

ANNEX 2

Revised

ANNUAL PROGRAMME

MEMBER STATE:	GREECE
FUND:	EXTERNAL BORDERS FUND
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY:	MINISTRY OF CITIZEN PROTECTION/ HELLENIC POLICE
	HEADQUARTERS/FINANCE DIVISION
YEAR COVERED:	2007

1. GENERAL RULES FOR SELECTING ACTIONS TO BE FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

The Annual Programme 2007, which was approved by the Commission on 16 December 2008, has been revised due to the complications 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 2007. Due to the abovementioned complication, it was decided to replace them with other actions either previously included under the 2008 annual programme and already completed within the eligibility period for the 2007 annual programme or completed and financed from national budget.

Due to the changes in the Greek governmental administration in autumn 2009, the names of public authorities (Ministries) involved in the implementation of the programme have been changed as described in Chapter 2.

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 2007, correspond to the function of the responsible authority only as an *executing body* (Articles 7 and 8 of Decision 2008/456/EC, hereafter referred as the implementing rules).

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.

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 a **written agreement (*memorandum of understanding*)**, equivalent to the grant agreement, with the competent representative of each of the three bodies. These agreements will 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 trainings.

Furthermore, the RA will 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

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. The actions described in the annual programme will be implemented only by the three competent Ministries mentioned below, under the surveillance and the guidance of the Responsible Authority. So the **Responsible Authority implements 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 programmes in accordance with Articles 7 and 8 of the implementing rules.

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 Foreign Affairs

Under Article 1 of Law 3566/2007, "Validation of the organisation plan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a code", the mission of the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** is to exercise the foreign policy of Greece, which encompasses:

- a. issues pertaining to the international relations, international cooperation and international policy of Greece,
- b. the international representation of Greece,
- c. the defence of Greek interests abroad,
- d. the strengthening of international legality.

The exercise of foreign policy includes monitoring, evaluation, planning and implementation.

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 Citizen Protection. 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.

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 2007 and will implement the decided actions:

- Criminal Investigations Division
- Technical Matters Division
- International Police Cooperation 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, the distribution of the credits among the eight years of the programme's implementation. The actions which concern the Annual Programs, have been chosen 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.

As far as the revision of the AP 2007 concerned, the RA, in cooperation with the competent Divisions, has modified the proposed actions according to the development of the actions' projects.

1.3.2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following competent services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been involved both to the drafting of the annual program 2007 and will implement the decided actions:

- C4 Directorate of Justice / Home Affairs and Schengen,
- ST 2 Directorate of Computerisation, Communications and Information Technology
- Inspectorate-General
- Diplomatic Academy.

The selection of the projects of the 2007 Annual Programme by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was the outcome of a process of lengthy discussions and detailed plan examining. In particular, a team of officials, under the supervision of the office of the Special Secretary for the Utilisation of International Programmes, evaluated proposals submitted by the above mentioned competent services. As part of that process meetings were arranged at which decisions were taken regarding the final selection of the projects as well as the definition of the details and operational plans for their application.

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.

The projects aim at modernising Greek consular services so that effective control on third countries nationals who wish to enter the Schengen Area is exercised and conditions for an integrated border management are established.

The respective decisions were communicated to the competent services of the Ministry of the Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police HQ) and of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy (National Marine Borders Centre and Finance Division) and were then incorporated in the annual 2007 programme.

The procurement procedures are defined by the national and community legislation and vary according to the total cost of the projects. The types of makeshift competition and open public international competition for the allocation to the lowest tender bids have been chosen until now for the 2 projects of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to be implemented under the 2007 Annual Programme.

1.3.3. Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard

A working group was established at the former Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, in order to contribute to the timely preparation of the Multi-Annual Programme (2007-2013) and the Annual Programme 2007 of the External Borders Fund, concerning the eligible actions within the areas of responsibility of the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG), with respect to the most effective management of maritime borders.

The working group for the drafting of the Multi- Annual Programme (2007-2013), consisted of representatives of the Directorates of Financial Services , Operational Means and Special Units, Technical Support, Procurement and Infrastructure, Safety of Navigation, Security, Informatics and New Technologies, as well as the National Sea Borders Centre (NSBC), according to the nature of the proposed actions.

For the drafting of the Annual Programme 2007, the following competent services of the Hellenic Coast Guard have been involved and the second one have implemented the decided actions:

- 1) Financial Services Division
- 2) Operational Means and Special Units Division
- 3) Port Police Division

The group was informed by the Responsible Authority about the legal Act of EBF 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 former Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and were then submitted to the Responsible Authority.

1.4. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

Regarding the **procurement procedures**, the national legislation about public supplies (Law of 2286/95 Government Gazette 19/A - 1-2-1995 and others) will be applied, 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 Growth of our country. Nevertheless, the public services are able to ask from the Ministry of Growth 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, will commit, via the signature of memorandum 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 Growth, or the monitoring of the implementation course of the above processes that will be realised by the responsible service of Ministry of Growth.

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

According to the Presidential Decree no. 184/2009 (Government Gazette 213 A'/7-10-2009), the Ministry of Citizen Protection was established, comprising the General Secretariat of Public Order which had been established by article 1 of Presidential Decree no. 215/2007 (Government Gazette 241 A'/25-10-2007), as well as the Coast Guard and its Services.

The General Secretariat of Public Order previously belonged to the Ministry of Interior and comprised all its Law Enforcement Agencies (inter alia the Hellenic Police) and Services, whereas the Coast Guard previously belonged to the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy.

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 purchase of equipment to detect and check if travel documents and papers and other documents are forged / genuine [(Priority 1 - Objective 2 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

3.1.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

In its current form, organised cross-border crime in terms of illegal immigration has the facility to provide illegal immigrants with all types of forged documents designed to mislead the authorities responsible for checking persons entering and leaving Greece at its external borders. Suitable new equipment should help to stop persons entering Greece illegally on forged or falsified travel documents and prevent the distribution and dissemination of forged papers. The equipment needed to do so consists of (a) **fourteen (14) high-precision digital cameras** and (b) **seven (7) portable apparatus** for detection of forgery of travel documents and other documents (passports, E.U. visas and residence permits, other travel documents, identity cards, etc), which are confiscated in border controls.

The action to purchase such document examination instruments is in accordance with Article 4(1) (g), 4(2) (c) and 5(1) (c) of Decision 574/2007/EC.

Each apparatus will be consisted of *one portable stereoscope* (for the examination of the above documents) with adapted digital photo camera for recording the results (detection points), *one portable pc (laptop)* for writing the report of the expert's examination to the Court, via competent Authority) and *one color printer* for printing the above images-results.

In accordance with Greek legislation, expert's report is demanded about suspicious documents from document experts of the Criminal Investigations Division for the completion of brief for decision making by the court.

The added value of this portable scheme is the immediate supporting at the border controls or at any other point, within the Hellenic territory, by the experts of the C.I.D. , whenever is needed.

The first equipment category will be distributed at some of the counters of the following BCP's: 29 Air BCPs, 55 Maritime BCPs, 4 Land BCPs with Albania, 4 Land BCPs with FYROM, 5 Land BCPs with Bulgaria, 3 Land BCPs with Turkey.

The second equipment category will be disposed to the Criminal Investigation Division in Athens, because they will support the Border Guard Services and the border controls generally.

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 17 and 30 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Criminal Investigations Division can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.1.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be to combat cross-border crime in terms of stopping people crossing Greece's external borders illegally on forged or falsified travel documents and the use of forged papers. The equipment which it is proposed to purchase will therefore be installed at the Hellenic Police Services responsible for checking persons entering and leaving Greece at its external borders.

3.1.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased high-precision digital cameras and the number of purchased portable apparatus.

Outcome: Increased security at Border's crossing points, with the purchase of the above equipment, aim at reducing significantly the rate of the illegal immigration.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.1.6. Visibility of EC funding (*Pertinent for all proposed actions in the Annual Programme 2007*)

The annual programme will be published on the official website of the Ministry of Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police 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 Ministry of Citizen Protection / 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 and compatibility with actions financed by other EC instruments (Pertinent for the actions 3.1.1. – 3.1.10. in the Annual Programme 2007)

All 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 2nd and 3rd 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, FALCONE, OISIN, STOP, ODYSSEUS and PERIKLIS joint actions. The knowledge and experience gained from implementing operational programmes under the 3rd 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 2nd and 3rd 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 2007 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 33.750,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 11.250,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to **EUR 45.000,00**. 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 **concise process** (makeshift bid competition).

3.1.2. Purchase of 1600 cc patrol passenger vehicles [(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 action aims at the purchase of two hundred seventy six (**276**) 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.

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

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

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 Growth, 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

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be effective surveillance of the external 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 land 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.

3.1.2.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased 1600 cc patrol passenger vehicles.

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

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

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

(d) Efficient surveillance at borders and in hinterland 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 and compatibility with actions financed by other EC instruments

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 **3.103.344,00**) and 25% from national resources (EUR **1.034.448,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (EUR **4.137.792,00**).

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 two-wheeled patrol motorcycles 650 p.a. (colors of Hellenic police - Convention nr. 23/2008) [(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 thirty eight (**138**) motorcycles 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.

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.

3.1.3.2. Expected grant recipients (This section is the same for actions 3.1.3 until 3.1.8.)

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

3.1.3.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body (This section is the same for actions 3.1.3 until 3.1.8.)

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 Growth, the Ministry of Citizen Protection /Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section and the Technical Matters Division can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.3.4. Expected quantified results (This section is the same for actions 3.1.3 until 3.1.8.)

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be effective surveillance of external 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.

3.1.3.5. Indicators to be used (This section is the same for actions 3.1.3 until 3.1.8.)

Output: The number of purchased two wheeled patrol motorcycles, the number of purchased 1800 patrol vehicles and the number of purchased 1600 patrol vehicles.

Outcome: (a) Actual use of equipment and means of transport increased.
(b) Number and quality of available equipment for border guards increased.

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

(d) Efficient surveillance at borders and in hinterland increased.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.3.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

3.1.3.7. Complementarity and compatibility with actions financed by other EC instruments

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

3.1.3.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 923.045,39**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 307.681,79** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 1.230.727,18**). The national contribution has been 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 **open regular procurement procedure**.

3.1.4. Purchase of 1800 cc patrol passenger vehicles (colors of Hellenic Police and any colors – Convention nr. 38/2008) [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 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 action aims at the purchase of one hundred six (**106**) 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.

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.

3.1.4.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 1.430.738,79**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 476.912,93** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 1.907.651,72**). The national contribution has been 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 **open regular procurement procedure**.

3.1.5. Purchase of 1600cc patrol passenger vehicles M.P.I. (any colors – Convention nr. 43/2008) [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 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 action aims at the purchase of thirty sixteen (**16**) 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.

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.

3.1.5.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 174.741,60**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 58.247,20** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 232.988,80**). The national contribution has been 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 **open regular procurement procedure**.

3.1.6. Purchase of 1600cc patrol passenger vehicles Hatch Back (any colors – Convention nr. 44/2008) [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 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 action aims at the purchase of twenty one (21) 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.

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.

3.1.6.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (EUR 240.786,00) and 25% from national resources (EUR 80.262,00 from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (EUR 321.048,00). The national contribution has been 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 **open regular procurement procedure**.

3.1.7. Purchase of 1600cc patrol passenger vehicles (any colors – Convention nr. 45/2008) [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

3.1.7.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The action aims at the purchase of nine (9) 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.

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.

3.1.7.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (EUR 112.255,86) and 25% from national resources (EUR 37.418,62 from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (EUR 149.674,48). The national contribution has been 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 **open regular procurement procedure**.

3.1.8. Organisation and Operation of Structures for Analysis of Criminal Intelligence on Organised Crime concerning Illegal Immigration [(Priority 1 - Objective 3 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

3.1.8.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Criminal organisations, as is well-known, traffic immigrants illegally in an organised way, making large profits, mainly exploiting Greece's extensive sea borders. The response of the investigative authorities is not able to disrupt the aforementioned organisations and one of the main reasons is that arrests/convictions (with seizure of profits) do not normally reach their leadership, primarily due to restrictions on the analysis of information collected by Greece. The information processed and its analysis are today one of the most important tools for police forces to combat crime effectively. All modern police forces are required to record and process a huge volume of information relating to crime, notably organised crime by criminal organizations which facilitate illegally entry, through the development of analysis departments and specially trained specialist analysts.

To reduce the incidence of illegal entry and irregular migration, it is important to support the capacity of organisations responsible for border control and the fight against illegal immigration to analyse data and intelligence relating to criminal organisation trafficking and smuggling human beings into the Schengen area.

The necessary actions concerning the analysis of the criminological information in our country, which will allow to the persecutory authorities to fight effectively the criminal organizations related to the illegal immigration, are the following:

- a) The staffing of the persecutory authorities with personnel – analysts.
- b) The continuing education and constitution of personnel.
- c) The purchase of material and technical equipment (Hardware, Software).
- d) The development – improvement of the National System of Criminological Information and
- e) The creation of a national file of analysis about criminological information, with specific target the dislocation of criminological organisations which are activated to the Illegal Immigration.

In order to be established the structures of the analysis of criminological information concerning the illegal immigration, the most necessary actions which have to be implemented are: a) Purchase of use licenses Software packs (software) and b) Purchase of technological equipment (hardware), for the following reasons:

For the Greek analysts that have been trained for the analysis of criminological information, it is impossible to work without the help of modern technology. The analysis of criminological information in our days is supported almost exclusively by the modern technology and the specialised parcels of software. The action to purchase such software is in accordance with Article 4(1) (g), 4(2) (c) and 5(1) (c) of Decision 574/2007/EC.

The Hellenic Police has been provided, until today, with only three analysis software licences, unlike other European countries. The immediate supply (of user licences) of specific analysis software packages is considered

necessary in order the educated police officers can apply immediately their knowledge. Also the products required by the Hellenic Police for the first stage of provision of its services are the following: A) ibase designer {data base}, B) analysis notebook, C) text chart reader and D) pattern tracer.

Accordingly, the following is proposed: 1) The purchase of the absolutely necessary, for the Hellenic Police, roughly 78 licenses of use packages of software analysis "Analysis Note Book", 2) The purchase of roughly 77 use licenses Software packages of analysis iBase User and roughly 26 ibase Designer use licenses Software packages of analysis, 3) The purchase of roughly 37 use licenses for software packs of analysis Text Chart Reader, 4) The purchase of roughly 25 use licenses for Software packs of analysis Pattern Tracer and 5) The purchase of technological equipment (93 PCs, 19 plotters and 42 printers). The above - mentioned use licences for software of analysis and the technological equipment will be distributed to the services of the Hellenic Police in regions in which border control activities take place or/and to services of the Hellenic Police which are related to those border control activities.

3.1.8.2. 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.

3.1.8.3. 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 6 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section, Public Security Division and the Information System Division can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.8.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, will be as follows: 1) direct information will be provided on correlations between persons, objects, telephone conversations, vehicles, bank accounts, documents, events, etc., of one case or among many cases which concern networks of illegal immigration; 2) the results of the correlations will be visualised so they are comprehensible to all; 3) information will be provided immediately on all cases, persons, vehicles, companies, telephone numbers, etc., recorded in a corresponding database; 4) it will serve as a network to be used (search/entry) by many services at the same time, for all data or some of it.

The purchase cost of the analysis software will be largely offset by the benefits it offers to the police services (savings in staff and working hours, modernisation of investigation methods, effectiveness, quality, immediacy, etc.).

3.1.8.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased software licenses for the following applications: 'Analysis Note Book', iBase, ibase Designer; Pattern Tracer, Text Chart Reader and : the number of purchased technological equipment (PCs, plotters, printers).

Outcome: a) Increased ability to recognize patterns, analyse trends and detect suspicious illegal activities and thereby predict risks affecting, inter alia, border control activities, b) Clearer picture of conditions and activities along the EU external borders, c) Enhanced extent of awareness of risks and threats.

Impact: a) Enhanced information exchange and co-operation between authorities involved in border control and in the hinterland b) Increased border security, c) Increased knowledge base for operational decision making.

3.1.8.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.1.8.8. 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).

3.2. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 2

No actions proposed

3.3 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 3

3.3.1. Improving communications between Greece and the other Member States [(Priority 3 - Objective 1 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

3.3.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Greek police liaison officers are members of the EU network of Immigration Liaison Officers (ILOs) and are authorized during the performance of their duties to combat illegal immigration using both preventive and repressive methods. They therefore work in liaison with the responsible authorities abroad and with the police liaison officers of other Member States in order to send or receive information which will help them in their work and be used in an appropriate manner to achieve a particular desired result. However, the communication methods used in the past are considered inadequate, below par and insecure, as they involve methods (couriers, diplomatic post) and means (fax, telephone) which often cause serious delays in the transmission of important information which comes to their attention. The equipment linking the police liaison officers with the central department (Hellenic Police Headquarters) and with each other therefore urgently needs to be upgraded in order to guarantee speed, security and the facility to send a large quantities of various forms of information/data (documents, photographs, audiovisual files etc). This will involve upgrading mainframe electronic equipment by adding portable computers and accessories.

The below mentioned equipment specify the most important needs of the Police Contacts:

- (a) **(25)** Twenty five Laptops, with the appropriate software.
- (b) **(20)** Twenty Multi machines (printers, scanners, fax).
- (c) **(3)** Three Servers with the appropriate software (for the connection of the ILOs with the Central Service).
- (d) **(18)** Eighteen Personal Computers (towers) (for the support of the connection between the ILOs and the Central Service) with the appropriate software and the same number of UPS.
- (e) **(1)** One Firewall - Router (for the security of the connection network between the ILOs and the Central Service)
- (f) **(7)** Seven Monitors for the support of the Servers and the Registry Office of the competent Division of the H.P.H.Q.
- (g) **(1)** One N.A.S. (Storage Server)
- (h) **(1)** One Printer (Laser)
- (i) **(19)** Nineteen UPS

The above mentioned equipment [(a) and (b)] will be distributed to the ILOs in the following Embassies or Organizations : Contact Office in Skopje - FYROM, Embassy in Ankara, Embassy in Belgrade, Embassy in Berlin, Embassy

in Beirut, Embassy and SECI Office in Bucharest (2 ILO's), Embassy in Zagreb, Embassy in Islamabad, Embassy in Kiev, Embassy in Nicosia (2 ILOs), Embassy in London, Embassy in Moscow, Embassy in Paris, Embassy in Beijing, Embassy in Sarajevo, Embassy in Washington , Embassy in Sofia, Embassy in Tirana (2 ILOs), Interpol Office in Rome and Europol Office in Hague. "

The twenty three (23) Laptops and the twenty (20) Multi machines will be distributed to the above ILO's and the two (2) extra Laptops will be disposed to the Head of the International Police Cooperation Division and the Head of the 1st Department of the above Division/H.P.H.Q., responsible for the coordination of the communication with the ILO's.

The rest equipment [(c) - (i)] will be disposed in the Central Service (Hellenic Police Headquarters) in order to be supported the communication with the ILO's.

3.3.1.2. 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.

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

The Ministry of Interior (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 9 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001), Regulation 377/2004/EC of 19 February 2004], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police Headquarters/ International Police Cooperation Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.3.1.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be improved communication between the central department (Hellenic Police Headquarters) and Greek police liaison officers aboard and improved communication between police liaison officers and their counterparts in other Member States.

3.3.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased servers, multi machines and laptops for the efficient communication of the Greek ILOs.

Outcome: Increased ability of more efficient, secure and quicker communication between the Central Service (Hellenic Police Headquarters) and Greek police liaison officers aboard and between police liaison officers and their counterparts in other Member States.

Impact: Enhanced information exchange and cooperation between the central department (Hellenic Police Headquarters) and Greek police liaison officers aboard and between police liaison officers and their counterparts in other Member States

3.3.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

3.3.1.7. Complementarity and compatibility with actions financed by other EC instruments

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

3.3.1.8. Financial information

This specific action, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 33.750,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 11.250,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 45.000,00**). 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 will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **concise process** (makeshift bid competition).

3.3.2. Modernization of Management of Consular Functions [(Priority 3 - Objective 2 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs]

3.3.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

It is planned to modernise consular activities in 157 departments abroad under the Inspectorate General in accordance with Priority 3 of the External Borders Fund (*support for the issuing of visas and the tackling of illegal immigration, including the detection of false or falsified documents by enhancing the activities organised by the consular and other services of the Member States in third countries*) and taking account of Articles 3(b), 3(d), 4(1)(a), (c), (d), (e), (g) and (h) and 5(1)(a), (e) and (i) of Decision 574/2007/EC.

So far, in order to manage consular functions as a whole and consular functions relating solely to the management of applications for and the issuing of visas to enter Greece, contract no. 271/2005 to upgrade the Inspectorate General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was signed between the Ministry and Q & R in November 2005 (cost: EUR 44,744.00). The application is a software programme used on a pilot basis to modernize the management of consular instruments (including Schengen visas) and manage accounting functions, standard deposits, expenses and treatment

fees, the materials ledger and stocks of valuables transported (including standard entry visa vignettes).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be given 6 user licences, meaning that the project can be applied at another two consulates and monitored by the Inspectorate General. The necessary equipment for its implementation includes the software programme in question especially designed to modernise consular functions, a server device and two additional PC devices.

With financial assistance from the External Borders Fund, it will be possible to start extending this application (with identical requirements with regard to the hardware infrastructure) to all consular authorities abroad in 2009 (software application will be the same for the Consular Authorities and the Central Service).

3.3.2.2. 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 **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.

3.3.2.3. 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 [Law 3566/2007, "Validation of the organisation plan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a code"], **the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** which is responsible for the operation of the Consular Authorities abroad is entitled to implement the above mentioned action and informing accordingly the competent Community institutions.

3.3.2.4. Expected quantified results

This selected action is expected to:

- promote a quality standard both for the financial management of consular authorities and for consular instruments as a whole (the main volume of work being the issuing of Schengen entry visas to Greece);
- increase the standard of service, including in connection with visa applications, thereby allowing authorized users to devote their time to checking supporting documentation, conducting personal interviews etc., without being interrupted by office work;
- give the central service real time knowledge of the range of tasks carried out by the Greek authorities, which they will control directly.

3.3.2.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Daily and qualitative checks on the visas issued per Consular Authority

Outcome: Enhanced efficiency and higher speed in visa issuing process, increased managerial capacity of the Consular Authorities, better working conditions for consular personnel, improvement of cooperation between Central Service and Consular Authorities.

3.3.2.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

3.3.2.7. Complementarity and compatibility with actions financed by other EC instruments

There are no similar actions financed by the EU in this area.

3.3.2.8. Financial information

This specific action (modern management of consular instruments) depends on 75% Community co financing (**EUR 33.558,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 11.186,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 44.744,00**.

3.4 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 4

3.4.1. Support for the establishment of NET-VIS IT and Network Systems required for implementation of the Community Legal Instruments in the field of external borders and Visas [(Priority 4 - Objective 2 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs]

3.4.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Because of the nature of this programme (management of Greece's external borders), it is neither permitted as a matter of principle nor feasible to work with the private sector, for reasons of security, personal data protection etc. Therefore only public-sector departments can qualify as grant recipients. Under a law passed very recently (13.11.07) by the Hellenic Parliament, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Justice, Internal Affairs and Schengen and IT and Telecommunications Division), in liaison with the Ministry of Citizen Protection (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) and the Ministry of Citizen Protection / Hellenic Coast Guard, was appointed as the authority responsible for applying European Parliament/Council Decision 574/2007/EC and as the competent authority, certifying authority and audit authority for all four Funds.

A server room was built at the central department in Athens and a disaster recovery site was built in Thessaloniki for the purposes of implementing the N-VIS and NET-VIS applications (Council Decision 2004/512/EC), both in order to enhance security and to guarantee the smooth and uninterrupted operation of the systems.

The server room and the disaster recovery site have been already delivered in August 2008. The exact total cost of the project amounts to 1.201.374,26 €.

3.4.1.2. 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 **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.

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 [Law 3566/2007, "Validation of the organisation plan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a code"], **the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** which is responsible for the operation of the Consular Authorities abroad is entitled to implement the above mentioned action and informing accordingly the competent Community institutions, the police liaison officers and similar services and organisations in other Member States.

3.4.1.4. Expected quantified results

As a result of this project, the authorities will be able to:

- connect to the C-VIS system to manage and support the Schengen visa application life cycle;
- support the national visa application life cycle;
- ascertain that applicants are bona fide;
- check that visa holders and visa bearers are one and the same person;
- establish the authenticity of visas at external borders;
- identify travellers with no documents;
- determine the state responsible for examining asylum applications;
- identify and register illegal persons with no documents.

3.4.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of established server rooms and disaster recovery sites

Outcome: Coordinate the development of the national system with the requirements and timetable laid down by the European Commission's VIS Team

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

There are no similar actions financed by the EU in this area.

3.4.1.8. Financial information

This specific action (server rooms in Athens and Thessaloniki) depends on 75% Community co financing (**EUR 901.031,25**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 300.343,75**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 1.201.375,00**.

3.5 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 5

3.5.1. The incorporation of the common training standard for the country's police personnel [(Priority 5 - Objective 1 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

3.5.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Since training of police personnel and border guards on matters concerning management of migration flows generally is the key to success, for 2008 training has been planned with the object of incorporating the Common Training Standard into Greece's police training system. This standard has been produced by the European Union Centre for Border Guard Training and is being promoted and highlighted by the Agency for management of cooperation at the external borders of the Member States of the European Union, known as Frontex. The Common Training Standard provides for basic and periodic training of police officers and border guards involved in managing migrant flows. The basic training will include three levels: **1)** the first level, at which guards in Border Guard Departments and Units and Departments for Prosecution of Illegal Immigration will undergo 23 or 24 working days of training in Athens and Beroia, at the Further Education and Training College and its Annex, involving **300** staff and consisting of six cohorts each year, i.e. one in Athens and five in Beroia, in the months : a) June-July, b) August-September, c) September -October, d) October-November and e) two in November-December, **2)** the second level has been planned on the basis of the multiannual design to be implemented **later** and will train warrant officers, sergeants and constables serving in Sub-Divisions and Departments for Foreigners and Passport Control and Departments/Units for Border Guard and Prosecution of Illegal Immigration, and **3)** the intermediate level, at which managers and their immediate colleagues in Sub-Divisions and Units for Foreigners and Passport Control and Departments/Units for Border Guard and Prosecution of Illegal Immigration will be trained for 23 or 24 working days in Athens at the Hellenic Police Further Education and Training College, involving **148** staff in four cohorts in Athens, in the months : a) June-July, b) August-September, c) September-October and d) October-November.

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 [articles 11 and 15 of the 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 the development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, are planned to be the effective, modern and productive training of police personnel and border guards on matters concerning management of migration flows, in accordance with the policies of the EU and its competent agency, Frontex. By adapting to Community training standards, we contribute, as an EU member country, to the effort to shape a climate of uniformity and common understanding as regards implementation of best practices adopted within the framework of the European Union. Moreover, achievement of the above goal contributes to extending uniformity at all organisational levels of the services active in managing external borders.

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

Results: Good knowledge of the applicable rules by the police personnel and the border guards.

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 with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

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

3.5.1.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 5, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 612.279,75**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 204.093,25** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 816.373,00**). 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).

3.5.2. Training equipment [(Priority 5 - Objective 2 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

3.5.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The training of police officers and border guards in matters relating generally to the management of migration flows is the basic key to success and depends on having the following training and other equipment:

- (2) digital video cameras;
- (9) system for projecting training material on to a giant screen;
- (4) printers (coloured)
- (20) portable computers (laptops) and
- (40) **flooring layers (for the practical training of the border guards and the rest police personnel who are dealing with the External Borders surveillance)**

3.5.2.2. 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.

3.5.2.3. 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 [article 11 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division and the Training Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.5.2.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be efficient, modern and effective training of police officers and border guards on matters relating to the management of migration flows in accordance with the policies of the EU and the competent organisation (Frontex).

3.5.2.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased digital video cameras, system for projecting training material on to a giant screen, portable computers and flooring layers in order to be increased the technical and practical capabilities of the police educators.

Outcome: Modernisation / upgrading of technical and practical educational equipment.

Impact: Improved the educational methods for trainings concerning the management of migration flows.

3.5.2.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

3.5.2.7. Complementarity and compatibility with actions financed by other EC instruments

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

3.5.2.8. Financial information

This specific action, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 33.750,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 11.250,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to **EUR 45.000,00**. 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 **concise process** (makeshift bid competition).

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) and purchase of electronic computers (p.c.s), relevant technical equipment and consumables for the designated authorities (Responsible Authority, Certifying and Audit Authority).

Specifically, activities are financed such as : (a) purchase of technological equipment (p.c's, printers, Storage Server (NAS), monitors) for the needs of the Responsible Authority, (b) drafting of the R.A's procedure manual, (c) travel and participation costs for the R.A's personnel (SOLID meetings, EIPA Seminars), (d) interpreters costs and (e) translations of the programmes. The actions which will be financed by the 2007 Technical Assistance, in particular, are: (a) costs for covering the publicity activities (art. 33 (2) (a) (b) of the Implementing Rules), (b) purchase of appropriate technological hardware and consumables, (c) software for the programming, monitoring and managing needs of the R.A., concerning the projects management, (d) travel and participation costs for the R.A's personnel (SOLID meetings, Seminars), (e) subscriptions of scientific magazines for the Responsible Authority's personnel and purchase of scientific books in the fields of economics, law and Information Technology in relation to the R.A's function, (f) costs for consulting companies and (g) compensation for on spot checks.

Also, an amount of the 2007 technical assistance total budget, will be disposed to the Audit and Certifying Authorities, for purchase of technological equipment and compensation for on spot checks and certifications.

The Technical assistance has been calculated **only** from the Community financing, giving the sum of **EUR 643.062,14** for 2007 (100% Community contribution).

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 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 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

5. DRAFT FINANCING PLAN

Annual Programme – Draft Financial Plan Table 1 – Overview table								
Member State: GREECE Annual programme concerned: 2007 Fund: EXTERNAL BORDERS FUND								
<i>(all figures in euro)</i>								
	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority (1)	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)
Action 3.1.1.: <i>The purchase of equipment to detect and check if travel documents and papers and other documents are forged / genuine</i>	1		33.750,00	11.250,00	-----	45.000,00	75%	0,37%
Action 3.1.2.: <i>Purchase of 1600 cc patrol passenger vehicles</i>	1		3.103.344,00	1.034.448,00	-----	4.137.792,00	75%	33,58%
Action 3.1.3.: <i>Purchase of two-wheeled patrol motorcycles 650 p.a. (colors of Hellenic police)</i>	1		923.045,39	307.681,79	-----	1.230.727,18	75%	9,99%
Action 3.1.4.: <i>Purchase of 1800 cc patrol passenger vehicles (colors of Hellenic Police and any colors)</i>	1		1.430.738,79	476.912,93	-----	1.907.651,72	75%	15,48%
Action 3.1.5.: <i>Purchase of 1600cc patrol passenger vehicles (any colors)</i>	1		174.741,60	58.247,20	-----	232.988,80	75%	1,89%
Action 3.1.6.: <i>Purchase of 1600cc patrol passenger vehicles (any colors)</i>	1		240.786,00	80.262,00	-----	321.048,00	75%	2,61%
Action 3.1.7.: <i>Purchase of 1600cc patrol passenger vehicles (any colors)</i>	1		112.255,86	37.418,62	-----	149.674,48	75%	1,21%

Action 3.1.8.: <i>Organisation and Operation of Structures for Analysis of Criminal Intelligence on Organised Crime concerning Illegal Immigration</i>	1		1.125.000,0 0	375.000,00	-----	1.500.000,00	75%	12,17%
Action 3.3.1.: <i>Improving communications between Greece and the other Member States</i>	3		33.750,00	11.250,00	-----	45.000,00	75 %	0,37%
Action 3.3.2.: <i>Modernization of Management of Consular Functions</i>	3		33.558,00	11.186,00	-----	44.744,00	75 %	0,36%
Action 3.4.1: <i>Support for the establishment of NET-VIS IT and Network Systems required for implementation of the Community Legal Instruments in the field of external borders and Visas</i>	4		901.031,25	300.343,75	-----	1.201.375,00	75%	9,75%
Action 3.5.1: <i>The incorporation of the common training standard for the country's police personnel</i>	5		612.279,75	204.093,25	-----	816.373,00	75%	6,63%
Action 3.5.2: <i>Training equipment</i>	5		33.750,00	11.250,00	-----	45.000,00	75%	0,37%
Technical assistance			643.062,14	0,00	-----	643.062,14	100 %	5,22%
TOTAL			9.401.092,78	2.919.343,54	----- -	12.320.436,32	76,79%	100,00%

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