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## COMMISSION DECISION

C(2008)7638 of 05/12/2008

### **on adopting a National Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA- Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008 – Part II**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the 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 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<sup>2</sup> on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Commission has adopted on 23 September 2008 a multi-annual indicative planning document 2008 - 2010 for Bosnia and Herzegovina which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to the country concerned<sup>3</sup>.
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Bosnia and Herzegovina, the National programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA - Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008 – Part II aims at providing assistance to support the public administration reform, strengthen administrative capacity and promote good governance, to contribute to economic development and to improve the ability to assume the obligations of membership.
- (5) 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>4</sup> (hereafter: “Implementing Rules”) and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 80, 19.3.2008, p. 18.

<sup>3</sup> C (C2008)5347 of 23 September 2008

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>5</sup> (hereafter: “Financial Regulation”).

- (6) 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 under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008 – Part II, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented by centralised management. 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 **€54,254,783** to be financed through Article 22.02.02 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2008.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>5</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1.



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Brussels, 29.10.2009  
C(2009)8302

**COMMISSION DECISION**

**C(2009)8302 of 29/10/2009**

**amending Commission Decision C(2008)7638 of 5 December 2008 adopting a National Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008 part II**

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## COMMISSION DECISION

**C(2009)8302 of 29/10/2009**

### **amending Commission Decision C(2008)7638 of 5 December 2008 adopting a National Programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2008 part II**

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>6</sup>, and in particular Articles 13(3) and 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) On 5 December 2008, the Commission adopted Decision C(2008)7638 establishing a National Programme under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for Bosnia and Herzegovina for the year 2008 part II with the aim to assist the country in its efforts to support the public administration reform, strengthen administrative capacity and promote good governance, to contribute to economic development and to improve the ability to assume the obligations of membership.
- (3) The proposed amendment will combine donor efforts between the European Commission and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency to support the preparatory activities for the population census in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is therefore proposed to include a financial contribution from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency for an amount of approximately EUR 1,675,207 (SEK 17,000,000 using the average monthly exchange rate on 17/09/2009) in project 13 on statistics.
- (4) The project will be implemented under centralised management by the European Commission following the conclusion of a transfer agreement to be concluded between the European Commission and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.
- (5) It is further proposed that the amendment will reallocate funds of EUR 700,000 within project 13 on statistics to finance the International Monitoring Operation for the census. It is appropriate to implement this component of project 13 in joint management with the Council of Europe because of the specific expertise of this organisation in this field.

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<sup>6</sup> OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

- (6) 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>7</sup> (hereafter: "Implementing Rules") and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 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>8</sup> (hereafter: "Financial Regulation");
- (7) The present decision authorises the relevant authorising officer to sign the agreement by which the Commission acknowledges and accepts the contribution from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency to the present National Programme pursuant to Article 18.1.aa of the Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.
- (8) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Commission Decision C(2008)7638 of 5 December 2008 is amended as follows:

- (1) In the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of Article 1 of the Commission Decision, the first sentence is replaced by the following: "This programme shall be implemented by centralised management. The part of the programme concerning the implementation of the International Monitoring Operation within project 13 shall be implemented by joint management with the Council of Europe."
- (2) In Article 2, the following 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph is added: "This amount includes contribution from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency in the amount of approximately EUR 1,675,207 (SEK 17,000,000 using the average monthly exchange rate on 17/09/2009) to be transferred to the general budget of the European Communities as provided for in action "Support to State and Entity Statistical Institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina".
- (3) The Authorising Officer by Sub-delegation is authorised to sign on behalf of the European Commission a transfer agreement accepting this contribution from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. When the financial contribution of approximately EUR 1,675,207 (SEK 17,000,000 using the average monthly exchange rate on 17/09/2009) related to the said transfer agreement is credited to budget line 22.020200, following a contribution made according to Article 18.1.aa of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002, the Authorising Officer by Sub-delegation may commit the total available appropriations for the purposes laid down in the transfer agreement.

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<sup>7</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

<sup>8</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1.

*Article 2*

The Annex to the Commission Decision C(2008)7638 of 5 December 2008 is replaced by the Annex to the present Decision.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*  
*Olli Rehn*  
*Member of the Commission*