

**Annex 3**

**REVISED ANNUAL PROGRAMME**

MEMBER STATE:	<b>GREECE</b>
FUND:	<b>EXTERNAL BORDERS FUND</b>
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY:	<b>MINISTRY OF INTERIOR/ HELLENIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS/FINANCE DIVISION</b>
YEAR COVERED:	<b>2008</b>

## GENERAL RULES FOR SELECTING ACTIONS TO BE FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

The Annual Programme 2008, which was approved by the Commission on 16 December 2008, has been revised due to the delays in the procurement process which have arisen during the implementation of the actions. The implementation of some actions included in the previous version of the Annual Programme, would have exceeded the eligibility period and thus the actions were considered ineligible in the frame of the annual programme of 2008. Moreover, several actions previously included under the 2008 annual programme but already completed within the 2007 AP eligibility period were transferred under the revised 2007 annual programme. Due to the abovementioned circumstances, it was decided to implement the mature actions, some of them were presented initially in the 2007 AP, and some of new actions, were completed and financed by the national budget.

### 1.1. INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION METHODS TO BE USED

The method, which have been chosen for implementing the actions of the Annual Program of 2008, correspond to the function of the responsible authority only as an *executing body* (Articles 7 and 8 of the 2008/456/EC implementing rules decision).

The reasons, which led the Responsible Authority to operate according to the mentioned selected method, has to do with the nature of the selected actions described in the multiannual programme of the External Borders Fund and the exclusive statutory powers of the below **public authorities (national authorities)**, which participate in the implementation of the program. Additionally, reasons which are connected with the security, guarding and surveillance of the borders of Greece, create a legal monopoly for the law enforcement authorities and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

According to article 8 of the 2008/456/EC implementing rules decision, the two authorities (**the responsible authority and the audit authority**) **have totally distinct roles** because they belong to different ministries with completely separate functions. This ensures separation of the functions and the independence of the two authorities and favours unimpaired execution of the authorities' tasks.

**The implementation of the projects** will start right after the approval of the Multiannual and the 2008 annual Programme by the European Commission.

With a view to strengthening the system of management and control and in order to be facilitated the tasks of the Responsible Authority concerning the monitoring of the appropriate arrangements, the Responsible Authority signed **written agreements (memorandum of understandings)**, equivalent to the grant agreement, with the competent representative of each of the three bodies. These agreements state all the details relating to the performance of the duties and obligations which are being delegated to those services, such as the monitoring and development of the implementing actions via periodical reports (monthly – quarterly) which will be submitted to the R.A. by the responsible Services either they concern supply of equipment or the realisation of educations.

Furthermore, the RA have access in all files, which the competent Services keep concerning the implementation of the actions, in order the RA can implement verifications of provided elements, after controls on the spot in application of article 15 of the Basic Act.

This will facilitate the work of the responsible authority, which has the final responsibility for the implementation of the multiannual programme.

## 1.2. JUSTIFICATION OF THE EXECUTING BODY METHOD

### 1.2.1. Hellenic Police

Under Law 2800/2000 (Government Gazette I 41/29.02.2000), “Restructuring of departments of the Ministry of Public Order, establishment of the Hellenic Police HQ, and other provisions” and Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001), the **Hellenic Police** is responsible for combating illegal immigration across land borders and at airports and for checking compliance with the provisions relating to the entry, residence and employment of foreign nationals in Greece, except in areas under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard. In addition, the Hellenic Police is responsible for checking passports on board ships and in Greek ports.

### 1.2.2. Ministry of Interior

Under Article 3 of the Presidential Decree 234/2007, “ Establishment of the Immigration Policy and Social Integration General Division within the Ministry of Interior ”, the mission of the Immigration Policy Division is the monitoring of the implementation of immigration policy of the Country, the co-ordination and the monitoring of the regional services of Aliens and Immigration, the issuing of stay permits, competence of the Minister of Interior, as well as the representation of the Country for her subjects of competence in the European Union and other international organisations.

Accordingly, the Department of Immigration Policy of the above Division has the responsibility for the administrative co-ordination of the organisation and operation of centres for the temporary detention of illegal immigrants, the temporary accommodation of asylum applicants, as well as for the special detention centres for aliens.

### 1.2.3. Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG)

The **Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG)** was established by Law 1753/1917 (Government Gazette I 67). It has a military structure and is under the authority of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy. It has general responsibility for illegal immigration and maritime borders issues. Additionally, pursuant to Article 2 of Legislative Decree 444/70 (Government Gazette I 39), “on the functions of the CG – relations with security forces”, the CG carries out general policing tasks in the sea area encompassing all the marine territory of Greece up to the point of contact between sea and shore, on board ships, on floating craft of all kinds and in ports and their shore areas.

The Hellenic Coast Guard is composed by the Central Service, the District Commands and the Port Authorities. Port Authorities are regional units of the Hellenic Coast Guard, dispersed all over Greece (islands and coastal areas). There are 209 Port Authorities (18 Central Port Authorities, 34 Port Authorities, 23 Secondary Port Authorities, 103 Port Stations and 31 Port Departments).

According to the contents of the decision on the External Borders Fund, the entire territory of Greece is an eligible area for financial assistance through the Fund. So the actions, describing in the annual programme will be implemented only by the three competent Ministries, under the surveillance and the guidance of the Responsible Authority. So the **Responsible Authority will implement the projects of the actions of the annual programs jointly (indirectly) with services of the three bodies**, because of the technical expertise, high degree of specialization and administrative powers of the services per category of actions. However, the Responsible Authority has the responsibility of the implemented actions and will be the sole final beneficiary of all annual programs.

### **1.3. DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE, SELECTION PROCEDURES APPLIED**

#### **1.3.1. Hellenic Police**

The following competent services of the Hellenic Police have been involved both to the drafting of the annual program 2008 and will implement the decided actions:

- Technical Matters Division
- Information System Division
- Aliens Division
- Training Division

The process followed by the Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters (HPHQ) for the selection of the projects, refers to an open call for proposals to the competent services of the HPHQ. This open call is a document, which refers to the eligible actions, the strategic guidelines (priorities – specific priorities) and the Community actions of the External Borders Fund (article 5, 7, and 20 of the 574/2007/EC of 23 May 2007 Decision) and prompts the competent services to submit relevant proposals for potential actions. After the response of all competent authorities, was constituted the Council of Staff Planning & Crisis Management, which decided about the selection of the proposed actions in the Multiannual Program and the distribution of the credits among the eight years of the programme's implementation. The actions which concern the Annual Programs, have been chosen almost exclusively from the sum of actions that has been described in the M.A.P. of External Border Fund and has already been approved by the above Council.

It is important to be demonstrated that the selection process complies absolutely with the article 16(5) of the basic act and the specific selection criteria were taken into account for the final selection of the projects.

#### **1.3.2. Ministry of Interior**

The competent service of the Ministry of Interior (Department of Immigration Policy) has been involved both in the drafting of the revised annual program 2008 and is in charge of the implementation of the one concerned action.

In the framework of the revision of the 2008 annual programme and given its exclusive competences for the coordination of the detention facilities for illegal migrants apprehended at the external borders, the Ministry of Interior was in contact with the Responsible Authority discussing the possibility to propose an action related to the enhancement of detention capacity. In particular, executives from the above Department, arranged meetings with the other executives of the Ministry and the Responsible Authority, in order to be finalized the selected projects as well as the definition of the details and operational plans for their application. Following these discussions, it was decided to include in the revised 2008 AP an action on the enhancement of detention capacity in Dodecanese and Lesbos covering rental costs (action 3.1.7.).

Emphasis was placed on the relation between the added value and the cost of the projects, as well as on organisational / operational and administrative aspects. The economic parameters, in particular the co-financing from the state budget, were carefully examined. The selection process took, also, into consideration the general rules governing action plans, as described in the programme priorities, in European Parliament/Council Decision 574/2007/EC.

#### **1.3.3. Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard**

The following competent services of the Hellenic Coast Guard have been involved both to the drafting of the annual program 2008 and will implement the decided actions:

- Security Division
- Programming, Organising and Training Division
- Technical Support Division
- Informatics and New Technologies Division

A working group was established at the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard, in order to contribute to the timely preparation of the Multi-Annual (2007 – 2013) and Annual Programme 2008 of the External Borders Fund, concerning the eligible actions within the areas of responsibility of the HCG, with respect to the most effective management of maritime borders.

It consisted of representatives of the above – mentioned co-competent Divisions, according to the nature of the proposed actions.

The group was informed by the Responsible Authority about the legal Act of External Borders Fund, defining the eligible actions under the Fund and its strategic guidelines (priorities) which were taken into consideration for the submission of relevant proposals to the military and political leadership of the Ministry.

The above – mentioned proposals have been approved by the leadership of the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/HCG and were then submitted to the Responsible Authority.

#### 1.4. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

Regarding to the **procurement procedures**, will be applied the national legislation about public supplies (Law of 2286/95 Government Gazette 19/A - 1-2-1995 and others), which is consistent with the provisions of article 11 of the implementation rules E(2008) 789, with the reservation for the provisions which they differentiate the amounts according with those that specialize the kinds of the competitions' procedures, such as **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted) or **concise process** (direct entrusting, makeshift or negotiated). According to the above mentioned Law and the relevant ministerial decisions, all the procurement procedures concerning the equipment's supplying for public services of Budget from 45.000 Euros and above, are held by the Ministry of **Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping** of our country. Nevertheless, the public services are able to ask from the Ministry of **Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping** the issuing of authorisation with result the above processes to be realised by them and no by the central service of the above mentioned Ministry. Thus, the Responsible Authority, committed, via the signature of memorandums of understanding, to the services of Supplies of the three Authorities, either the realisation of all procedures concerning procurement procedures and implementation of conventions, provided that is granted relative authorisation from the Ministry of **Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping**, or the monitoring of the implementation course of the above processes that will be realised by the responsible service of the above Ministry.

## 2. CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS (if appropriate)

According to Presidential Decree no. 184/2009 (Government Gazette 213 A'/7-10-2009), the Ministry of Citizen Protection was established, comprising, among others, the Hellenic Police and the Hellenic Coast Guard and their Services.

The Coast Guard previously belonging to the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, has been transferred to the Ministry of Citizen Protection.

The Presidential Decrees concerning the competences and tasks of the Divisions belonging to the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard are still pending and will be notified as soon as they are published.

### 3. ACTIONS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAMME UNDER THE PRIORITIES CHOSEN

#### 3.1. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 1

##### 3.1.1. The construction and upgrading of border infrastructure at the external land borders with Albania [(Priority 1 - Objective 1 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

###### 3.1.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The purpose of this action is to improve the border infrastructure at the Greek – Albanian border. The action consists of the construction of a new station in Konitsa and upgrading/renovation of a station in Delvinaki (including for both stations the necessary furniture and IT equipment for the function/upgrade of the provided services). Both stations will be used by the services of the Greek Police responsible for the surveillance at the external border with Albania and controls in the first border zone. They will also include detention facilities for the illegal migrants.

Both **Konitsa and Delvinaki** are located in the Epirus region, Ioannina prefecture in the close proximity of the Albanian border (around 10-15 km from the borderline) and next to border crossing points in Mertziani and Kakavia respectively. Each station serves as an operational base for surveillance of two subsequent sections of the external border. Given that the borderline is located in the mountainous area which is largely covered by forest, the surveillance of the external border and the border area is a very difficult task. The often patrolling of all the local roads plays is also crucial for the efficient control of illegal migration.

Both stations contain detention facilities for persons who are located at the external borders area, either for those whose entry is refused at the border crossing point of Mertziani, or for those who are apprehended after having crossed the border illegally or intercepted when approaching the external borders with a view to illegally entering the Greek territory. It is expected that the action will contribute to the improvement of detention conditions for the abovementioned persons.

The new station in Konitsa and the upgrade of the existing station in Delvinaki will also contribute the improvement of the working conditions of the officers involved in the border surveillance, because the provision of modern infrastructures offers the opportunity to the personnel of these Services to become more effective and operational and at the same time it will increase the security degree of guarding of the apprehended illegal immigrants, who will be held in the above premises.

Until now the competent services in Konitsa have been accommodated in an entirely unsuitable and inadequate building without a detention area. That is why the need arose to construct a new user-friendly and functional building with an adequate and suitable detention area. Konitsa Municipality in Ioannina has handed over to the Hellenic Police an area of approximately 1.050 square metres, which offers the possibility of erecting a building with a total above-ground area of 800 square metres, which fully meets the accommodation needs of the aforementioned services.

Also, it has been arisen as a great need, the repair works of the second Border Guard Department's building, which is located at Delvinaki.

#### 3.1.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Citizen Protection.

#### 3.1.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Citizen Protection (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [article 15 and 16 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section, the Technical Matters Division can implement the above mentioned action.

#### 3.1.1.4. Expected quantified results

One station will be constructed and one station will be renovated and both will be supplied with furniture and IT equipment. This will lead to:

- creation of decent working conditions for the personnel of the services of the Greek Police responsible for the surveillance at the external border with Albania and controls in the first border zone;
- improvement of the detention conditions by illegal immigrants apprehended;
- upgrading of the building infrastructure of the Hellenic Police in a border area that does not have suitable buildings for rent to accommodate the services;
- upgrading of the building infrastructure of the Hellenic Police in a border area that already exists an old building which accommodate the Border Guard services;
- enhancement of the security among the inhabitants of the border area;
- upgrading of the internal working conditions and the modernization of the technological equipment;

#### 3.1.1.5. Indicators to be used

**Output:** a) the number of constructed or upgraded buildings for: **1)** the services of the Greek Police responsible for the surveillance at the external border with Albania and controls in the first border zone

**2)** The temporary residence of persons that their entry was not allowed, because they didn't fulfill all the requirements of entry, of persons who enter the borders illegally or when persons apprehended they attempt to cross the external borders illegally aiming at their illegal entry in the Hellenic territory.

b) The number of the furniture and the IT equipment purchased.

**Outcome:** a) Better accommodation of persons kept in the area, b) Ensure that third country nationals concerned are treated with respect and dignity, c) Better accommodation standards and modernization of the technological equipment for the personnel of the

services of the Greek Police responsible for the surveillance at the external border with Albania and controls in the first border zone

**Impact:** Increased border security.

#### 3.1.1.6. Visibility of EC funding (Pertinent for all proposed actions in the Annual Programme 2008)

The Revised annual programme will be published on the official website of the Ministry of Citizen Protection as and when it is approved, with a reference to the website of the competent authority and references (with links) to the websites of the jointly responsible agencies (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and M.C.P./Hellenic Coast Guard).

Publication of the objectives and instruments of the External Borders Fund is designed to:

- inform public opinion in general about the role played by the European Union and the Greek authorities in the programme and the results of its implementation;
- inform the public in general at central and regional level about the objectives, aims, priorities and actions of the Fund and the level of EC co financing through a selection of communication and promotional actions;
- guarantee actions under the programme are visible by providing a full range of information for all social agencies.

Consequently, the aim of valid and prompt information and publication is to achieve transparent and effective management of national and Community resources.

For the purposes of information and publicity measures concerning the Fund, the responsible authority set up under law 3613/07 (Government Gazette 263/I/23.11.2007) will publish, according to the above mentioned procedure, notices of each scheduled competition in the daily Greek press and in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Each communication action will include clear information on the participation of the EU (mainly in the form of a reference to the contribution of the EU and the percentage of assistance for the actions being promoted) and the European emblem/logo will appear alongside every national emblem/logo.

Information plaques or stickers will be attached to all types of equipment for co financed actions, depending on the type of equipment. One part of the plaque or sticker will be used to advertise the EU contribution (and specifically the External Borders Fund) by including a description in words and the Greek flag and the EU emblem/logo, as stipulated in Article 35 of Commission decision no. E (2008) 789/5-3-2008 on the implementation rules for Decision 574/2007/EC establishing the External Borders Fund.

The regulatory framework governing information and publicity of actions under the programme is set out in the above Commission decision (Articles 31-35) and is concerning only the Responsible authority, because **the RA will act only as an executing body**. The visibility guidelines, which the RA will follow, refer to Chapter 5 of the implementing rules, and will be absolutely followed by the competent unit of the Responsible Authority (**Unit 4**). The Monitoring Committee will, among other duties, supervise the implementation of the visibility obligations, according to articles 31-35 of the implementing rules.

In addition, the Responsible Authority already has experience from the application of Community programmes which have been and which are being implemented under which it was/is the grant recipient.

### 3.1.1.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate (Pertinent for proposed actions of the H.P. in the Annual Programme 2008)

The actions described under the priorities that are planned to be implemented under the Fund, follow on from national action taken for the same reasons at central, regional and local level.

The actions to be implemented complement and follow on from actions taken under National and Community programmes which have been and are being implemented under both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Support Frameworks, especially programmes under the INTERREG II and III Community initiatives (in terms of their cross-border aspects), the EQUAL Community initiative and the AGIS, FALKONE, OISIN, STOP, ODYSSEUS and PERIKLIS joint actions. The knowledge and experience gained from implementing operational programmes under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Support Framework, INTERREG II and III, ARGO, the trans-European transport networks and the European Fisheries Programme were also applied. Particular attention was paid when drafting the multiannual programme to the results of joint European operations, programmed and coordinated by Frontex, as regards national human and operational resources in green borders, the Greek territorial waters and abroad.

Hellenic Police Headquarters has also been implementing various projects co-financed from operational programmes under the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Support Frameworks since 1995 and particular attention was therefore paid when preparing the multiannual and annual programmes to applying the knowledge and experience gained in order to include the best practices developed when planning the programmes. As such, and given that the application of the provisions of the European External Borders Fund depends on cohesion with projects defined in Objective 3 cross-border cooperation programmes, the strategy developed within the framework of the External Borders Fund is compatible with the objectives of the European Union Structural Funds (European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund), being pursued through sectoral and regional operational programmes in the 2007-2013 financial period.

In order to be ensured the above mentioned compatibility, were taken into consideration, for drafting the 2008 annual program, the general axes of the approved European programs in Greece in the framework of the Structural Funds, which describe the fields of their actions and interventions, which will be implemented during the period 2007-2013.

### 3.1.1.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 1.125.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 375.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to **EUR 1.500.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

### 3.1.2. The purchase of patrol passenger vehicles (colours of Hellenic Police and any colours) 1800 cc [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

#### 3.1.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The above – mentioned one hundred seventy (**170**) vehicles will be used for patrols of the roads close to the borders, aiming at controlling and protecting the external borders from the illegal entering of migrants.

The means of transport in question will be distributed to the services of the Hellenic Police in regions in which border control activities take place.

#### 3.1.2.2. Expected grant recipients (*Pertinent for actions from 3.1.2. until 3.1.6.*)

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Citizen Protection.

#### 3.1.2.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body (*Pertinent for actions from 3.1.2. until 3.1.6*)

The Ministry of Citizen protection (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [article 15 and 16 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, the Ministry of Citizen protection /Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section and the Technical Matters Division can implement the above mentioned action.

#### 3.1.2.4. Expected quantified results (*Pertinent for actions from 3.1.2. until 3.1.6.*)

The results expected from developing/implementing these actions, as described, will be the effective surveillance of land borders with the increased potential to prevent illegal immigrants from successfully entering the country and, by extension, the EU. Constant and extensive controls at the external borders will allow a larger number of illegal immigrants to be located and deported and the general climate of increased surveillance at external borders will discourage smugglers from attempting to bring illegal immigrants to Greece.

The patrol vehicles will be used for patrolling in specific areas, near the external land borders.

#### 3.1.2.5. Indicators to be used (*Pertinent for actions from 3.1.2. until 3.1.6.*)

**Output:** the number of purchased patrol passenger vehicles 1600, 1800 and 2000 cc, the number of purchased thermal cameras, the number of purchased night vision goggles, the number of purchased long distance day goggles.

**Outcome:** (a) Actual use of means of transport increased.

(b) Number and quality of available means for border guards increased.

(c) Better working conditions for the police personnel and the border guards.

(d) Efficient surveillance at borders increased.

**Impact:** Increased border security.

#### 3.1.2.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.2.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.1.2.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 2.696.625,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 898.875,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 3.595.500,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which has been followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

#### 3.1.3. Purchase of 1600 and 2000 cc patrol passenger vehicles (Conventions nr. 32/2009 and 42/2009) [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Police]

##### 3.1.3.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The action aims at the purchase of one hundred sixty one (**161**) vehicles to be used for patrols of the roads close to the borders, aiming at controlling and protecting the external borders from the illegal entering of migrants.

#### 3.1.3.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 1.764.750,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 588.250,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 2.353.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which has been followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

#### 3.1.4. Purchase of thermal cameras [(Priority 1 - Objective 5 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Police]

##### 3.1.4.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The above - mentioned twenty (**20**) portable cameras with small size and weight, durable manufacture, modern technology, recent production, simple in their use with possibility of benefit of most excellent picture (without deformities) analysis of 240 lines at least. They are supposed to function with the thermal radiation that emit living organisms and objects even under unfavourable conditions (dust, tobacco, fog, continuous vibrations – vibrations etc).

These portable thermal cameras will be used for the borders control activities only, since with this equipments the border guards and the police personnel have the capability to easily identify a living organism who has temperature and with this way can operate and locate any suspicious immigrants who try to cross the external land borders illegally, especially at the night hours.

#### 3.1.4.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 750.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 250.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 1.000.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which has been followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

#### **3.1.5. Purchase of night vision goggles [(Priority 1 - Objective 5 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Police]**

##### 3.1.5.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The above - mentioned fifty (**50**) night vision goggles, modern technology, third generation or equivalent 9 corresponding or with superior records, high distinctness – output and with the capacity for observation with conditions 1m LUX (Star light) and 30% opposition. Their dimensions must be the smallest possible.

These goggles will be used for the borders control activities and will facilitate the work of the border guards and the police personnel, giving them the capability to locate, at the night hours, from a very long distance any immigrant who tries to cross the external land borders illegally.

##### 3.1.5.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 206.250,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 68.750,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 275.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

#### **3.1.6. Purchase of Long distance day goggles [(Priority 1 - Objective 5 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Police]**

##### 3.1.6.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The above - mentioned one hundred (**100**) binoculars of day observation and Military specifications, with the smallest possible weight, modern technology, high distinctness–output, suitable for placement in irregular ground.

These goggles will be used for the borders control activities and will facilitate the work of the border guards and the police personnel, giving them the capability to locate, at the night hours, from a very long distance any immigrant who tries to cross the external land borders illegally.

### 3.1.6.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 112.500,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 37.500,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 150.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which has been followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

### 3.1.7. Enhancement of the detention capacity for the illegal immigrants apprehended at the external borders [New Action implemented by the Ministry of Interior]

#### 3.1.7.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The purpose of the action is to enhance the detention capacity for the illegal immigrants apprehended at the external maritime borders in prefectures of Dodecanese and Lesbos. Both prefectures cover the Greek islands in the Eastern Aegean Sea directly facing the Turkish coastline. Due to their specific geographical locations, during the last years, there were an increasing number of the illegal immigrants being apprehended after the illegal entry to the country or with a view of illegal crossing of the external borders.

The existing detention facilities were inadequate to accommodate this increasing number of illegal migrants. In particular, the need to accommodate various groups of apprehended persons different in terms of gender, age, nationality and the healthy conditions and to ensure the suitable separation of these groups reinforced the need for more facilities. This need would be addressed in coming years by the construction of new detention facilities. However, on a temporary basis, the national competent authorities had to find an alternative solution to address the urgent need for extra capacity of detention facilities.

For these reasons, the proposed action concerns the financing of the **rental costs** of hotels or other buildings which are suitable for the detention of the illegal immigrants. The amount of 600.000€, 348.000€ and 52.000€ of the rental costs relate to 2008, 2009 and the first six months of 2010 respectively.

According to the national legislation, the process for the choice of the suitable hotel for the above purposes is assigned to the self-government Prefectures. The Prefectures choose the suitable hotel with the method of the direct assignment, depending on the adequacy of the hotels at the moment of the apprehension of the illegal immigrants, following the national procurement legislation, which allows the public authorities to assign directly to a contractor, if the amount does not exceed the 15.000,00 €.

Also, this method has been chosen because, the temporary character of detention (around twenty – thirty days) and most of the times, the number of the illegal immigrants who are arrested at the sea, is very big, so it is not possible to arrange a procurement procedure, due to the emergency of the circumstances and the direct need for a facility to host those people and provide them with food and medicines.

#### 3.1.7.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of its obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Ministry of Interior.

### 3.1.7.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Citizen Protection (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co-financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, the Ministry of Interior can implement the above mentioned action.

### 3.1.7.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from developing/implementing these actions, as described, will be the enhancement of the detention capacity of the illegal immigrants, in terms of financing the big rental costs for the hospitality of the apprehended illegal immigrants.

### 3.1.7.5. Indicators to be used

**Output:** the number of persons detained in rented facilities after the apprehension at the external maritime borders

**Outcome:** Better detention conditions for the illegal immigrants.

**Impact:** Increased border security.

### 3.1.7.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

### 3.1.7.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

### 3.1.7.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 825.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 275.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 1.100.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which has been followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **direct assignment**.

## **3.2. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 2**

### **3.2.1. The improvement of drafting the technical specifications of modern technology operational means for the effective protection of the external land borders [New Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Police]**

#### 3.2.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The extensive borderline and the big number of the airports of the Hellenic territory, in terms of external borders, created the need for the competent national Services, to

propose actions in the 2007 and 2008 Annual Programs, which are related to traditional and conventional means of patrolling and surveillance of the external land borders.

However, the big and continuously increasing numbers of incidents, concerning the apprehended illegal immigrants near the external borders, leads the national Services to search for alternatives and modern – non conventional means of high technology, in order to achieve a real reduction of the illegal immigrants' entry and of course to increase the external land borders security.

In order this goal to be achieved, it is proposed to be financed the employment of a technical adviser (expert), who will attend the Technical Division of the H.P.H.Q. with the determination, in terms of technical specifications, of the kinds and the types of the appropriate modern operational means (i.e. X-RAYS Van, radar systems) which are necessary for the surveillance of the external borders and will be purchased by the Hellenic Police.

The results of the specific advisory services will be used effectively for the drafting of the future Annual Programs' proposals but also for a potential revision of the 2009 Annual Program, replacing the old proposed equipment with the new one.

#### 3.2.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Citizen Protection.

#### 3.2.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Citizen Protection (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [article 15 and 16 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Technical Matters Division can implement the above mentioned action.

#### 3.2.1.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from implementing this action, as described, will be the effective use of the advisory services, so that the national competent Services, can propose, in the future Annual Programs, an efficient number and type of operational means for the combating of illegal immigration and the effective land border surveillance.

#### 3.2.1.5. Indicators to be used

**Output:** the provision of specialised knowledge for the technical specifications of the high technology operational means, which have to be applied among the external land borders (and the airports)

**Outcomes:** a) Increase the operational level of the Hellenic Police forces' means in the external borders, b) Increase the number of the apprehended illegal immigrants and c) Increase the effectiveness of the Hellenic Police operations

**Impact:** Increased border security.

#### 3.2.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.2.1.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.2.1.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 22.500,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 7.500,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 30.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

**3.3 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 3**

**No actions proposed**

**3.4 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 4**

**3.4.1. Implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II) – Purchase of desktops to conduct checks in the framework of SCHENGEN obligations [(Priority 4-Objective 4 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection /Hellenic Coast Guard]**

3.4.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The purchase of fifty seven (57) desktops, which will be provided in a limited number, to competent Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard and, to a significant number, to regional Services (Port Authorities) will contribute to the timely and more effective conduct of the police checks required under the Schengen Borders Code by HCG personnel, within the framework of implementation of SIS II in Greece with regard to sea borders.

3.4.1.2. Expected grant recipients

Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard.

3.4.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Citizen Protection (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co-financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation (the relative Presidential Decrees concerning the competences and tasks of the following Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard after the establishment of this Ministry are still pending), **the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping , the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division**, as well as the **Informatics and New Technologies Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

#### 3.4.1.4. Expected quantified results

Making desktops available to the above services, whether or not based in areas where maritime BCPs are existent, will make the required police checks under the responsibility of the HCG more timely and effective.

Also, it will give to Port Authorities' personnel not based at areas where maritime BCPs are existent, the opportunity to conduct the prescribed checks without recourse to the nearest Port or Police authorities.

Useful elements for evaluating this action will be:

- the speed/reduction in time required to conduct the police checks in SIS II in each instance;
- the percentage increase in the number of checks conducted on a daily, monthly and annual basis in these services after acquiring the computers.

#### 3.4.1.5. Indicators to be used

**Output:** The number of purchased desktops to conduct checks in the framework of SCHENGEN obligations

**Outcome:** SIS II rendered operational by all HCG authorities; ensure performance of the system; access of all HCG authorities to the system; extended functionalities

**Impact:** Increased border security; better integration of the immigration control processes at the maritime borders.

#### 3.4.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.4.1.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

All actions described under the priorities planned to be implemented under the Fund, are derived from national actions taken for the same reasons at central, regional and tactical level.

The actions to be implemented are derived from actions taken under National and Community programmes which have been and are being implemented under both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Support Frameworks, especially programmes under the INTERREG II and III Community initiatives (in terms of their cross-border aspects), the EQUAL Community initiative and the OISIN joint actions. The knowledge and experience gained from implementing operational programmes under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Support Framework,

INTERREG II and III, ARGO, the trans-European transport networks and the European Fisheries Programme were also applied.

Particular attention was paid when drafting the Multi-Annual programme to the results of EU joint operations e.g., programmed and co-ordinated by FRONTEX, as regards national human and operational resources in Greek territorial waters, the adjacent high seas and abroad.

#### 3.4.1.8. Financial Information

This specific action to [desktops to conduct police checks for the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II)], depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 52.500,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 17.500,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 70.000,00**.

The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

#### 3.4.2. Implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II) – Purchase of laptops to conduct checks in the framework of SCHENGEN obligations [(Priority 4-Objective 4 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection /Hellenic Coast Guard]

##### 3.4.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The purchase of fifty seven (57) laptops, which will be provided to a significant number of regional services of the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard (Port Authorities), will contribute to the timely and more effective conduct of the police checks required under the Schengen Borders Code by HCG personnel of these authorities, within the framework of implementation of SIS II in Greece with regard to sea borders.

##### 3.4.2.2. Expected grant recipients

Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard.

##### 3.4.2.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Citizen Protection (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation, (the relative Presidential Decrees concerning the competences and tasks of the following Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard after the establishment of this Ministry are still pending), **the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping , the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard/Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division, as well as the Informatics and New Technologies Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

#### 3.4.2.4. Expected quantified results

Making laptops available to the above services, whether or not based in areas where there are legally designated points for entry/exit by sea, will make the required police checks under the responsibility of the HCG more timely and effective.

Specifically, it will enable Port Authorities' personnel, alongside physical checks (identity certificate of crew members, checks on areas of ships/craft), also to conduct the prescribed SIS II checks on cargo ships, pleasure craft and fishing vessels that enter ports/marinas away either from the maritime BCPs, or from the premises of the Port Authorities, on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Useful elements for evaluating this action will be:

- the speed/reduction in time required to conduct the police checks in SIS II in each instance;
- the percentage increase in the number of checks conducted on a daily, monthly and annual basis in these services after acquiring the laptops.

#### 3.4.2.5. Indicators to be used

**Output:** The number of purchased laptops to conduct checks in the framework of SCHENGEN obligations

**Outcome:** SIS II rendered operational by all HCG authorities; ensure performance of the system; access of all HCG authorities to the system; extended functionalities

**Impact:** Increased border security; better integration of the immigration control processes at the maritime borders.

#### 3.4.2.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.4.2.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.4.1. of Priority 4.

#### 3.4.2.8. Financial Information

This specific action [laptops to conduct police checks for the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II)], depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 52.500,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 17.500,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 70.000,00**.

The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

### **3.4.3. Training of HCG personnel in computerised applications of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II) [(Priority 4-Objective 5 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection /Hellenic Coast Guard]**

#### 3.4.3.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Training of 40 HCG personnel from Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard and, in particular, from its regional services (Port Authorities) in computer applications of SIS II will contribute to their familiarisation as users with these applications, making SIS II fully useable by them as regards the capabilities it offers and, as a result, more effective in its operation, especially the familiarization with the soft ware described in action 3.4.5..

The training will last five days and will be undertaken by experienced trainers from the Hellenic Police on the premises of the Ministry of the Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Police Headquarters, which has the required training areas and suitable equipment/material (computers, printed and electronic material, such as user manuals).

#### 3.4.3.2. Expected grant recipients

Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard.

#### 3.4.3.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Citizen Protection (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation (the relative Presidential Decrees concerning the competences and tasks of the following Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard after the establishment of this Ministry are still pending), **the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division**, as well as the **Programming, Organizing and Training Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

#### 3.4.3.4. Expected quantified results

Training of HCG personnel/users of these computer applications will contribute to their familiarisation with them and their understanding of the capabilities they offer through study of the user manuals provided, in printed and electronic form, as well as practical training under the guidance and supervision of the trainers.

Useful indicators regarding evaluation of this action will be:

- the speed/reduction in time required to conduct the police checks in SIS II in each instance in relation to familiarisation/quality use of the computer applications by their users;
- the percentage increase in the number of checks conducted on a daily, monthly and annual basis in these services after user training relating to the computer applications.

#### 3.4.3.5. Indicators to be used

**Output:** Provision of a 5 – day training of HCG personnel in computerised applications of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II)

**Outcome:** Reliable and consistent use by SIS II users; exploitation of the SIS II to its fullest potential

**Impact:** Increased knowledge base for operational decision making.

#### 3.4.3.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.3.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.4.3.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.14. of Priority 1.

#### 3.4.3.8. Financial Information

This specific action [training of HCG personnel in computerised applications of the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of Schengen Information System (SIS II)], depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 3.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 1.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 4.000,00**.

The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

### **3.5 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 5**

#### **3.5.1. Trainings of the police personnel on issues concerning checks and examinations of forged/ genuine travel documents and other papers [New Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]**

##### 3.5.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The integrated training and the uniform education of the police officials and the border guards, concerning the activities of the Agency (Frontex) in the borders' surveillance, consist one of the specific objectives of the basic act [article 4 (3) (a)]. One aspect of this category of activities is the enhancement of the police personnel's capability in the detection of forged/false travel documents.

In the framework of the increased measures that have been taken and implemented, by the Hellenic Police, to prevent illegal immigrants entering our country, it is also decided to be implemented trainings of the police officials from all regional airports of the country which operate international flights, on issues concerning checks and examinations of forged / genuine travel documents and other papers.

Particularly, this training is focused on the, **non E.U.**, passengers' control in order to be increased the capability of the police personnel to identify illegal immigrants with false documents. The specific trainings, are proposed due to the fact that the competent Services are often facing problems with third country nationals - illegal immigrants, who try to enter to the Hellenic territory through the regional or the central airports of the country.

The total number of the trainees will be around **sixty two (62)**. In particular, this training will be held with care and responsibility of the School of Greek Police Further Education and Training in Athens and the Department of Education of the General Police Directorate of Thessaloniki in Thessaloniki and the duration will be for **(3)** days (two day courses and one practice day to visit on the spot the airport of Athens "Eleftherios Venizelos" and the airport of Thessaloniki "Macedonia").

#### 3.5.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Citizen Protection.

#### 3.5.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Citizen Protection (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the **Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Training Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

#### 3.5.1.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from these trainings are :

- a. the identification and the detection of forged travel documents, residence permits and certificates for issue or renewal of residence permit in Greece,
- b. the controls methods for the calibration of the residence legality of the immigrants in the Greek territory,
- c. the performing of more effective police checks methods, for travel documents, in areas or specific spots where is located the circulation of third country nationals.

#### 3.5.1.5. Indicators to be used

**Output:** Number and range of courses organised, the number of participants taking part in trainings. Number and share of the staff of border guards educated and trained.

**Outcome:** Good knowledge on identifying false travel documents by the police personnel.

**Impact:** More coherent application of EU rules and standards in border control.

#### 3.5.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.5.1.7. Complementarity and compatibility with actions financed by other EC instruments

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.5.1.8. Financial information

This specific action, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 22.500,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 7.500,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to **EUR 30.000,00**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, Competitiveness and Shipping, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget).

### **3.5.2. Training of HCG personnel in matters of external borders management**

#### **3.5.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action**

The action will be consisted of the following components:

- **Training of HGG personnel in tactics for interrogating/debriefing third country nationals**

Training of 10 HCG personnel in tactics for interrogation/debriefing of third country nationals apprehended at illegal crossings of the borders consists of providing them with specialist skills, as regards third country nationals detected during an attempt to cross the maritime borders, as well as their facilitators.

The aim of the procedure concerned is to verify both the countries of origin of the illegal immigrants/traffickers, working with interpreters when required, and the modi operandi, routes and means of transport used, and whether the traffickers are members of organised criminal networks that also extend into Greece.

The training will last five days and will be implemented by trainers with considerable experience in these matters, in cooperation with the Hellenic Police Headquarters and the Hellenic Coast Guard.

- **Training of HCG personnel participating in inspection boarding parties of HCG Off Shore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) and crews of HCG vessels as regards approaching Boarding suspect Ships/Craft**

Training of 10 crews of HCG OPVs and HCG personnel to undertake inspections on ships/craft in the context of actions against illegal immigration under the responsibility of the HCG is considered essential and is aimed towards their relevant preparation (theoretical and practical training).

It consists of providing special skills and practice concerning the safety/self-protection of HCG personnel conducting inspections, as well as the thorough checking of outside and inside areas of ships/craft within the framework of the measures taken to guard our external sea borders.

The training will last 10 days and will use inflatable high-speed craft, arms and suitable equipment from HCG OPVs, mobile devices for checking travel documents and printed theoretical training material.

- **Training of captains HCG Vessels and those in charge of HCG Vessels concerning inspections at open sea**

Training of 10 captains and those in charge of HCG vessels to undertake inspections on ships/craft in the context of actions under the responsibility of the HCG is considered essential and is aimed towards their relevant preparation (theoretical and practical training).

It consists of providing special skills and practice concerning the safety/self-protection of HCG personnel conducting inspections, as well as the thorough checking of outside and inside areas of ships/craft within the framework of the measures taken to guard our external sea borders.

The training will last 10 days and will use inflatable high-speed craft, arms and suitable equipment from HCG OPVs, mobile devices for checking travel documents and printed theoretical training material.

- Training of HCG personnel in detecting forged/falsified documents

When HCG personnel conduct police checks on documents (identity documents, residence permits, etc.) held by third country nationals, it is not possible for the forgery or falsification of these documents to be detected due to lack of experience/knowledge of the methods and means by which these are achieved.

The training aims to cover these deficiencies. It will last five days and will be conducted by trainers from the Hellenic Police with considerable experience in these matters at Hellenic Police Headquarters, using computers, devices for detecting forged/falsified documents and printed and electronic material.

The training would involve 10 HCG personnel from the co-competent Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard and from Port Authorities.

#### 3.5.2.2. Expected grant recipients

Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard.

#### 3.5.2.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Citizen Protection (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation (the relative Presidential Decrees concerning the competences and tasks of the following Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard after the establishment of this Ministry are still pending), **the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard/Financial Services Division, the Programming, Organizing and Training Division, the Operational Means and Special Units Division**, as well as the **Security Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

#### 3.5.2.4. Expected quantified results

- Training of HGG personnel in tactics for interrogating/debriefing third country nationals

The provision of training of HCG personnel in tactics of interrogation/debriefing of third country nationals will upgrade the quality of the work done by regional services of the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard (Port Authorities) and will strengthen their capabilities in the field of preliminary interrogation, particularly during systematic investigation of incidents, either with regard to simple, routine cases or, in particular, with regard to serious illegal immigration cases by sea.

- Training of HCG personnel participating in inspection boarding parties of HCG Off Shore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) and crews of HCG vessels as regards approaching Boarding suspect Ships/Craft

Training of crews of HCG OPVs and HCG personnel in undertaking inspections on ships/craft is expected to provide them with a framework of theoretical and practical training both to conduct more effective checks on ships/craft that are at sea and may perhaps, therefore, have a high level of risk, and to take steps to protect themselves in the context of these checks.

- Training of captains HCG Vessels and those in charge of HCG Vessels concerning inspections at open sea

Training of captains and those in charge of HCG Vessels in undertaking inspections on ships/craft is expected to provide them with a framework of theoretical and practical training both to conduct more effective checks on ships/craft that are at sea and may perhaps, therefore, have a high level of risk, and to take steps to protect themselves in the context of these checks.

- Training of HCG personnel in detecting forged/falsified documents

Theoretical and practical training of HCG personnel in matters concerning forgery/falsification of documents will achieve familiarisation with the use of devices to detect these and will provide experience of the methods and means used by criminal networks to create apparently legal documents. In this way it is expected to improve the quality of the checks conducted by HCG personnel to identify such documents in the possession of third country nationals.

A useful element to evaluate this action will be the percentage increase in the number of forged and falsified documents identified on a daily, monthly and annual basis.

#### 3.5.2.5. Indicators to be used

**Output:** Provision of training to HCG personnel in the following matters, aiming to the provision of a concrete theoretical and practical grounding – knowledge for the more effective and systematic accomplishment of its tasks on a daily basis:

- National and EU legislation – practical guides concerning maritime borders management (relevant provisions of the basic national law on immigration, national Schengen Borders Code, Schengen Convention Implementing the SCHENGEN Agreement, practical guide for border guards, etc),
- Management of illegal immigrants and their facilitators (debriefing, epidemiologic matters, methodology of checks on their transportation means and personal belongings, self – protection of HCG personnel against dangerous traffickers and facilitators),
  - Approaching and immobilization of speedboats – yachts,
  - Surveys at the high seas,
  - Use of Schengen Information System applications and devices for the detection of false – falsified documents

**Results:** Increased number of HCG personnel consulting more actively the Handbook and the Code; good knowledge of the applicable rules by the HCG personnel; enhanced

extent of awareness of risks and threats; enhanced awareness of international human rights obligations

**Impact:** More coherent application of EU rules and standards in control and surveillance of maritime borders; improved image of the Community; increased knowledge base for operational decision making; increased border security.

#### 3.5.2.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.3.1. of Priority 1.

#### 3.5.2.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.14. of Priority 1.

#### 3.5.2.8. Financial Information

The provision of the above – mentioned trainings of HCG personnel concerning the management of maritime borders depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 14.625,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 4.875,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 19.500,00**.

## 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### 4.1. PURPOSE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance is a valuable tool and is vital if the projects described above are to be developed/implemented effectively. It focuses mainly on the organisation of the Responsible Authority and on the programming, design, preparation, evaluation, management, monitoring, publicity, application and control of the actions integrated under the External Borders Fund and co-financed from Community and national resources.

The Technical Assistance will finance measures of publicity, such as preparation of the Responsible Authority's web site and publication of relevant data, the preparation of the procedure manuals by a consultant company, translations of programmes (Greek to English and vice versa) by authorized private offices, **scientific books and magazines for the Responsible Authority's personnel**, trainings of the Responsible Authority's personnel, on spot checks by Unit C of **the Responsible Authority and the Audit Authority**, travelling expenditures of the personnel of all the designated authorities (Responsible Authority, Certifying and Audit Authority), purchase of electronic computers (p.c.s), relevant technical equipment and consumables for the designated authorities (Responsible Authority, Certifying and Audit Authority) and compensations for the members of the Evaluation Committee, which will be set for the mid-term evaluation.

The amount of the technical assistance will be used for all the designated authorities, i.e. the Responsible Authority, the Certifying Authority and the Audit Authority.

Additionally, an information activity will be organized to present the achievements of the 2008 annual programme. The implementation trail of the 2008 AP actions will be presented with the references to the budget and the purpose and scope of each action. The different stakeholders from the services involved in the implementation of the Fund and other public bodies will be invited to the above mentioned presentation.

The Technical assistance has been calculated **only** from the Community financing, giving the sum of **EUR 565.342,50** for the Annual Program 2008 (100% Community contribution).

### 1.4. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

### 4.2. EXPECTED QUANTIFIED RESULTS

The results expected from the use of Technical Assistance are faster implementation of the actions planned and a better standard of management, monitoring, evaluation and implementation, in order to make the best possible use of Community and national resources. This will be achieved by improving the administrative and technical capacity of those involved in the management, monitoring and control system at all stages of design, programming, evaluation, management, selection, monitoring, publicity, application and control.

### 4.3. VISIBILITY OF EC FUNDING

As described in point 3.1.1.6.

5. DRAFT FINANCING PLAN

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Table 1 – Overview table

Member State: <b>GREECE</b> Annual programme concerned: <b>2008</b> Fund: <b>EXTERNAL BORDERS</b> (all figures in euro)									
	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority	Community Contribution (a)	Public Allocation (b)	Private Allocation (c)	TOTAL (d= a+b+c)	% EC (e=a/d)	Share of total (f=d/total d)	
<b>Action 3.1.1:</b> <i>The construction and upgrading of border infrastructure at the external land borders with Albania</i>	<b>1</b>	-	1.125.000,00	375.000,00	0	1.500.000,00	<b>75%</b>	13,94 %	
<b>Action 3.1.2:</b> <i>Purchase of patrol passenger vehicles (colours of Hellenic Police and any colours) 1800 cc</i>	<b>1</b>	-	2.696.625,00	898.875,00	0	3.595.500,00	<b>75%</b>	33,40 %	
<b>Action 3.1.3:</b> <i>Purchase of 1600 and 2000 cc patrol passenger vehicles (Conventions nr. 32/2009 &amp; 42/2009)</i>	<b>1</b>	-	1.764.750,00	588.250,00	0	2.353.000,00	<b>75 %</b>	21,86 %	
<b>Action 3.1.4:</b> <i>Purchase of thermal cameras</i>		-	750.000,00	250.000,00	0	1.000.000,00	<b>75%</b>	9,29 %	
<b>Action 3.1.5:</b> <i>Purchase of night vision goggles</i>	<b>1</b>	-	206.250,00	68.750,00	0	275.000,00	<b>75%</b>	2,56 %	
<b>Action 3.1.6:</b> <i>Purchase of Long distance day goggles</i>	<b>1</b>	-	112.500,00	37.500,00	0	150.000,00	<b>75%</b>	1,39 %	
<b>Action 3.1.7:</b> <i>Enhancement of the detention capacity for the illegal immigrants apprehended at the external borders</i>	<b>1</b>	-	825.000,00	275.000,00	0	1.100.000,00	<b>75 %</b>	10,22 %	
<b>Action 3.2.1:</b> <i>The improvement of drafting the technical specifications of modern technology operational means for the effective protection of the external land borders</i>	<b>2</b>	-	22.500,00	7.500,00	0	30.000,00	<b>75 %</b>	0,28 %	
<b>Action 3.4.1:</b> <i>Implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II) – Purchase of desktops to conduct checks in the framework of SCHENGEN obligations</i>	<b>4</b>	-	52.500,00	17.500,00	0	70.000,00	<b>75 %</b>	0,66 %	

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	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority	Community Contribution (a)	Public Allocation (b)	Private Allocation (c)	TOTAL (d= a+b+c)	% EC (e=a/d)	Share of total (f=d/total d)		
<b>Action 3.4.2.:</b> <i>Implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II) – Purchase of laptops to conduct checks in the framework of SCHENGEN obligations</i>	4	-	52.500,00	17.500,00	0	70.000,00	75 %	0,66 %		
<b>Action 3.4.3.:</b> <i>Training of HCG personnel in computerised applications of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II)</i>	4	-	3.000,00	1.000,00	0	4.000,00	75 %	0,037 %		
<b>Action 3.5.1:</b> <i>Trainings of the police personnel on issues concerning checks and examinations of forged/genuine travel documents and other papers</i>	5	-	22.500,00	7.500,00	0	30.000,00	75%	0,28 %		
<b>Action 3.5.2:</b> <i>Training of HCG personnel in matters of external borders management</i>	5	-	14.625,00	4.875,00	0	19.500,00	75 %	0,18 %		
<b>Technical assistance</b>			565.342,50	0	0	565.342,50	100 %	5,25 %		
<b>Other operations (2)</b>	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	0%		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>8.213.092,50</b>	<b>2.549.250,00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10.762.342,50</b>	<b>76,79 %</b>	<b>100,00%</b>		

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