable for various lots, etc.), other procedures laid down in the Financial Regulation will be followed.

- **Information activities**

This component covers activities of the EC delegations in the ENP East countries and Russia in the following areas:

- publications and other information and awareness-raising activities about the European Neighbourhood Policy and the Strategic Partnership EU-Russia, designed and implemented in coherence and complementarity with the regional Information and Communication programme, in order to enhance the visibility of EC activities in each ENP East country and Russia

This component will have an indicative budget of **EUR 500,000** to be split among the EC delegation based on their annual programme of activities. These activities will be implemented by means of grant and service contracts. All grant contracts will be awarded following calls for proposals launched locally by the EC delegations. The required procedures for service contracts will be applied in accordance with the Financial Regulation.

- **Organisation of meetings**

This component covers the different kinds of meetings organised by the EC in the framework of the ENPI-East partnership, including ministerial conferences conducted in co-operation with the EU Presidency, thematic working groups, civil fora, sector preparation meetings, etc.

The indicative budget for this component is **EUR 1,000,000**. The technical preparation of the meetings as well as their logistical organisation will be done through framework contracts.

- **Ad hoc operations**

This component will be used to finance operations for specific cases, e.g. emergency or crisis situations, which fall outside the scope of the standard country or multi-country programmes.

The indicative budget for this component is **EUR 1,500,000** to be split between service contracts, grant contracts and/or operations jointly managed with international organisations according to the needs of each activity.

4. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

4.1. Implementation method

Centralised management.

4.2. Procurement and grant award procedures

All contracts implementing the action must be awarded and implemented in accordance with the procedures and standard documents laid down and published by the Commission for the implementation of external operations, in force at the time of the launch of the procedure in question.

The essential selection and award criteria for the award of grants are laid down in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions. The maximum possible rate of co-financing for grants is 80%. Full financing may only be applied in the cases provided for in Article 253 of the Implementing Rules of the Financial Regulation where financing in full is essential to carry out the action in question.

4.3. Budget and calendar

Contracts can be financed under this ENPI-East Global allocation as soon as the Commission decision is adopted, until 31 December 2008 in accordance with the N+1 rule.