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#### THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In 2006, the Commission has issued a Communication on the general approach to enable ENP partner countries to participate in Community agencies and Community programmes<sup>2</sup>.
- (2) The Commission has adopted a revised ENPI Interregional Programme Strategy Paper 2007-2013 and Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2011-2013<sup>3</sup>, priority 5 of which provides for "Promoting cooperation between ENP partners and EU agencies".
- (3) The objective pursued by the Action Programme is to get ENP partner countries acquainted with the work of EU agencies with a view to facilitate future enhanced cooperation between ENP partners and EU agencies.
- (4) The present Decision constitutes 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<sup>4</sup> (hereafter 'the Financial Regulation') and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget<sup>5</sup> (hereafter 'the Implementing Rules').
- (5) The maximum contribution of the European Union set by the present Decision should cover any possible claims for interest due for late payment on the basis of articles 83 of the Financial Regulation and 106(5) of its Implementing Rules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJEU L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> COM(2006)724, 4.12.2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> C(2010)1144

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> OJ L 357 of 31.12 2002, p.1.

- (6) The Commission is required to define the term "substantial change" in the meaning of Article 90(4) of the Implementing Rules to ensure that any substantial change in this Decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial Decision.
- (7) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1

The ENPI Interregional Action Programme 2012 Part VI, constituted by the action "Promoting the participation of European Neighbourhood Policy countries in the work of EU agencies", the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, is approved.

#### Article 2

The maximum contribution of the European Union to the ENPI Interregional Action Programme 2012 Part VI is set at EUR 3.7 million to be financed from budget lines 19.080101 (EUR 1.85 million) and 19.080103 (EUR 1.85 million) of the general budget of the European Union for 2012.

This maximum contribution shall also cover any possible interests due for late payment.

#### Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the European Union shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the ENPI Interregional Action Programme 2012 Part VI. This may include an increase of the maximum contribution of the European Union up to 20%.

The relevant authorising officer may amend the present Decision to introduce non-substantial changes to the ENPI Interregional Action Programme 2012 Part VI in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 12.11.2012

For the Commission Štefan FÜLE Member of the Commission

# <u>ANNEX</u>

Action Fiche "Promoting the participation of European Neighbourhood Policy countries in the work of EU agencies"