

STANDARD EXPLANATORY NOTE

REQUEST FOR: AMENDMENT OF FINANCING DECISIONS; OR RECORDING OF EXCEPTIONS

1. Identification

Country (ies)	IPA Multi-beneficiary Programme
Title of Programme/Project	Programme: IPA Multi-beneficiary 2008 Programme 2a -> Project: Technical assistance in the preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan

	Original	Possible Previous amendments	Proposed amendment
Date of Financing Decision	19 December 2008		
Date of signature of Financing Agreement	The programme is implemented without Financing Agreements.		
Total budget (EUR)	EUR1 300 000		
Expiry date of Financing Agreement	Not applicable		
Expiry date of contracting period	30 November 2009		
Expiry date of execution period	30 November 2011		
Expiry date of disbursement period	30 November 2012		

2. Objectives of project/programme

Facilitate the approximation to the EU environmental *acquis* particularly in the field of water through:

- identifying priority objectives common to the Beneficiaries as a whole;
- encouraging a more strategic focus on the use of available financing;
- ensuring a coordinated action between all planning and financial instruments operating in the region particularly regarding integrated river basin management.

3. Subject of amendment/recording of the exception

An error has been noted with respect to the budget amounts identified on page 17 of the annex to the English language version of the IPA Multi-beneficiary Programme 2a 2008 Commission Decision (C (2008)8472) regarding the project to support the Sava River Basin Management Plan.

Under the heading "Implementation" of "Activity 2", the text reads that "a service contract for an approximate value of EUR300 000 shall be concluded for the provision of technical assistance". This is incorrect. As specified in the related Project

Fiche, it is intended to have a service contract for EUR1 000 000 and to leave the EUR300 000 for a direct grant under "Activity 1".

It is proposed therefore to reallocate the budget for this project in line with the Project Fiche:

- Activity 1 -> Service Contract for EUR1 000 000
- Activity 2 -> Direct grant to the Sava Commission for EUR300 000

4. Justification

Due a copy/paste error, the budget amount for Activity 2 of the Sava River Basin Management project was transposed. The overall budget amount (EUR1 300 000) assigned to this project remains the same, however, the specific activity amounts need to be corrected to facilitate their prompt launch.

The proposed reallocation of funds relates to unspent funds.

The budget amounts are correctly identified in the supporting Project Fiche.

In line with Section 7 of the IPA Multi-beneficiary Programme 2a Financing Decision pertaining to Limited Changes as well as the *Vademecum* on processing amendments to IPA Financing Decisions it is proposed to reallocate the budget for this project as identified under point 3:

5. Alternative options considered

Initially, it had been planned to follow the procedure identified in *Vademecum* on processing amendments to IPA Financing Decisions for non-substantial changes i.e. relaunch the ISC and inform the IPA Committee. However, D1 (F. Sgritta) confirmed that given the nature of this change and the fact that budget is unspent; the limited change procedure as indicated in the *Vademecum* could be followed.

7. Signatures:

	Name	Date + signature
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