

REV. ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2012

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1. GENERAL RULES FOR SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

The Annual Program 2012 has been revised due to changes and challenges both in the real operational needs as well as in the implementation level of the proposed actions during the procurement processes which would have made actions ineligible under AP 2012;

Due to these circumstances, it was decided to revise the program's priorities, in order to finance the completion of the VIS project (NVIS and NETVIS) and the prefinancing of the HCG CPVs and the OPV which will be implemented as multiannual actions running across AP 2012 until AP 2013. The revised annual programme is composed of 31 actions. In total 17 new actions are introduced: sixteen actions are proposed as completely new projects and one action, namely the purchase of high conformity equipment to detect and check if travel documents are forged - false / genuine to be used at the border crossing points, has been transferred from the previous EBF Annual Programme. These new actions have been selected in line with the objectives, including those ones set out in the National Action Plan on Migration Management presented by the Greek Government in August 2010 (hereunder referred to as the Action Plan).

Although most of these new actions are characterized as "low budget actions", are of great importance for the operational performance of the beneficiaries and produce multiply benefits in the field of operational tasks execution.

A. General Rules

1. INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION METHODS TO BE USED

Due to the exclusive competences of the public bodies in the area of external borders and consular affairs, where the legal monopoly for law enforcement authorities and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs exists, for all the actions proposed in the 2012 annual programme the Responsible Authority will act as an **executing body**. The Responsible Authority will implement actions in association with four competent national authorities, namely the Hellenic Police, the First Reception Service, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Interior and the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG).

With a view to strengthening the system of management and control and in order to facilitate the tasks of the Responsible Authority concerning the monitoring of the appropriate arrangements, the Responsible Authority have signed **written agreements (memorandum of understandings)**, equivalent to the grant agreement, with the competent representative of each of the 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 which will be submitted to the R.A. by the responsible Services either they concern supply of equipment or the realisation of educations.

However, the Responsible Authority has signed grant agreements with the representatives of the competent Divisions of each of the above associated bodies which implement the respective actions. Each grant agreement is signed after the approval of the Annual Program, by the European Commission or after the end of the consultations with the E.C., concerning the eligibility of the respective Annual Program. The grant agreements are signed by the Head of the Responsible Authority and the Directors of the competent Divisions responsible for the implementation of the particular actions.

Furthermore, the R.A. have access in all files, which kept by the competent Services, concerning the implementation of the actions, in order to allow the R.A. to 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 will have the final responsibility for the implementation of the annual programme.

2. JUSTIFICATION OF THE EXECUTING BODY METHOD

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. Recently, with the law 4249/2014 (Government Gazette I 73/24.03.2014) the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection and the Hellenic Police are reformed with several changes in their internal structure. However, the actual reformation will take place within next period, with the issuing of Presidential Decrees.

2.2. The First Reception Service

The First Reception Service was established by the law 3907/2011, belonging, administratively, to the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection. The task of the above Service is focused to the effective management of the third country nationals who enter illegally into the country and are subject to the screening procedure, in respect to their dignity and fundamental rights.

The screening procedures of the third country nationals include:

- a. the verification of the identity and nationality,
- b. the recording,
- c. the medical checks and the provision of the necessary care and psychosocial support,
- d. information on their rights and obligations, particularly concerning the conditions under which they can be placed under international protection and
- e. the provision for the vulnerable groups, in order to be treated according to the prescribed procedure.

2.3. Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG)

The Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG) was established by Law 1753/1919 (Government Gazette I 67). It has a military structure and is under the authority of the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean. 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 HCG 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.

2.4. 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.

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 directly or jointly (indirectly) with services of the four 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 is the sole final beneficiary of all annual programs.

3. DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE SELECTION PROCEDURES APPLIED

3.1. Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police

The following competent services of the Hellenic Police have been involved both to the drafting of the annual program 2012 and will implement the decided actions:

- **Technical Matters Division**
- **Aliens Division**
- **Information Technology Division**

The process followed by the Finance Division of the HPHQ for the selection of the projects of the M.A.P., refers to an open call for proposals to the competent services of the HPHQ. This open call is a letter, which refers to the eligible actions, the strategic guidelines (priorities – specific priorities) and the European Union 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. This letter is sent to the competent Divisions on September each year, informing about the amounts of the next Annual Program and any other information concerned. After discussions between the RA and the above authorities the proposed actions are finalized and dispatched to the RA. For the 2012 AP, after the response of all competent authorities, the Chief of Hellenic Police decided about the selection of the proposed actions and the distribution of the credits among the two and half years of the annual programme’s implementation. For the rev. 2012 AP actions, there was no need for a new decision of the Chief of Hellenic Police, due to the small scale of new actions introduced in the rev. programme, in consideration to the initial approved one. However, all the new proposed actions have been submitted to the Responsible Authority signed by the competent Divisions.

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.

3.2. Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/ First Reception Service

The First Reception Centre is composed by the Central Service and the First Reception Centres, as well as the mobile units which forming the regional services, all belonging to the Central Service. Due to the recent operation of the specific Service, its task is supported by the competent Services of the Hellenic Police Headquarters, according to the needs required. So, the competent services which have been involved both to the drafting of the 2012 annual program and will implement the decided actions, are the following:

- **Central First Reception Service**
- **Technical Matters Division/HPHQ**
- **Information Technology Division/HPHQ**

The process followed by the Responsible Authority for the selection of the projects, refers to the Greek Action Plan "Immigration Flow Management", which determines the needs and the requirements for the effective operation of the screening procedures and the upgrade of detention facilities in Greece. However, the Responsible Authority noticed the First Reception Service and the supportive Divisions of the HPHQ, for the opportunities of financing relevant actions. This notice is a letter, which refers to the eligible actions, the strategic guidelines (priorities – specific priorities) and the European Union actions of the External Borders Fund (**article 5, 7, and 20 of the 574/2007/EC of 23 May 2007 Decision and Greek Action Plan**) and prompts the competent services to submit relevant proposals for the implementation of the Action Plan actions. After consultations between the RA and the above authorities, the proposed actions are finalized and dispatched to the RA, by the Director of the First Reception Service.

3.3. Ministry of Maritime and the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard

The following competent services of the Ministry of Maritime and the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard (MMA/HCG), have been involved both to the drafting of the Annual Program 2011 and will implement the decided actions:

- **Security Division**
- **Safety of Navigation Division**
- **Programming, Organizing and Training Division**
- **Operational Means and Special Units Division**
- **Technical Support Division**
- **Informatics and new technologies Division**
- **Financial Services Division**
- **Procurement and Infrastructure Division**

A working group was established at the Ministry of Maritime and the Aegean/ Hellenic Coast Guard (MMA/HCG), consisting of representatives of the above – mentioned Divisions, due to the nature of the proposed actions, in order to contribute to the timely preparation of the rev. Annual Programme 2012 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.

The group was informed by the Responsible Authority about the legal Act of the 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 HCG.

The above – mentioned proposals have been approved by the leadership of the Hellenic Coast Guard and were then submitted to the Responsible Authority.

3.4. 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 2012 and will implement the decided actions:

- **C4 Directorate of Justice / Home Affairs and Schengen,**
- **ST 2 Directorate of Information Technology and Communications**

The general rules taken into account in selecting and planning the actions to be financed by the External Borders Fund under the Annual Programme 2012 are the same as those followed in drawing up the Annual Programme 2011. In particular, meetings were arranged, under the supervision of the office of the Special Secretary for the Utilisation of International Programmes, in order to elaborate proposals of the competent services for undertaking new actions and defining relevant details and operational plans.

Emphasis was placed on organisational / operational and administrative aspects in order to create conditions for quick implementation of the projects. These 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 procurement procedures are defined by the national and European Union legislation and vary according to the total cost of the projects.

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 60.000 Euros [without Value Added Tax (V.A.T.)] and above, are held by the Ministry of Regional Development and Competitiveness of our country. Nevertheless, the public services are able to ask from the Ministry of Regional Development and Competitiveness 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 Development, 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. Actually, the Responsible Authority is consulting with the competent Service of the above Ministry, in order to gain a permanent authorisation for all the competent Services which implement the External Borders Fund's actions, in order to speed up the implementation of the procurement procedures.

B. State of play on the five strategic objectives 2011- 2013

1. SIS II project

So far the Hellenic Police has executed the SIS II Compliance Tests using (a) the ICD3.0 communication module which was offered for free to the Hellenic Police by the Cypriot Police and (b) the already existing (old) hardware which, however, is in great extent outdated and so called end-of-life. More specifically, on 18th of August 2011 was signed a new contract with the company that implemented the communication module ICD3.0 in Cyprus. This contract included, only, the installation of the ICD3.0 communication module in the HP's environment, the fine tuning in order (the ICD3.0 module) to be compatible with the internal systems and the execution of the above mentioned tests until early 2012 (Loading of 70 million records, Playground Tests, Connectivity and Formal Compliance Tests). So, this contract is about to finish since the Hp is expecting, soon enough, to receive the final evaluation report regarding the Compliance Tests from the European Commission.

Additionally, in the near future it is planned to be signed **two new contracts**. The first one includes all the remaining developments of the First project which was recently halted due to contractual issues. These developments include the implementation of the end user interfaces and also the back end applications according to the functionality described into the ICD3.0 technical document. The second one includes all the necessary hardware and software upgrades (including tuning and installation) in order the HP's N.SIS II system to be fully compliant with the SIS II requirements. These requirements include the hosting of 52Mio records during the first period of the operational phase, 70Mio records for testing purposes and a prediction for 100Mio records by the year 2020. This contract will also include all the necessary developments concerning the building of the application interfaces between the N.SIS II and the relevant I.T. systems AFIS, VIS, National databases and lastly the secure access to the data via mobile equipment (on the spot).

The first project, which will be financed exclusively from National resources, involves the following two (2) components: (1) The amount of money that are unallocated due to the halt of the project, that is the one started in 2006 and (2) the amount of money that the old company must pay (penalties) for not implementing its contractual obligations in the frame of the first project. Therefore, only the second project will be funded by the economic resources of the EBF 2011 AP.

So, the financing of the HP SIS II project, will be financed under the 2011 Annual Programs, with total financing 3.123.800,00 €.

The Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG) gives great effort in establishing the SIS II network that is reflected Firstly through the purchase of equipment (desktops and laptops) within the framework of the A.P. EBF 2008.

Additionally, demands are increasingly higher through the A.P. EBF 2009 and hereinafter, in terms of purchasing specialized equipment such as servers, switches, routers, PCs, etc.

2. VIS roll- out

The implementation of the NVIS and NET-VIS (jointly referred to as the EL-VIS) projects, has started in August 2011 was partially completed (the NVIS part) by September 2012 and fully completed (the NET-VIS part), according to schedule, by December 2013. Both projects, which constitute the National VIS (EL-VIS) project, were financed under the Revised 2009, 2010 and 2011 Annual Programs, as well as the 2012 Annual Program. Completion of the "VIS-mail" and "On-line Application" subsystems (extensions to the NVIS system software) was also achieved on schedule, by March 2014 and October 2013 respectively. These subsystems will go operational, according to the EU specified deadline, after Schengen-MS wide testing and calibration will have been successfully completed.

The operational deployment of VIS sites follow the Roll-Out Schedule of the European Commission, and up to date (June 2014) 15 out of 24 zones are operational.

3. Consular co-operation programmes (according to Visa code articles 40 & 41)

Greece has its own consular presence in most third countries and whereas this is not possible has signed visa representation agreements with other member states, according to article 8 of the Visa Code. At the moment, Greece is being represented by another member state in 77 cities around the world.

Greece does not cooperate with other member states in the form of co-location nor Common Application Centres in accordance with article 41 of the Visa Code.

Greece cooperates with external service providers in accordance with article 43 of the Visa Code in most of the sites where VIS has been deployed.

4. European Borders Surveillance System (Eurosur)

Within the context of EUROSUR, it is foreseen the establishment of a National Coordination Centre for the surveillance of the external borders and the control of migration flows. According to the planning of the Responsible Authority, the feasibility study, which is a prerequisite element for the establishment and operation of the N.C.C., has been conducted in 2011, and was financed by the Revised 2009 Annual Program. Subsequently, the financing of the appropriate basic equipment related with the operation of the National Coordination Centre and its interoperability, will be covered by ISF-Borders Multiannual Program.

However, the expectation of the HCG and the Hellenic Police, in the context of European Borders Surveillance System (Eurosur), is to fulfil their aim by upgrading the surveillance of the external sea and land borders of Greece, either with the establishment of a surveillance system and the fence at Alexandroupolis (Evros region), or with the purchase of appropriate equipment and assets, with the state of the art equipment that could probably upgrade their capabilities on efficient border control and surveillance. Besides, the extension of the automated surveillance system, to the rest Evros riverine area as well as the respective establishment of the system to the Hellenic-Albanian, Hellenic-Fyrom land borders and the Eastern Aegean islands, is scheduled to be implemented and funded by ISF-Borders MAP.

Thus, effective land and naval patrolling could be delivered therein, preventing any attempts of the illegal networks to facilitate migration flows, and where necessary, ensuring any immediate response may required and also high reaction capability, providing those data and information at the same time, at the NCC for better coordination and cooperation of the relevant Hellenic Authorities.

5. State-of-the-art technology (integrated border management concept)

The specific strategic priority, concerns the purchase and installation of the equipment for the detection and check of forged / genuine travel documents, papers and other documents, in the framework of the VIS obligation. The specific equipment, will be distributed to the Border Crossing Points and other places (ports etc), according to the detected immigration routes, so that the Police Authorities could prevent the illegal entrance to the country, by identifying the false/falsified travel documents. The purchased equipment was financed under the 2009 and 2010 Annual Programs.

Also, within the 2011 Annual program, has been proposed to be implemented the purchase of vehicles type-van with security equipment and X-RAY systems for controls at the external land borders. This state-of-the-art technology will be used for the first time by the Hellenic Police Services and is expected to support effectively the detection of the illegal immigrants in Evros region.

The integrated border management concept is also implemented by the preparation of a study for the establishment of an integrated borders surveillance system in Evros region, which has the biggest pressure in terms of illegal immigrants' entrances. The specific study is being implemented and will be financed by the 2011 Annual Program.

6. The establishment of integrated border management system at the Greek-Turkish borders

The establishment of a coherent border management strategy in the Greek – Turkish borders is a main priority for the Greek government, due to the need for coordination and collaboration of all competent Services, involved in the borders control and in the immigration flows management. The first step for the implementation of such a strategy is the preparation of a study, which financed by the 2011 AP, for the integration of the existing means and equipment and the design the further enhancement of the necessary means for more efficient border control in this critical area. A new study, which has implemented under 2012 A.P., is going to take under consideration, the EUROSUR requirements as well as the operational requirements for the Greek National Coordination Centre, which is going to be financed by the Internal Security Fund.

The results of the study, will determine the next steps (Aegean Sea and land borders with Albania and FYROM), for the necessary operational equipment needed as well as the appropriate administrative reforms, which are required for the effective borders management.

7. The implementation of the Greek Action Plan for Asylum Reform and Migration Management

Due to the great deal of pressure from the massive influx of third country nationals whose purpose is either to settle in Greece or, in the majority of cases, to relocate to other countries in the European Union, was drafted an Action Plan, in order to determine the appropriate measures for restricting the specific problem. Specifically, the External Borders Fund will contribute to the following targets:

- a) Establish of Screening Centres and adopt a modern procedure for screening, registering and managing illegal immigrants;
- b) Increase the number of centres for receiving vulnerable groups and minors;

The new screening centres infrastructures will guarantee for immigrants during the screening process (a stay up to 15 days):

- Satisfactory living conditions and decent accommodation, giving them direct access to sanitary areas and suitable working conditions for the administrative staff.
- Unimpeded access to and from dormitories (complexes or independent huts) and controlled access to other service areas (canteen, recreation and sports areas, surgeries etc.)
- Security against the risk of escape or unauthorised entry, the risk of injury and accident etc.

The initial Action Plan, drafted in 2010, is revised in order to be updated to the new standards and challenges concerning the immigration pressure.

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 Public Order & 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 [Presidential Decree no. 127/2010 (Government Gazette 214 A'/20-12-2010)].

The General Secretariat of Public Order previously belonged to the Ministry of Interior, comprised its Law Enforcement Agencies (inter alia the Hellenic Police) and Services.

With the law 3922/2011 (Government Gazette 35 A'/04-03-2011), the Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters has been established. The competences and tasks of its Divisions have been determined with the Presidential Decree 67/2011 (Government Gazette 149 A'/27-06-2011). With the Presidential Decree 94/2012 (Government Gazette 149 A'/17-07-2012) the competences of the Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters have been transferred to the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and the Aegean.

Moreover, with the law 3938/2011 (Government Gazette 61 A'/31-03-2011) has been established the European & Development Programs Division, attached directly to the Minister of Public Order & Citizen Protection, and with the same law this Service was set as the Responsible Authority for the European External Borders and Return Funds. In that context, the Responsible Authority submitted to the Commission a proposal for the revised description of the Management and Control System. Following the EC reply to the revised MCS description, the Responsible Authority is going to submit, until 30-06-2014, the final version of the MCS, comprising all the update information.

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

3.1. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 1

3.1.1. Purchase of vehicles for the transportation of the apprehended illegal immigrants [(Priority 1 - Objective 6 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

3.1.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The specific action concerns the purchase of the above – mentioned thirty **(30)** vehicles. These vehicles will be used for the transportation of the illegal immigrants who are apprehended at the borders to the First Reception Centres and then to the Detention Centres, if needed. The new vehicles will replace the old one, who cannot be used anymore with safety due to the damages and the extensive usage.

Two main categories of vehicles will be purchased, according to the needs of the competent services for the realization of the above transportation, which will differ in the transportation capacity. The first category, consists of seven **(3)** buses (three of 35 seats), will be used for the transportation of the illegal immigrants who are apprehended at the airports of Athens and Thessaloniki, where international flights are being implemented, to the First Reception Centres and then to the Detention Centres, if needed. So, the proposed action will give the opportunity to the airport Police Services to upgrade the transportation conditions of the apprehended illegal immigrants and the safety conditions for all the passengers (escorts police officers and illegal immigrants).

The second vehicle category consists of **(27)** buses (twenty of 13 seats and seven of 40 seats), will be dispatched to the Border Guard Services in the external borders of Greece (Evros, Ioannina, Florina etc. regions). The purchased vehicles will be specially transformed, in order to provide the necessary security level both to the police officers and the apprehended illegal immigrants. So, the proposed action will give the opportunity to the Border Guards Services to upgrade the transportation conditions of the apprehended illegal immigrants and the safety conditions for all the passengers (escorts police officers and illegal immigrants). The increased needs are also underlined due to the long distances that these vehicles have to cover in order to transfer the apprehended people to the First Reception Centres or the Detention Centres.

All the vehicles will be used exclusively for tasks related to the management of migratory flows in the context of border control.

A small part of the budget constitutes the cost of the publication of competitions.

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 Public Order and 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection may act as the executing body for the 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 Growth & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section and Technical Matters 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 the effective transportation of the illegal immigrants, with the increased potential to be conducted secure and upgraded transportation operations at the external borders, when illegal immigrants are located. Also, the upgraded vehicles will discourage the illegal immigrants to escape or to attempt to escape and will guarantee the proper conditions for both the illegal immigrants and the police personnel according to the safety standards.

3.1.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased transportation vehicles, number of border units provided with new vehicles

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

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

(c) Efficient transportation operations at the external borders increased.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

The annual programme will be published on the official website of the Hellenic Police of the Ministry of Public Order & 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, Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard and First Reception Service).

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 European Union 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/infrastructure purchased or upgraded under the actions of the programme. 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 Responsible Authority already has experience from the application of European Union 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

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 European Union 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, FALKONE, 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 addition, to the above mentioned elements, for drafting the multiannual program and the annual program 2012, Greece took into account the general axes of the approved programs for the Structural Funds to be implemented during the period 2007-2013.

3.1.1.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from European Union resources (**EUR 3.657.500,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 192.500,00**) from the state budget, bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 3.850.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order of Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Growth & Competitiveness 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 construction of station for police services involved in the border control at the external borders (Evros Region) [(Priority 1 - Objective 1 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

Action Deleted

3.1.3. The upgrading of the police services' infrastructure at the external land borders involved in the borders control [(Priority 1 - Objective 1 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

3.1.3.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The specific action is a continuation of the 2011 Annual Program (3.1.5) and it is proposed in the 2012 AP as well, due to the increased needs of the Police Services which are dealing with the borders' protection and surveillance. Besides, the purpose of the action is to enhance the national efforts for the upgrading of the Police Services' buildings which are located at the external borders and are dealing with the external land borders protection, including the border islands. The action in the light of Article 5 (1) (b) refers to the co-financing of renovation and reconstructions costs of several Screening Centres and Police Services, including the necessary furniture and IT equipment in order to make operational the B.P.S. and for the function/upgrade of the provided security services.

Specifically, the upgrades concern the following projects:

Projects	
1.	Police Station (P.S.) of Amintaio (Florina P.D.)
2.	Purchase of air condition machines for the Border Police Stations (B.P.S.), under the jurisdiction of Orestiada Police Directorate
3.	Upgrading of Samos Screening Centre
4.	Upgrading of Chios Screening Centre
5.	Upgrading of Filakio First Reception Center infrastructures (CCTV and electronic equipment purchase)
6.	Purchase of electronic equipment for the B.P.S. under the jurisdiction of Orestiada Police Directorate
<p>The type of modifications in general refers to the upgrading of the Border Police Stations, including detention facilities. These refurbishments include, inter alia, replacement or repair of electrical and plumbing, roof repairs, landscaping- buildings' modifications. Also, will be covered the final costs (accounts), which are generated by the settlement of accounts of the Police Stations' upgrades, financed under rev. 2011 AP. Specifically, the financing of Chios and Samos Screening Centres, constitutes a continuation of the respective expenditures, under 2011 Rev. AP. The current expenditures concern small scale upgrade works (such as replace of ground floors), whereas the previous financing of 2011 AP, with budget 96.030,52 €, was focused on the complete renovation of the specific Centres. Furthermore, the establishment of the First Reception Centre in Fylakio was financed under Rev. 2011 AP, whereas only few expenditures concerning the purchase of CCTV and electronic equipment was covered by the current AP.</p>	

The need for the implementation of this action is demonstrated by the degraded infrastructure and the very bad situation of most Police stations which are located at the external borders. The rationale for financing such an action is to reconstruct as many Police buildings in the Greek territory, with a smaller budget in comparison with the complete construction solution. All the buildings, which are going to be renovated are in the property of the Hellenic Police, or are rent for this reason, and with the new equipment will be more functional and friendly for the Hellenic Police personnel. Also, all of them have detention spaces, mainly used for the detention of the illegal immigrants who are apprehended after having crossed the borders illegally or intercepted when approaching the external borders with a view to illegally entering the Greek territory.

So, 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 detention conditions and the security degree of guarding of the apprehended illegal immigrants, who will be held in the above premises.

The action also contributes to the Action Plan's objectives, because with the renovated infrastructure will be improved the detention facilities for the apprehended illegal immigrants.

3.1.3.2. 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 of Public Order and Citizen Protection.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section, the Technical Matters Division can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.3.4. Expected quantified results

Several Police buildings will be reconstructed and renovated and 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 borders, including border islands, and controls in the first border zone;
- improvement of the detention conditions by illegal immigrants apprehended;
- upgrading of the buildings infrastructures of the Hellenic Police in border areas that already exists an old building which accommodate the Police services;
- enhancement of the security among the inhabitants of the border areas;
- upgrading of the internal working conditions and the modernization of the technological equipment;

3.1.3.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of reconstructed or upgraded buildings; number of the Greek Police officers accommodated in upgraded stations who are responsible for border controls; increased capacity of upgraded facilities (number of places) for temporary residence of persons that their entry was not allowed, because they didn't fulfil all the requirements of entry, of persons who enter the borders illegally or persons apprehended when they attempt to cross the external borders illegally aiming at their illegal entry in the Hellenic territory; the number of furniture and IT equipment purchased for the Border Police Stations.

Outcome: **a)** Better accommodation of persons kept in temporary detention facilities within border stations, **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 borders and controls in the first border zone

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.3.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

3.1.3.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from European Union resources (**EUR 237.500,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 12.500,00**)

from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 250.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Growth & Competitiveness, 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) or the **concise process**, if applicable.

3.1.4. Establishment of First Reception Centers in Samos, Chios and Athens [(Priority 1 - Objective 1 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police and First Reception Service]

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3.1.5. Support of the operational and management costs related to the implementation of the integrated border management system at the land and maritime Greek-Turkish borders and the First Reception Centres [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police and by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean/Hellenic Coast Guard]

3.1.5.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The proposed action consists of two parts and is linked with the operation of the Police and Coast Guard Services to tackle the illegal immigration routes, in the framework of an **Integrated Border Management System (IBMS)** which will be implemented in all external border areas of Greece.

Recently, the mass immigration flows were located mainly to the Greek external land borders in Evros region, whereas after the wide range operation ("Shield Operation"), which is funded by the 2011 and 2012 APs, the immigration flows are transferred, at least while the operation is active, to the Eastern Aegean islands and islets, where no special Screening and Detention facilities exist. The latest statistics show this intension, since from August 2011 to August 2012 has been pointed an increase in the number of the apprehended illegal immigrants, up to 77,33 % (300 people in August 2011 to 532 people in August 2012).

So, the **first part** of this action is dealing with three projects:

The first one concerns the financing of the expenditures which are necessary for the reinforcement of the Hellenic Coast Guard surveillance means (repair and maintenance costs for patrol vehicles, vessels etc) which perform increased patrols in order to guard the maritime borders effectively. Additionally, special pharmaceutical equipment as well as search and rescue equipment will be purchased for all patrol means (aerial and maritime). Specifically, the patrol vessels in all islands of the Eastern and Northern Aegean need urgent support, due to the very bad local weather conditions and the age of the auxiliary equipment.

The second project of the first part, concerns the support of the Hellenic Police Services' operation, located at the islands of the Eastern Aegean (Greek-Turkish maritime borders) where the massive immigration flows end. These services are also dealing with the screening procedures of the mixed immigration flows, since there are no special screening facilities in these islands. For this reason, it is proposed to be covered: **a)** the renting of temporary hotel facilities, where can be implemented the identification procedure of the

immigrants' status (screening process). This process usually lasts up to five to ten days and after the conclusion of the process the immigrants transferred to the suitable infrastructures, depending on their status (Open centres for the asylum seekers and vulnerable groups and Pre-removal Detention facilities for the rest illegal immigrants), **b)** the operational-running costs of the local Police Services, dealing with the mixed flows (indicatively the Police Stations in Kos, Leros, Patmos, Rhodes etc) and **c)** the expenses for the transportation of the illegal immigrants who are apprehended in small islands or islets (Farmakonisi, Agathonisi, Ikaria, Astypalaia etc.), where there are no even rudimentary screening facilities, to more organized bigger islands (Rhodes, Leros, Kos, Samos, Chios etc.), by hiring boats or vessels. The late shift of the illegal immigration routes to the Eastern and North-eastern Aegean islands, forced the local Police Services to hire boats for the transportation of massive mixed flows of immigrants, who arrive at the small islands or are apprehended by the Coast Guard Services and delivered to them for the screening process. In this part of the action, are also included the expenditures for the payment of the tickets, in case of limited number of immigrants who can be transferred by the regular – scheduled boats itineraries.

The third project, which is part of the strategy for an integrated border management system, focuses on the improvement of the conditions in the screening facilities located at the Eastern and Northern islands, namely the Screening Centers of Chios, Samos and Lesbos. Also, will be covered costs for an emergency situation, which was managed by Lasithi Police Directorate (Crete region), for provision of temporary screening facilities. Specifically, in particular a boat was located at 09/7/2013, at the coast line near Ierapetra (Lasithi region), with 138 illegal immigrants above, sailing rudderless. These immigrants were suitably accommodated and provided with food, medical and pharmaceutical care. This includes the temporary screening centers and the Screening Centers which are operated in these islands where there is no structured First Reception Centers. This projects includes, among others, costs related to **food, medical and pharmaceutical care, cleaning services and equipment, equipment of the facilities concerned such as pillows, layers, blankets, stationary costs and some other necessary operational costs** (power and water supply, plumbing, electrical and building maintenance services).

The **second part** of the proposed action addresses the exceptional migratory pressure that Greece is **still** facing, especially at the land Greek-Turkish border in the **Evros region**, despite the extensive efforts that the Hellenic Police has made to reduce the high illegal immigration routes in the specific area. In that context, Greece supports the implementation of the Integrated Border Management System (IBMS) also in the Evros region, in order to reinforce the competent Services to ensure effective border control at this border section and to deal with increasing migratory flows in the region. As described in Chapter 1, the development and an implementation of the IBMS is one of the key priorities to be pursued by Greece and supported with the funding available under the External Borders Fund. In that context, it is proposed, in addition to the 2011 AP action (3.1.13), the support to certain operational costs related to the implementation of integrated border management system at the land Greek Turkish border and for the operation of First Reception Centre for illegal immigrants in the Evros region as follows, through three projects:

The first project concerns the co-financing of operational-running costs of the Hellenic Police Services involved in the establishment and implementation of the integrated border management system in the Evros region. Indicatively, these costs may include in particular the functional expenditures for the services concerned (Borders Police Stations,

Police Stations etc), such as reparation/maintenance costs for the patrol vehicles/vessels and other equipment or services (operational uniforms, special camouflage tents, felling trees for operational reasons, the maintenance of the automated borders surveillance system at New Vyssa area which was financed by 2009 EBF Specific Actions etc.), fuels for vehicles/vessels involved in border control activities and stationary costs and consumables.

The second project of the second part refers to the implementation of the strategy for an integrated border management which will also respond to increasing migratory flows in the Evros region. Moreover, Greece developed and is currently implementing the Action Plan on Asylum Reform and Migration Management. One of the main objectives is to improve the conditions in facilities used for first reception (screening) of mixed immigration flows. Taking these important developments, the establishment of several modern facilities in the Evros region will be co-financed under action 3.1.6 of the 2011 AP. To complement the establishment of new facilities and in order to respond to the current needs, the proposed action will co-finance certain categories of operational/ running costs contributing to the improvement of the conditions in screening facilities and in the Police Stations, when applicable, located in the Evros region. This may include, among others, costs related to **food, medical and pharmaceutical care, cleaning services and equipment or some equipment of the facilities concerned such as pillows, layers, blankets, stationary costs and consumables and some other necessary operational costs** (the power and water supply).

Schematically, all above projects are showed in the table below:

1st Part: Support of the operational and management costs related to the implementation of I.B.M.S. at the maritime Greek-Turkish borders	
Projects	Budget
1. HCG operational cost and auxiliary equipment (such as SAR equipment, binoculars –headsets for the aerial means)	400.000,00
2. Operational costs for the H.P. Services at the Eastern Aegean islands	200.000,00
a. Operational-running costs for the H.P. Services dealing with the screening process	50.000,00
b. Transportation costs for the mixed flows located in small islands or islets	100.000,00
3. Operational costs and purchase of equipment for the screening facilities at the islands	150.000,00
Subtotal of Part 1	700.000,00
2nd Part: Support of the operational and management costs related to the implementation of I.B.M.S. at the land Greek-Turkish borders and First Reception Centres for illegal immigrants	
Projects	Budget
1. Operational costs for the H.P. Services dealing with the I.B.M.S. in Evros region	300.000,00
2. Operational costs and purchase of equipment for the established screening facilities in Evros region	100.000,00
Subtotal of Part 2	400.000,00
Total	1.100.000,00

All the invoices related to the implementation of the action should be stamped with the EBF marking.

3.1.5.2. Expected grant recipients

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 Public Order and Citizen Protection and **the Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters of the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean**.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Public Order and Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police, the Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters of the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean** as well as the **Ministry of Growth & Competitiveness** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.5.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be the effective support of the competent Services establishing and implementing the integrated border management system (IBMS) at the land and maritime Greek-Turkish borders and the improvement of the conditions in screening facilities, in particular located in the Evros region and the eastern Aegean islands.

3.1.5.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The category of running-operational costs financed, percentage of running costs covered for specific category within a period concerned.

Outcome: Actual use of equipment and means of transport increased, quality of the available equipment for border guards increased, efficient surveillance and protection of land border with Turkey, establishment and support to the integrated border management system at the land border with Turkey, improvement of detention and screening conditions, timely implementation of relevant actions under the Greek Action Plan on Migration Management and Asylum Reform.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.5.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

3.1.5.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from European resources (**EUR 1.045.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 55.000,00** from the state budget), bringing total budget of this project to (**EUR 1.100.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, 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) or **the concise process**, if applicable.

3.1.6. The support of the reinforcement operation in Evros region [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

3.1.6.1. Purpose and scope of the action

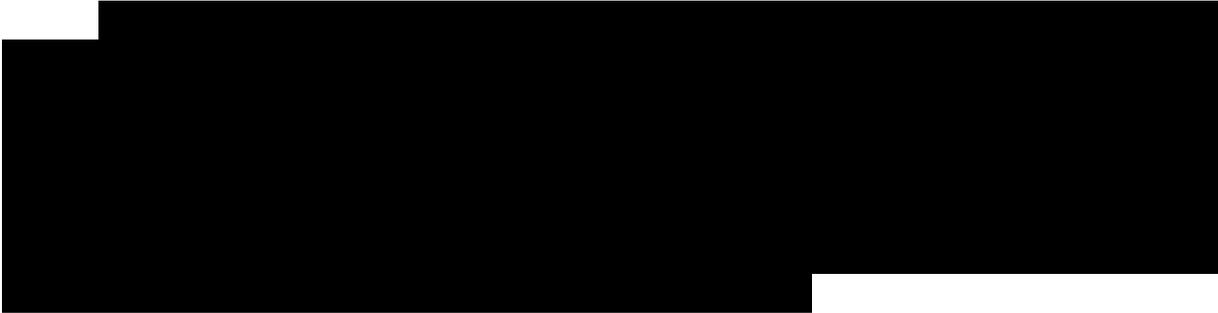
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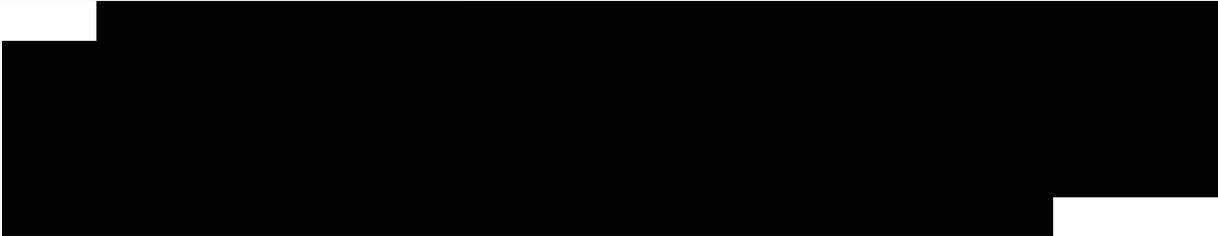
3.1.6.2. Expected grant recipients

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 Public Order and Citizen Protection.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Growth & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section, Police Personnel Division and Aliens Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.6.4. Expected quantified results



3.1.6.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of police officers deployed to reinforce the border control in a given period, percentage of redeployed officers with the staff present on the ground for a given period.

Outcome: Efficient surveillance and protection of land border with Turkey, establishment and support to the integrated border management system at the land border with Turkey, improvement of detention and screening conditions.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.6.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

3.1.6.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from European resources (**EUR 14.250.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 750.000,00** from the state budget), bringing total budget of this project to (**EUR 15.000.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, 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).

3.1.7. Purchase of vehicles for the fuels' transfer [(Priority 1 - Objective 6 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

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3.1.8. The purchase of Coastal Patrol Vessels for surveillance purposes (C.P.Vs) [(Priority 1 - Objective 7 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard]

3.1.8.1. Purpose and scope of the action

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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 Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard are still pending) **the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean/HCG/ Financial Services Division, Procurement and Infrastructure Division and Operational Means and Special Units Division**, as well as the **Ministry of Development and Competitiveness** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.8.4. Expected quantified results

The purchase and deployment of CPVs having the above – mentioned features is expected to enhance significantly the surveillance over the specific maritime areas of the Eastern Aegean Sea, which are subject to intense illegal immigration flows and, also, provide better reaction capability to occurring incidents at these areas in terms of illegal immigration.

3.1.8.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPVs) with enhanced operational capabilities for more effective control – surveillance of maritime borders,

Outcome: Enhanced surveillance at sea; increased reaction capability with regard to detection and interception of illegal border crossers and smugglers at sea

Impact: More effective management of the maritime borders; increased border security

3.1.8.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

3.1.8.7. 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 European Union 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 OISIN 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 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.

3.1.8.8. Financial Information

Under 2012 AP will be financed the finalization of the project, depends on 95% Community co-financing (**EUR 6.365.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 335.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean/Hellenic Coast Guard through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this part of this project therefore totals **EUR 6.700.000,00**.

The total amount of this Multi Annual Project, under the co-financing of EBF Annual Programme 2012 & 2013, comes up to, is EUR **13.400.000,00**.

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**.

3.1.9. Purchase of an Offshore (Open Sea) Patrol Vessel (O.P.V.) [(Priority 1 - Objective 7 of M.A.P.) Action Implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard]

3.1.9.1. Purpose and scope of the action



This action is the first part of the “Multi Annual Project” for the procurement of an OPV and will be finalised by EBF Annual Programme 2013.

Specifically, at this time period, three offers have been submitted from three different potential enterprises and are evaluated by the competent Committee.

PROJECT	BUDGET OF UNIT/PROJECT	PROPOSED EUROPEAN RESOURCES	PROPOSED NATIONAL RESOURCES	ITEM
Offshore		A) 5.700.000,00	A) 300.000,00	1

Patrol Vessel	29.000.000,00/29.000.000,00	(2012) B) 17.250.000,00 (2013)	(2012) B) 5.750.000,00 (2013)	
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3.1.9.2. 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 Maritime & the Aegean/HCG.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard are still pending), **the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /HCG/Financial Services Division, Procurement and Infrastructure Division, Operational Means and Special Units Division**, as well as **the Ministry of National Defense** and the **Ministry of Growth & Competitiveness** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.9.4. Expected quantified results

The purchase and deployment of the OPV having the above – mentioned features is expected to enhance significantly the surveillance over the specific maritime areas of the Eastern Aegean Sea, which are subject to intense illegal immigration flows and, also, to provide better reaction capability at incidents at sea, combating thus the phenomenon of illegal migration.

3.1.9.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Preparation of the Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) with enhanced operational capabilities for more effective control – surveillance of maritime borders.

Under the 2012 AP there will be progress regarding the construction of the OPV so as to be delivered by June 2015.

Outcome: Enhanced surveillance at sea; increased reaction capability with regard to detection and interception of illegal border crossers and smugglers at sea.

Impact: More effective management of the maritime borders; increased border security.

3.1.9.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.9. of Priority 1.

3.1.9.8. Financial Information

The part of this Multi Annual Project (Offshore Patrol Vessel) as regards the EBF Annual Programme 2012 depends on 95% Community co-financing (**EUR 5.700.000,00**) and

5% from national resources (**EUR 300.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean/ Hellenic Coast Guard through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this part of the project therefore totals **EUR 6.000.000,00**.

The total amount that this Multi Annual Project, under the co-financing of EBF Annual Programmes 2012 & 2013, comes up to, **EUR 29.000.000,00**.

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**.

3.1.10. The purchase of Radio-communications and Electro-Maritime equipment [(Priority 1-Objective 15 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.1.10.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The continuous use of the radio-communications and electro-maritime equipment by HCG vessels and vehicles leads to its physical damage, resulting in the need for frequent maintenance at significant cost and a lack of maximum performance in accordance with its technical specifications and capabilities, thus creating practical and technical problems and difficulties in achieving communications.

The following Table shows in detail the types of radio-communications and electro-maritime equipment that would be disposed to HCG vessels and vehicles belonging to HCG Authorities of the Eastern Aegean Sea and Crete island, which are conducting patrols in their areas of responsibility:

Ref. No	TYPE OF RADIO-COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRO-MARITIME EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST (In Euro)
		20	20.000,00
		5	100.000,00
		10	70.000,00
		30	60.000,00
		35	210.000,00
		100	10.000,00
		40	2.000,00
		100	10.000,00
		10	15.000,00
		10	3.000,00
11	TOTAL COST		500.000,00

This action implies a continuation of action included in the Annual Programme (3.1.12.) 2008 and A.P. 2010 (3.1.11), but the equipment will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.10.2. 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard HQs.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Growth & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs /Financial Services Division, the Procurement Division**, as well as the **Safety of Navigation Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.10.4. Expected quantified results



3.1.10.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased of radio-communications and electro-maritime equipment for HCG vessels and vehicles

Outcome: Sufficient state – of – the – art equipment provided

Impact: Enhanced exchange of information and co-operation between authorities involved in maritime borders control and surveillance; increased border security.

3.1.10.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.9. of Priority 1.

3.1.10.8. Financial Information

This specific action (radio-communications and electro-maritime equipment) depends on 95% European co-financing (**EUR 475.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 25.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 500.000,00**. 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**.

3.1.11. The upgrading of HCG vessels (purchase of main engines – electric engines – gear boxes and propulsion systems) [(Priority 1-Objective 12 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.1.11.1. Purpose and scope of the action

It is noted that, due to continuous use of HCG Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPVs) over and above the usual hours of their patrols, which is directly linked to the nature and extent of illegal immigration incidents, the existing main engines – electric engines – gear boxes and propulsion systems of the HCG vessels have been placed under great strain. This results in a corresponding reduction in their performance and the frequent occurrence of damage, which has a direct impact on their operational readiness.

For that reason it is considered essential to upgrade CPVs under the responsibility of HCG Authorities, with the purchase of two (02) main engines and eighteen (18) electric engines.

The specifications of these vessels allow them to operate anywhere within the Greek territorial waters and even under demanding weather conditions.

Due to the intense illegal activity taking place at the Greek external sea borders, especially in the form of illegal migration at the eastern sea borders, these vessels perform long-hour patrols and are often called upon to suspend the previously mentioned illegal activities. Furthermore, due to the special characteristics of the Greek islands (large number of islands, difficulty of transportation between the islands and the main land), these vessels are often called upon to assist, mainly for the transportation of patients, or in other medical incidents.

As a result to all the above, these vessels are forced to operate for long hours, exceeding the nominal working hours of their machinery (main engines, diesel generators, propulsion systems as a whole). This leads to a great number of malfunctions, which often render the vessels incapable to operate or, in the best of cases, restrain their operational capabilities. Also, the remaining (fully) operational vessels are forced to replace the ones that are not fully, or not at all, operational, leaving in this way their own area of responsibility without sufficient surveillance and putting their machinery under additional strain.

The purchasing of the aforementioned items will lead to the renewal and upgrading of the machinery of many vessels, resulting in the diminishing of the occurring malfunctions and, as a result, the improvement of their operational capabilities. Consequently, this will contribute to the improvement of border control activities.

3.1.11.2. 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 Coast Guard HQs.

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

The Responsible Authority 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, **the Ministry of Growth & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Public Order &**

Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs /Financial Services Division, the Procurement Division, as well as the Technical Support Division can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.11.4. Expected quantified results

The upgrading of HCG vessels, in particular those that carry out control/surveillance patrols of our external sea borders, by replacement of their main engines – electric engines – gear boxes and propulsion systems is expected to help significantly in improving their readiness and operational capabilities and also minimising their time of immobilisation, which, as is well-known, causes gaps in covering the sea areas under their responsibility or their replacement by other HCG vessels, placing a strain on these in turn, either by covering larger sections of sea areas or by leaving their own areas.

All the concerned vessels to be upgraded in the framework of this action will be involved in the surveillance of external sea borders, either because the external sea borders is the area of their responsibility, or because these vessels are often called upon to leave their usual areas of responsibility and contribute to suspending the illegal activities taking place in the Greek external sea borders.

3.1.11.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased new main engines, electric engines, gear boxes and propulsion systems

Outcome: Extension of HCG vessels lifetime and operational capability; enhanced operational capacity for control – surveillance of the maritime borders

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.11.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3 of Priority 1.

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.9 of Priority 1.

3.1.11.8. Financial Information

This specific action (to upgrade HCG vessels by purchasing new main engines, electric engines, gear boxes and propulsion systems) depends on 95% European co-financing (**EUR 380.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 20.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 400.000,00**. 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**.

3.1.12. The purchase of Off-Road Patrol Vehicles (4x4) [(Priority 1 - Objective 7 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.1.12.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The main object of Coast Guard is the combined surveillance of sea and coastal area with operational means (patrol vessels and land means).

In many cases of disembarkations of illegal immigrants from sea to coast there is also the possibility of the operation's continuation at the mainland (research – tracking immigrant traffickers etc), using land means.

Land means are also used in order to provide access to unreachable coastal areas where disembarkations of immigrants take place.

These vehicles will be used to gain access to areas of the islands and mainland Greece with difficult and complex configuration (mountainous, hilly, rocky etc.) on which, according to risk analysis, disembarkations of illegal immigrants by sea take place and to carry out more effective checks from land, in order to locate and intercept illegal immigrants in these areas. Besides, the competences of the Hellenic Coast Guard foreseen, according to the national law, that the HCQ personnel can make arrests and can perform patrols until the edge of the chimerical wave, at the coasts of the islands.

These vehicles can:

- travel off – road in the aforementioned areas
- carry over 5 persons
- tow H.C.G. boats on a trailer

Sixty-five (65) Off-road patrol vehicles (4x4) would be dispatched to HCG Services at the external borders and BCP's. Also five (05) will be disposed at the Security Division for intelligence purposes, to be used for the transport of personnel and their specialized equipment, involved in surveillance activities at the external sea borders, in the proximity with Turkey or Albania, for the dismantle of illegal networks .

Moreover the procurement of the above mentioned vehicles is essential, taken into consideration that the existing vehicles have already been overworked.

This action implies a continuation of an action included in the Annual Programme 2010, but these vehicles will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.12.2. 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs.

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

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (Finance Division at 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 Growth & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean/Hellenic Coast Guard/Financial Services Division, the Procurement Division** as well as the **Operational Means and Special Units Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.12.4. Expected quantified results

- More effective checks for detection of targets approaching coasts with difficult and complex configuration and more effective interception of illegal immigrants disembarked on these areas

- These vehicles would have easier access to these areas to which conventional vehicles were used before with negative results, in terms of detection of targets and interception of illegal immigrants disembarked ashore
- Better management of resources for coastal surveillance by land especially in terms of timely reaction capability

3.1.12.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased off – road patrol vehicles (4x4) to reach areas close to the coastline, inaccessible by conventional vehicles

Outcome: Enhance the surveillance of coastal areas by land; enhance the reaction capability to illegal immigration incidents in these areas being inaccessible by conventional vehicles;

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.12.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.9 of Priority 1.

3.1.12.8. Financial information

This specific action (off – road patrol vehicles) depends on 95% European Union co-financing (**EUR 1.510.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 79.500,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 1.590.000,00**.

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**.

3.1.13. Establishment of AIS Infrastructure [(Priority 1-Objective 8 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

Action Deleted

3.1.14. Purchase of Police Patrol Dogs [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

Action Deleted

3.1.15. Purchase of 4x4 vehicles (type jeep) [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

Action Deleted

3.1.16. Purchase of Mobile Screening Systems (Vans) [(Priority 1 - Objective 9 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard]

3.1.16.1. Purpose and scope of the action



3.1.16.2. 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard.

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

The Ministry of Public Order & 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard are still pending) **the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/HCG/ Financial Services Division**, the **Procurement and Infrastructure Division/ Security Division**, as well as the **Ministry of Development and Competitiveness** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.16.4. Expected quantified results

The purchase of these vans is expected to increase the effectiveness of identification of third country nationals hidden in enclosed spaces, mainly means of transport (goods vehicles, refrigerated vehicles, motor caravans, etc.) or trying to enter the country illegally at points between the maritime Border Crossing Points (BCPs), or already being in the country illegally and trying to leave it for other EU countries.

Useful elements regarding the evaluation of the usefulness of these devices will be:

- the increase or not, in the number of cases of third country nationals identified in these spaces;
- the certification of the effectiveness of these devices by using them initially in the above spaces and then carrying out physical checks of those spaces, comparing the results of the two checks (identification of persons in one and/or both checks).

3.1.16.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased Mobile Screening Systems (VANS)

Outcome: Enhanced awareness of risks and threats; increased reaction capability with regard to detection and interception of illegal immigrants illegally present in the country or illegal crossers of the borders

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.16.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.9. of Priority 1.

3.1.16.8. Financial Information

This specific action to purchase these Vans depends on 95% European Union co-financing (**EUR 3.040.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 160.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 3.200.000,00**.

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**.

3.1.17. The upgrading of the existing Offshore (Open Sea) Patrol Vessel [(Priority 1-Objective 12 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

Action Deleted

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

3.1.18.1. Purpose and scope of the action





3.1.18.2. Expected grant recipients

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 Public Order & Citizen Protection.

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

The Ministry of Public Order & 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 & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection /Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section and the Technical Matters Division can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.18.4. Expected quantified results

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 apprehended and the general climate of increased surveillance at external borders will discourage smugglers from attempting to bring illegal immigrants to Greece.

3.1.18.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased thermal cameras.

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

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

(c) Efficient surveillance at borders and in, near borders, hinterland increased.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.18.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.1.18.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from Community resources (**EUR 902.500,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 47.500,00**)

from the state budget), bringing total budget of this project to **(EUR 950.000,00)**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, 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).

3.1.19. The purchase of high conformity equipment to detect and check if travel documents are forged - false / genuine to be used at the border crossing points (frontline and second border line zone). [(Priority 1 - Objective 2 of M.A.P.) Action Implemented by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

3.1.19.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The present-day form of organised cross-border crime relating to illegal immigration is characterised by the opportunity for organised rings of traffickers to produce and supply trafficked illegal immigrants with forged documents of all kinds. The end goal is to deceive the authorities charged with controlling those entering and leaving via Greece's external borders. The supply of the appropriate equipment is expected to make it possible to tackle illegal transit across our country's external borders using forged or falsified travel documents, in the frame of the first and the second zone checks at the Borders Crossing Points, as well as checks at the police stations of the BCPs, when, after the first check, it still exists suspicions of forged or falsified travel documents.

The exclusive use of the above equipment is the verification of the travel documents' genuineness and in general the verification of the entry-exit requirements at border control points. All the available machineries which are included in this kind of equipment can be used for the examination of a great variety of travel documents as well as the checks of the persons.

The enhancement of the false documents' localisation capability, by the police personnel, prevents the particular illegal immigrants to entry in Greece and, extended, in the single Schengen area. Also, the above enhancement of the operational capacity, acts much more effective, because the increasing successful detections of the false documents, discourage the future illegal immigrants with false documents to enter the Greek territory. In this way, the multiplicative dynamic of the continuously increasing detection of the false documents incidents and the strengthened technical controls, enhance the external borders' protection.

The necessary equipment which is expected to cover this action will consist of **80** devices for the detection and control of the false/falsified travel documents.

The above mentioned equipment will be distributed at 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 and in the Passports' Control Services.

3.1.19.2. 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Growth & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section, Criminal Investigations Division, Information System Division and Aliens Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.19.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from the development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, are intended to be the tackling of cross-border crime relating, first, to illegal transit across Greece's external borders using forged or falsified travel documents and, second, activity concerning the use of forged securities. For that reason, planned equipment to be supplied will be located in the services of the Hellenic Police that have responsibility for control over those entering and leaving via Greece's external borders.

3.1.19.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of **devices for the detection and control of the false/falsified travel documents.**

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.

3.1.19.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.1.19.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from European resources (**EUR 1.520.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 80.000,00** from the state budget), bringing total budget of this project to (**EUR 1.600.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Growth & Competitiveness , 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) or **the concise process**, if applicable.

3.1.20. Purchase of 32 patrol motorcycles for the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG) [(Priority 1-Objective 12 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.1.20.1 Purpose and scope of the action

This provision will enhance the land & coastal surveillance capacity of the Port Authorities and supplement the rest of the operational means by permitting immediate access to remote locations. Considering their capabilities and overall advantages (i.e. provide high manoeuvrability and quick access to virtually any land area while being immediately available without requiring specific preparation needs, require low maintenance costs and no sophisticated training to be ridden, etc.) off-road motorcycles may prove an integral operational means able to facilitate some of the Port Authorities' most specific needs.

3.1.20.2. Expected grant recipients

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

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Growth & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard/Financial Services Division, the Procurement Division, as well as the State Security Division can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.20.4. Expected quantified results

Thirty two (32) patrol motorcycles would ensure the following:

- More effective checks for detection of targets approaching coasts with difficult and complex configuration and more effective interception of illegal immigrants disembarked on these areas
- These motorcycles would have easier access to these areas, in terms of detection and interception of illegal immigrants disembarked ashore
- Better management of resources for coastal surveillance by land especially in terms of timely reaction capability

3.1.20.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased motorcycles to reach areas close to the coastline, inaccessible by conventional vehicles

Outcome: Enhance the surveillance of coastal areas by land; enhance the reaction capability to illegal immigration incidents in these areas being inaccessible by conventional vehicles;

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.20.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.5. of Priority 1.

3.1.20.8. Financial Information

This specific action (purchase of 32 patrol motorcycles) depends on 95% European Union co-financing (**EUR 285.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 15.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQ, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 300.000,00**.

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.

3.1.21. Upgrade of Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG) Aerial equipment and provision of support equipment [(Priority 1-Objective 5 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.1.21.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The objectives of this project are the upgrade of Aerial equipment and the provision of support equipment in order for the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG) Aerial Squadron to be able to carry out its mission more efficiently.

The HCG Aerial Squadron has a double role, involving mainly maritime reconnaissance, control and surveillance missions within the Hellenic FIR/ATHINAI, whilst also participating and operating under FRONTEX, executing missions related to EU external borders control. Particularly, in the sea border between Greece and Turkey, a rather dense illegal immigration activity takes place that requires constant surveillance, in order for it to be controlled and countered.

3.1.21.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of the obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Growth & Competitiveness and the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean **/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs)/Financial Services Division, the Procurement Division, as well as the Aerial Operational Means Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.21.4. Expected quantified results

The upgrade and maintenance of necessary HCG aerial equipment is expected to address the problem of diminished control and surveillance capacity of the HCG by increasing the number of helicopters capable to carry out missions set by either HCG or FRONTEX. A bigger number of available full mission capable helicopters will result to a more intensive surveillance presence on the EU external frontiers able to complement and broaden the information and operation network established and supported by the summation of the HCG and FRONTEX operational means through an enhancement of the real-time exchange of information concerning the control of the coast line and the sea area.

3.1.21.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The upgrade and provision of HCG's aerial equipment

Outcome: Better reaction capability to illegal immigration incidents at sea

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.21.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.5. of Priority 1.

3.1.21.8. Financial Information

This action depends on 95% Community co-financing (**EUR 77.900,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 4.100,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 82.000,00**.

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.

3.1.22. The Purchase of Mobile Screening System (SUV) [(Priority 1-Objective 12 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.1.22.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The objective of this project is the enhancement of sea surveillance capabilities of the Hellenic Coast Guard in a wide range of sea areas through the use of vehicles equipped with thermal monitoring cameras -day and night surveillance- for the detection of vessels carrying illegal migrants.

The dense illegal immigrant movement on the maritime borders in the eastern Aegean require an improvement on the Authorities ' ability to tackle this phenomenon.

The proposed action regards the provision of vehicles equipped with thermal monitoring cameras for the detection of vessels carrying illegal migrants, in order for the Port Authorities to be provided with means which improve their responsiveness and effectiveness in combating illegal migration.



With their intended use, the purchased equipment will supplement the existing means available to Port Authorities in the task of maritime surveillance as far as illegal immigration is concerned by improving their ability in on time long distance target detection (suspected vessels) even at night time with the use of thermal cameras since these vehicles through the

camera will be able to detect less than 5 meters inflatable/wooden boats and thus having increased knowledge base for operational decision making.

3.1.22.2. 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard.

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

The Ministry of Public Order & 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard are still pending) **the Ministry of Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /HCG/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division/ Security Division**, as well as the **Ministry of Development and Competitiveness** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.22.4. Expected quantified results

The use of vehicles equipped with thermal cameras for the detection of vessels carrying illegal migrants will improve the surveillance capability of the Port Authorities in aforementioned areas. The increase in the number of patrols in conjunction with the use of electronic surveillance equipment will improve the real-time exchange of information concerning the control the sea area.

- The provision of the above mentioned and described equipment will contribute in timely identification of suspect targets for illegal migration at sea, their classification and interception if required.
- The identification of suspect targets at sea in terms of illegal migration, at a greater distance than existing identification possibilities allow.
- The certification of existence or not of a large number of illegal migrants aboard ships/ craft, so that the HCG vessels' crews can plan the respective rules of engagement

Furthermore, the equipment described above will contribute in the maritime borders' surveillance and the prevention of illegal immigration.

3.1.22.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased Mobile Screening Systems (VANS)

Outcome: Enhanced awareness of risks and threats; increased reaction capability with regard to detection and interception of illegal immigrants illegally present in the country or illegal crossers of the borders

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.22.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.9. of Priority 1.

3.1.22.8. Financial Information

This specific action to purchase these Vans depends on 95% European Union co-financing (**EUR 475.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 25.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Citizen's Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 500.000,00**.

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**.

3.1.23. Upgrading of Borders Crossing Points Infrastructures [(Priority 1-Objective 12 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Interior]

3.1.23.1. Purpose and scope of the action



The above interventions are essential and extremely necessary, due to the very frequent passages of the specific BCP, in the land borders with Turkey.

3.1.23.2. 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.

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

The Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard are still pending) **the Ministry of Interior/General Division of Administrative Support/Administration Division/ Decentralization Department and the Procurement Division of the local Decentralized Administrative of East Macedonian and Thrace**, as well as the **Ministry of Development and Competitiveness** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.23.4. Expected quantified results

The upgrade-renovation of Kastanies BCP, will contribute to the improvement of its operation, aiming at more effective surveillance of land borders and more efficient management of immigration routes.

3.1.23.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of Border Crossing Points upgraded-renovated.

Outcome: Enhanced awareness of risks and threats; increased reaction capability with regard to detection and interception of illegal immigrants attempt to cross the borders illegally.

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.23.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.9. of Priority 1.

3.1.23.8. Financial Information

This specific action to purchase these Vans depends on 95% European Union co-financing (**EUR 190.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 10.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 200.000,00**.

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**.

3.1.24. Establishment of regional Operational Centres at East Aegean Sea Islands and the upgrade of the Central Operational Centre for Land Borders at H.P. H.Q. [(Priority 1 - Objective 1 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

3.1.24.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The specific action concerns supportive measures for the establishment of five **Regional Operational Centers for the External Land Borders' management**. These 5 Centers will be established in East Aegean Islands, aiming at the coordination of the local patrol (land and maritime) units and the interoperability with the Central Operational Centre in HPHQ and later with the National Coordination Center.

The specific proposal will cover the expenditures, which are necessary for the operation of the above Centers, such as: Personal Computers, Notebooks, Servers, printers, scanners, monitors, projectors, fax machines, furniture and chairs, air-conditions and reconstruction works for the space configuration where the Centers will be placed.

The above equipment will be used exclusively for the function of the five Operational Centers, which will ensure the effective communication and the cooperation, in strategic level, with all the competent, with maritime borders tasks, Services in Greece.

Furthermore, a part of this action refers to the necessary interventions at the Central Operational Centre in HPHQ. More specific, these interventions will cover the needs in

electronic and other equipment, such as personal computers, Notebooks, Servers, printers, scanners, monitors, projectors, fax machines, furniture and chairs, as well as air-conditions and reconstruction works for the space configuration where the Center is placed.

3.1.24.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of its obligations to the appropriate Services of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Development and Competitiveness and the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection (First Reception Service and Technical Matters Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.24.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from developing/implementing these actions, as described, will be the enhancement of the screening and detention capacity for the illegal immigrants.

3.1.24.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased personal computers, notebooks, servers, printers, scanners, monitors, projectors, fax machines, furniture and chairs, air-conditions and the number of construction works implemented.

Outcome: a) Increase in information exchange and cooperation at National level, concerning external maritime borders effective management **b)** Creation of a coherent “land border security picture”.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.24.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

3.1.24.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from European resources (**EUR 570.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 30.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 600.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Development and Competitiveness, 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 either the **open or restricted process**.

3.1.25. Establishment of Screening Centre in Lesvos [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

3.1.25.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The objective of the action is to support the establishment of the Screening Center in Lesvos Island (East Aegean region). This action is financing the proper construction works, as well the purchase of the respective equipment, for the imperative need to operate a screening facility in Lesvos. All the purchased prefabricated elements and the equipment will be used for the operation of the First Reception Center, financed under 2013 AP, when this will be operational.

Greece currently faces a particular migratory pressure with the increasing mixed migratory flows. These people are coming to Greece in order to cross the country with final destination another member state, some of them would stay illegally in Greece and some others would like to apply for asylum.

As it was identified in the Action Plan presented by the Greek Government, one major strategic objective is to deal with these mixed flows of immigrants in a way which safeguards both the need for border controls against illegal immigration and the need to provide protection to refugees and particularly vulnerable groups. That is why a proper screening procedure needs to be put in place. This system will be based on screening Centres. The mission of Screening Centres is to take care of the screening, registration and identification of third-country nationals who enter Greece without meeting legal requirements or being apprehended and to identify those who are in need of international protection or belong to a vulnerable group, so that they can be distinguished from illegal migrants who will be issued with the removal decisions. After the screening procedure is finished the third country nationals will be transferred respectively to the detention centres or reception centers for asylum seekers.

Within the limits of the budget will be covered the cost for purchase for the technical equipment (Personal Computers, printers, scanners, monitors, fax machines etc.) furniture, chairs, beds, air-conditions, sheets etc..

3.1.25.2. 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Growth & Competitiveness, the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police/ Lesvos Police Directorate and Technical Matters Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.25.4. Expected quantified results

A new screening centre will be established in Lesvos isl. next to the maritime borders with Turkey. The establishment of this centre will be carried out with the use of prefabricated elements.

3.1.25.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of new screening centres established.

Outcome: More efficient management of immigration flows, improved conditions for the hosted immigrants, during screening procedure.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.25.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

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

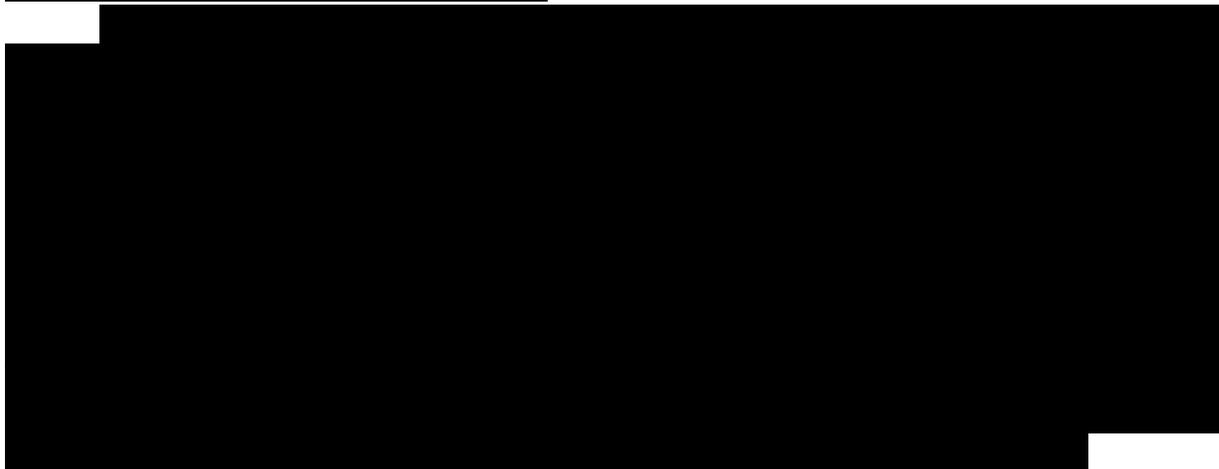
As described in point 7 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

3.1.25.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from European Union resources (**EUR 285.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 15.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 300.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Growth & Competitiveness 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).

3.1.26. Purchase of patrol vessel at Evros Region [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

3.1.26.1. Purpose and scope of the action



3.1.26.2. 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 Public Order & Citizen Protection.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Growth & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police / Orestiada Police Directorate and HPHQ/Technical Matters Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.26.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be effective surveillance of riverine borders, with the increased potential to prevent illegal immigrants from successfully entering the country and, by extension, the EU. Constant and extensive controls along 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.

3.1.26.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased patrol boats.

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

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

(c) Efficient surveillance at borders increased.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.26.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.3. of Priority 1.

3.1.26.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from European Union resources (**EUR 57.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 3.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 60.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Growth & Competitiveness 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).

3.1.27. Purchase of Satellite Communication Devices [(Priority 1 - Objective 5 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.1.27.1. Purpose and scope of the action

This action, proposed by the Hellenic Coast Guard, is focused on the purchase of the necessary equipment which will be distributed in regional Authorities in order to equip the Patrol HCG Boats.

These interconnecting satellite telephone devices will connect HCG Operational Centre with Hellenic Coast Guard operational vessels for the effective operation near the

maritime borders, which often face adverse conditions or crisis incidents that make other telecommunications impossible.

The current communication of the operating vessels, with the central Operation Centre is effected through a medium-short-wave (SSB). In case of adverse weather conditions or in cases of crisis, existing telecommunications of the topography enclosed sea area, becomes impossible.

3.1.27.2. 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 Coast Guard Headquarters** of the Ministry of Maritime & Aegean.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Maritime & Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.27.4. Expected quantified results

Is important to mention that as effectively as possible Hellenic Coast Guard's most functional equipment also contribute to enhancing the operational capacity of each watercraft and its extension capabilities which most attempts in the Aegean Sea trying to protect maritime borders of our country and Southeast Europe generally. The improvement of the equipment will lead to the improvement and the effectiveness of the demanding operations according to communication and preparedness of Hellenic Coast Guard's managers.

3.1.27.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Twenty (20) satellite telephone communication devices budget of 60.000 euro.

Outcome: Upgrade Hellenic Coast Guard's Operational Center and Patrol Boats equipment, achieving and exploiting the maximum operational readiness.

Impact: Improving surveillance and control of external borders of Greece and EU by ensuring communication between operators.

3.1.27.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.1.27.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from Community resources (**EUR 57.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 3.000,00**) from the state budget). The funding for this part of the project therefore totals (**EUR 60.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean/Hellenic Coast Guard through the Public Investment Programme. 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 **restricted process**.

3.1.28. Purchase of a heartbeat detector [(Priority 1 - Objective 5 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.1.28.1. Purpose and scope of the action

This action concerns the procurement, customization, configuration, programming and delivery of one (01) fully operational detection system of heartbeat detector.

This system consists of the following devices:

- i. Laptop industrial type
- ii. Sensor array
- iii. Cables for communication with the sensor system.

The device will detect living organisms (people - animals) located within landscaped areas (caches) in transport vehicles (trucks , vans , etc.) , the recording of the heart rate.

The purpose of the project is the supply of a heartbeat detection system to be used by the staff of the Coast Guard, in order to perform control and monitoring at entry and exit gates (ports) where illegal immigrants are hidden in trucks. The need for the acquisition of the system is to prevent and combat illegal immigration, by increasing the borders security.

3.1.28.2. 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 Coast Guard Headquarters** of the Ministry of Maritime & Aegean.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Maritime & Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.28.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from the development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, are intended to be the tackling of illegal immigration relating, to illegal transit of immigrants, across Greece's external borders, hidden in various transportation vehicles.

3.1.28.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of the heartbeat detector purchased.

Outcome: Improve systems for carrying out border checks to strengthen the surveillance of maritime borders to combat illegal immigration.

Contribute to the effective implementation of common standards on control and surveillance of external borders for the benefit of EU.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.28.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.1.28.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from Community resources (**EUR 57.000,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 3.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 60.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Maritime & Aegean, in cooperation with the Ministry of Growth & Competitiveness, 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 **concise process** (open or restricted).

3.2. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 2

No actions proposed

3.3 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 3

No actions proposed

3.4 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 4

3.4.1. Development of the 2nd Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II) – Upgrading of the existing network of the Hellenic Coast Guard HQs and the purchase of appropriate hardware (desktops and laptops) [(Priority 4-Objective 4 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of maritime /Hellenic Coast Guard]

3.4.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

To fulfil the tasks concerning the police checks on persons – crews within the areas of HCG responsibility (on board cargo vessels, pleasure yachts, fishing vessels), as provided for by the SCHENGEN Borders Code, the purchase, instalment and setting up of computerised and networking equipment for the competent Services of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs and all HCG Authorities, the upgrading of the existing network connections between Hellenic Coast Guard HQs and the HCG Authorities, as well as the reinforcement of the security of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard’s internal network (Intranet) which is considered of vital importance.

The purchase and installation and adjustment of Routers, Network Switches, one Network Management System, one Firewall System and one Intrusion, Detection and Prevention System as well as appropriate hardware (desktops, laptops, scanners and printers) for the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs and all HCG Authorities, as described in the following table, will make the 2nd generation of the

Schengen Information System (SIS II) fully operational and give access of the system to all HCG Authorities.

The purchase of desktops and laptops, which will be provided to a significant number of local services of the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG Authorities), will contribute to the timely and more effective conduct of the police checks required by HCG personnel according to the Schengen Borders Code, within the framework of implementation of SIS II in the maritime borders of Greece.

This action implies a continuation of actions included in the Annual Programme (3.4.3.) 2008 for the purchase of desktops and (3.4.4.) 2008 for the purchase of laptops, but these equipments will not be purchased with the same competition of bids. It is a continuation of the A.P. 2010 and A.P. 2011, as well.

S/N	TYPE OF EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY
01	Central Service (Ministry) Routers	4
02	Central Service (Ministry) Network Switches	2
03	Network Management System	1
04	Firewall System	1
05	Intrusion Detection and Prevention System	1
06	Routers for HCG Authorities	229
07	Network Switches for HCG Authorities	229
08	Desk tops	136
09	Lap tops	46
10	Printers	277
11	Scanners	134
12	Provision of services for installation and adjustment of Equipment and communication connections	

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 Hellenic Coast Guard HQs.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Growth & Competitiveness , the Ministry of Maritime & Aegean/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs/Financial Services Division, the Procurement 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 and laptops available to the above – mentioned Services, based or not in areas where maritime BCPs are existent, will make the required police checks under the responsibility of the HCG more timely and effective, without recourse to the nearest Port or Police authorities.

Specifically, the procurement of laptops will enable HCG 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.

In this way, a better management of the users' workload in quantitative terms is expected, related to SIS checks as well as the other assigned tasks, especially when checking numerous crew members of cruise ships staying at the port for only a few hours or when checking crew members of different types of vessels (cruise ships, fishing vessels, cargo vessels, pleasure boats) arriving at the port simultaneously or within 2 – 3 hours time.

3.4.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased, installed and adjusted networking and computerised equipment (Routers, Network Switches, Network Management System, Firewall System, desk tops, lap tops, printers, scanners) for the development of the 2nd Generation of Schengen Information System (SIS II) and the access of all HCG Authorities to the System

Outcome: Rendering SIS II operational; better performance of the system; setting up the necessary components for SIS II; access of HCG authorities to SIS II

Impact: Increased border security; better integration of the immigration control processes at the maritime borders; better management of users' workload.

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 (to purchase install and adjust appropriate networking and computerized equipment for the development of the 2nd generation of the SCHENGEN Information System – SIS II), depends on 95% European Union co-financing (**EUR 902.500,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 47.500,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard HQs through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 950.000,00**. 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. Support for the installation of the Visa Information System, consisting of the Network Systems (NET-VIS) and the National Visa Information System (N-VIS), in the Greek consulates [(Priority 4-Objective 2-3 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs]

3.4.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The objective of the action is to co-finance the implementation of NET-VIS and N-VIS in Greece, regarding costs for system design, implementation, roll out and personnel training (including travel costs in order to train MFA employees (users and Administrators) on the use of the National Visa Information System (N-VIS), in the Greek consulates) within the framework of the N-VIS and NET-VIS contracts signed in September 2010. The total value of the N-VIS contract is **8.708.670,20 €**, and of the NET-VIS contract is **9.088.654,32 €**.

The action is multi-annual and was proposed in the revised EBF Annual Programme 2009. The following table shows what has been funded under the 2009, 2010 and 2011 Annual Programmes, and what will be funded under the 2012 Annual Programme in relation to the N-VIS contract:

N-VIS	
Rev. ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2009	
PHASE	BUDGET (€)
Implementation study	3.979.113,36
Design and implementation of the EL-VIS Software	
Equipment installation in the national data centres	
Software and equipment testing	
Trial operation	
Rev. ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2010	
PHASE	BUDGET (€)
Roll Out	3.477.753,42
Final Acceptance	
VIS-MAIL extension	374.804,06
On-line Application extension	188.876,34
ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2011	
PHASE	BUDGET (€)
VIS-MAIL extension	374.804,09
On-line Application extension	62.958,78
ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2012	
PHASE	BUDGET (€)
VIS-MAIL extension	187.402,03
On-line Application extension	62.958,78

Similarly, the next table shows what has been funded under the 2009, 2010 and 2011 Annual Programmes, and what will be funded under the 2012 Annual Programme in relation to the NET-VIS contract:

NET-VIS	
Rev. ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2009	
PHASE	BUDGET (€)
	0,00
Rev. ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2010	
PHASES	BUDGET (€)
	0,00
ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2011	
PHASES	BUDGET (€)
Implementation Study	1.733.483,24
Pilot Zone Equipment Installation	
Pilot Zone Personnel Training	
Pilot Zone Operation Testing	
Equipment Installation	7.064.539,91

Personnel Training	
Operation Testing	
Roll Out	
SLA	

ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2012	
PHASES	BUDGET (€)
Additional Equipment Installation	599.639,19
Personnel Training	
Additional CA Infrastructure (Beijing)	

The implementation of this action is part of a national project for the installation of VIS in the Greek consulates and has as its overall objectives to:

- harmonize the procedures followed and systems used to issue visas with Greece's statutory commitments to the European Union and its obligations as a signatory to the Schengen Convention;
- develop and operate the national visa system (N-VIS) and purchase, install and operate the necessary (IT and biometric) equipment with the operational and technical attributes specified when the central European visa system (C-VIS) was developed;
- coordinate the development of the national system with the requirements and timetable laid down by the European Commission's VIS team.

The implementation of the national VIS project for consulates is divided into two separate contracts managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a total budget 17.797.324,52 €:

- a contract for the N-VIS project, concerning the Greek information system which will implement the new National Visa information (NVIS) system. The contractor has to provide the Ministry Foreign Affairs with the appropriate equipment (PCs, biometric- scanners, printers, routers, etc) and the relevant software.
- a contract for the NET-VIS project, concerning the communication part (network) between Greek Consular Authorities abroad (about 130 Consular posts) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

As for the timeline, the Greek Consulate Authorities in third countries must be technically ready to be connected via NET-VIS (network) to the NEW VISA INFORMATION SYSTEM using N-VIS (software), as determined in VIS Regulation (EU 767/2008), and in the Commission's decision determining the regions for the VIS start of operations. The roll-out started in October 2011 and up to now 11 out of 23 zones are operational. The 2010 AP funding was instrumental to ensure the compliance of Greece with the roll out plan for North Africa (zone 1) within the required timeline.

As for the NVIS project implementation progress throughout 2009, 2010 and 2011 APs, the IT equipment has been shipped, installed and set up in all 130 consular posts, which are fully functional, awaiting deployment according to the VIS roll out plan. Under the 2012 AP final payment of the "VIS-mail" and "On-line Application" subsystems (extensions to the NVIS system software) will be funded, and both subsystems will be tested and fully functional, according to the EU specified deadline. Furthermore additional equipment will be

installed in the Data Centre of the MFA, infrastructure (IT equipment, Telecom Links etc) will be installed in the Beijing Consular Authority and the final phase of personnel training will be funded.

As for the Borders Crossing Points (BCPs), responsible for the interoperability with N-VIS, is the Hellenic Police and it is clear that these two contracts (N-VIS and NET-VIS), do not include the interconnection of the BCPs.

3.4.2.2. 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 Foreign Affairs**.

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

Because of the nature of the VIS project, 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. The Ministry for Citizen Protection/Hellenic Coast Guard (National Centre for Sea Borders and Finance Division) 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"], **only 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 inform accordingly the competent EU institutions, the police liaison officers and similar services and organisations in other Member States.

3.4.2.4. Expected quantified results

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

- connect to the C-VIS system in order to manage and support the Schengen visa application life cycle;
- support the national visa application life cycle;
- ascertain that applicants are bona fide;
- identify travellers with no documents;
- determine the state responsible for examining asylum applications;
- identify and register illegal persons with no documents.

3.4.2.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Under the 2009, 2010 and 2011 APs, several stages of the VIS implementation were completed. The outputs are indicated in the above tables. The main output is that all 130 Consular Posts are functional, and approximately 40 Consular Posts in third countries in Africa, Middle East, the Gulf Region, South America and Southeastern Asia were connected to the VIS and are operational in accordance with the roll out plan. NVIS data will be directly juxtaposed with the ones of C-VIS, proportion of visa applicants whose biometrics are collected at the consulates or via external service providers, number of fingerprint scanners (as well as the Consular Posts) available for use at consular offices, number of passport readers (as well as the Consular Posts) in use at consular offices, rate of integration of the immigration control processes at consulates (i.e. speed of communication and transfer of data regarding visa applicants and persons entering external borders among consulates and central authorities), number of consular officers trained. Under the 2012 AP "VIS-mail" and "On-line Application" subsystems delivered and be functional, additional equipment in the Data

Centre of the MFA and infrastructure in Beijing CA will be installed, and final phase of personnel training will be completed.

Outcome: Enhancement of the visa application procedure, facilitation of the fight against fraud, identification of persons who previously applied for a visa and reduction of visa shopping. All the above issues require the on-line communication between the Greek Consular Posts (NVIS).

3.4.2.6. Visibility of EC Funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.10. of Priority 1.

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

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

3.4.2.8. Financial information

The proposed action requires from the rev. Annual Program 2012 the amount of **850.000,00 Euros**.

The European Union co-financing is 95%, which is assessed at **807.500,00 Euros** and the national contribution is 5% that is **42.500,00 Euros**, which the annual programme is required to meet through the Public Investment Programme.

3.5. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 5.

3.5.1. In situ training on visa policy issues for consular staff [(Priority 5-Objective 3 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs]

3.5.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Under Article 5(h) of European Parliament Decision 574/2007, the training and education of the staff of the relevant authorities is an eligible action in the Member States. We therefore propose to operate a pilot programme of targeted secondment of Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff to selected Consular Authorities. This will allow the common training programme to be applied to visa policy issues at national level. In addition to the theoretical basis of this policy, it is vital that these seminars cover all special issues dealt with by our authorities, depending on their country of accreditation (preventing illegal immigrants and organised crime, facilitating the flow of foreign visitors to Greece etc.).

The basic idea is to create a task force of senior ministry or other agency staff specialising in Schengen issues and visa policy within C4 Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from which instructors will be sent to specific embassies in order to run training programmes for Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff in their country of accreditation. We propose to start running this programme in a certain number of embassies which are representative in terms of geographical distribution, volume and type of visas issued (e.g. tourist, work etc.).

This task force can be comprised of a pool of six persons, three of whom will be drawn each time to visit a selected Consular Authority once every six months. The task force will be assigned with the in situ training of the Consulate employees the application of Schengen acquis to issuing visas and controlling the migratory flows. In particular, the task force will be offering training similar to that offered at the seminars on consular issues organized at the capital but tailored to fit the special needs of each Consular Authority.

The duration of the “in situ training on Visa policy issues” will be 3 to 4 days, depending on the special needs of each selected Consular Authority.

Head of the task force will be a desk officer from the C4 Directorate of Justice, Home Affairs and Schengen of the MFA with the rank, at least, of Counsellor of Embassy. The other members that will form the task force will be:

1. one desk officer from the ST2 Directorate of Computerisation, Communications and Information Technology (MFA)
2. two desk officers from the C4 Directorate (MFA)
3. one police officer (Hellenic Police Headquarters)
4. one desk officer from the Inspectorate – General (MFA)
5. one desk officer from the E3 Directorate (MFA)

So far the action “ In Situ Training on Visa Policy Issues ” has not been implemented. The expenditures involved in the Action are the following: airplane tickets, accommodation, per diem and local transport for the Task Force members and the participants to the Training.

The above action constitutes a continuation of the similar action of the Diplomatic Academy under the 2009 Annual Programme and 2010 A.P., which were not finally implemented. Taking into account the geographical rotation of the Task force, under the 2009 AP two Task force missions have been scheduled, one mission to the broader region of Southeast Asia and Far East and one to the Middle East region (or alternatively to the broader Balkan region). Under the 2012 AP two Task force missions have been scheduled, seven missions (Istanbul, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Tbilisi, Beirut, Beijing and Bangog).

The expenditures involved in the Action are the following: airplane tickets, accommodation, per diem, professorships and local transport for the Task Force members and the participants to the Training.

3.5.1.2 Expected grant recipient

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**.

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

The Ministry of Public Order & 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”], **only 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 inform accordingly the competent European Union institutions, the police liaison officers and similar services and organisations in other Member States.

3.5.1.4. Expected quantified results

The results of the above action will help to:

- offer a standardised training to all Consulate employees
- meet the special needs of each Consular Authority
- allow all Consulate employees to be trained at their country of accreditation

- reduce the number of Consulate employees travelling back to their capital in order to be trained in new Consular practices

3.5.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: A task force of 3 persons will visit once every six months a selected Consular Authority in order to offer in situ training to the Consulate employees.

Outcome: targeted training, focused on the particular needs of each Consular Authority, offering the appropriate methodological instruments to cope with any ordinary or extraordinary situation.

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

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

3.5.1.8. Financial information

The proposed action “In situ training on visa policy issues” requires European Union co financing at 95%, which is assessed at **(EUR 95.000,00)**. The national contribution is 5%, i.e. **(EUR 5.000,00)**, which the annual programme is required to meet through the Public Investment Programme. The total financing for this action is **EUR 100.000,00**.

3.5.2. Training on borders management and fundamental human rights protection [(Priority 5-Objective 3 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Maritime Affairs and the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.5.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The objective of the action comes to a total of three courses until 30/06/2014 by trained personnel of Hellenic Coast Guard in order to develop and promote a common understanding of the subject matter of protection of Fundamental Human Rights with a view for an effective border management.

These courses strains on respect and uphold fundamental human rights, is interwoven with the daily exercise of Hellenic Coast Guard’s staff’s duties in the management of mixed migration flows by sea and judged as particularly important because of the weight given by the European and international fora on these issues, in light of International Law and the European Acquis.

The continued involvement of all levels of management Hellenic Coast Guard’s staff to handle irregular migration flows and their involvement in the Joint European FRONTEX operations where education is provided in the referenced object, necessitating the provision of staff training in question.

It also takes into account the complexity of the tasks of the employees working at the borders and shows how the fundamental rights penetrate and promote professional life.

3.5.2.2 Expected grant recipient

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 Maritime Affairs and the Aegean**.

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

The Responsible Authority 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 Maritime & Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters can** implement the above mentioned action.

3.5.2.4. Expected quantified results

The supplied training on the specialized management training HCG in those subjects aims to raise awareness and ensure a harmonized training of border guards of all EU regarding the respect of fundamental rights, aspiring to ever-higher standards of professionalism.

3.5.2.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Accomplishment of training courses concerning in forty five (45) individuals coming from peripheral services of Port Authorities and appointment of teaching staff.

Outcome: Develop staff skills border guard in a matter of respect for fundamental rights in order to better manage migration flows at the external borders of the EU

Impact: Better manage of the human element, people and difficult situations that arise from the continuing arrests and detention of illegal immigrants.

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 with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

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

3.5.2.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 95% financing from Community resources (**EUR 85.500,00**) and 5% from national resources (**EUR 4.500,00**) from the state budget). The funding for this part of the project therefore totals (**EUR 90.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Maritime & the Aegean/Hellenic Coast Guard through the Public Investment Programme. 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 **restricted process**.

3.5.3. Upgrading of HCG training simulator [(Priority 5-Objective 3 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Maritime Affairs and the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard HQs]

3.5.3.1. Purpose and scope of the action

This action is about Hellenic Coast Guard's Directorate of Specific Units acquiring necessary equipment which will distribute in its Authorities staff involved in management statements guarding external borders and combating illegal immigration. This project involves upgrading the composite e-learning system critical incidents construction MEGGIT TRAINING SYSTEMS USA (ex FATS) with all subsystems, components and parts. The project includes full system recovery (work-parts-supplies) and any damages - failures in order to reach full operational status. Upgrade includes standard minimum:
Control, restoration and update software factory (firmware).
Control and restoration factory, electronics and other parts and quorum.
Add new scenarios critical incidents.
Supply special electric hoist to transport the system needs.

Going for upgrade existing simulator's software in order to enrich business scripts addressing illegal immigration by Authorities near the maritime borders of our country. Very often under adverse conditions or crisis incidents HCG's managers are not fully prepared in order to respond most effectively so we do not have the best possible results.

Under the continuing education of Hellenic Coast Guard's staff conservation and improve their operational capabilities is necessary to upgrade the simulator training, where expansion scenarios helps in gaining experience of the staff involved in managing the country's borders and extension of the European Union before being exposed to actual operational conditions to prevent illegal immigration. The training provided concerning rank manning the vessels of Hellenic Coast Guard and Port competent Authorities attempting maritime borders.

3.5.3.2 Expected grant recipient

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 Maritime Affairs and the Aegean**.

3.5.3.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the Responsible Authority acting as an executing body

The Responsible Authority 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 Maritime & Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.5.3.4. Expected quantified results

Is important to mention that as effectively as possible Hellenic Coast Guard's equipment of education and preparation is, the more manageable and effective demanding operations will be. The operational capacity of each officer and its extension capabilities will be really improved as they most attempts in the Aegean Sea trying to protect maritime borders of our country and Southeast Europe generally.

3.5.3.5. Indicators to be used

Output: : i) User-level permissions, installation and demonstration of the latest compatible format software management and operation of the system and production scenarios critical incidents.

ii) Installation and demonstration of any electronic, mechanical or otherwise quorum or part of the system which is malfunctioning or has reached the time limits or utilitarian manufacturer's operating

iii) Rights of use, installation and demonstration of at least three (3) new packages modern scenarios manufacturer which will be selected by the Appropriate Directorate.

iv) Electric hoist to transport the system needs

Outcome: Upgrade Hellenic Coast Guard's equipment, achieving and exploiting the maximum operational readiness.

Impact: Improving surveillance and control of external borders of Greece and EU by ensuring communication between operators.

3.5.3.6. Visibility of EC Funding

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

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

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

3.5.3.8. Financial information

The proposed action requires European Union co financing at 95%, which is assessed at (EUR 51.300,00). The national contribution is 5%, i.e. (EUR 2.700,00), which the annual programme is required to meet through the Public Investment Programme. The total financing for this action is EUR 54.000,00.

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 European Union 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 related to the budgetary and economical management for the Responsible Authority's personnel, trainings of the Responsible Authority's personnel, implementation of pilot projects by the Responsible Authority (such as "building capacity development" projects, including innovative practices, as well as proper trainings of the RA 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.cs), relevant technical equipment and

consumables for the designated authorities (Responsible Authority, Certifying and Audit Authority).

Additionally, an information activity will be organized to present the achievements of the 2012 annual programme. The implementation trail of the 2012 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 and agencies will be invited to the above mentioned presentation.

The Technical assistance has been calculated **only** from the European Union financing, giving the sum of **EUR 1.652.854,00** for the Annual Program 2012 (100% EU 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 European Union 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

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Member State: GREECE Annual programme concerned: 2012 Fund: EXTERNAL BORDERS								
<i>(all figures in euro)</i>	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority	European Union Contribution (a)	Public Allocation (b)	Private Allocation (c)	TOTAL (d= a+b+c)	% EUC (e=a/d)	Share of total (f=d/total d)
Action 3.1.1. : <i>Purchase of vehicles for the transportation of the apprehended illegal immigrants</i>	1	-	3.657.500,00	192.500,00	0	3.850.000,00	95 %	8,17%
Action 3.1.2. : <i>The construction of station for police services involved in the border control at the external borders (Evros regions)</i>	1	-	0	0	0	0	95 %	0,00%
Action 3.1.3. : <i>The upgrading of the police services' infrastructure at the external land borders involved in the borders control</i>	1	-	237.500,00	12.500,00	0	250.000,00	95 %	0,53%
Action 3.1.4. : <i>Establishment of First Reception Centers in Lesvos, Chios and Athens</i>	1	-	0	0	0	0	95 %	0,00%
Action 3.1.5.: <i>Support of the operational and management costs related to the implementation of integrated border management system at the land and maritime Greek-Turkish borders and First Reception Centres for illegal immigrants</i>	1	-	1.045.000,00	55.000,00	0	1.100.000,00	95 %	2,34%
Action 3.1.6.: <i>The support of the reinforcement operation in Evros region</i>	1	-	14.250.000,00	750.000,00	0	15.000.000,00	95 %	31,85%
Action 3.1.7.: <i>Purchase of vehicles for the fuels' transfer</i>	1	-	0	0	0	0	95 %	0,00%
Action 3.1.8.: <i>The purchase of Coastal Patrol Vessels for surveillance purposes (C.P.Vs)</i>	1	-	6.365.000,00	335.000,00	0	6.700.000,00	95 %	14,22%
Action 3.1.9.: <i>Purchase of an Offshore (Open Sea) Patrol Vessel (O.P.V.)</i>	1	-	5.700.000,00	300.000,00	0	6.000.000,00	95 %	12,74%

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Annual programme concerned: **2012**

Fund: **EXTERNAL BORDERS**

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Action 3.1.10.: <i>The purchase of Radio-communications and Electro–Maritime equipment</i>	1	-	475.000,00	25.000,00	0	500.000,00	95 %	1,06%
Action 3.1.11.: <i>The upgrading of HCG vessels (purchase of main engines – electric engines – gear boxes and propulsion systems)</i>	1	-	380.000,00	20.000,00	0	400.000,00	95 %	0,85%
Action 3.1.12.: <i>The purchase of Off-Road Patrol Vehicles (4x4)</i>	1	-	1.510.500,00	79.500,00	0	1.590.000,00	95 %	3,38%
Action 3.1.13.: <i>Establishment of AIS Infrastructure</i>	1	-	0	0	0	0	95 %	0,00%
Action 3.1.14.: <i>Purchase of Police Patrol Dogs</i>	1	-	0	0	0	0	95 %	0,00%
Action 3.1.15.: <i>Purchase of 4x4 vehicles (type jeep)</i>	1	-	0	0	0	0	95 %	0,00%
Action 3.1.16.: <i>Purchase of Mobile Screening Systems (Vans)</i>	1	-	3.040.000,00	160.000,00	0	3.200.000,00	95 %	6,79%
Action 3.1.17.: <i>The upgrading of the existing Offshore (Open Sea) Patrol Vessel</i>	1	-	0	0	0	0	95 %	0,00%
Action 3.1.18.: <i>Purchase of thermal cameras</i>	1	-	902.500,00	47.500,00	0	950.000,00	95 %	2,02%
Action 3.1.19.: <i>Purchase of devices to check travel documents</i>	1	-	1.520.000,00	80.000,00	0	1.600.000,00	95 %	3,40%
Action 3.1.20.: <i>Purchase of patrol motorcycles</i>	1	-	285.000,00	15.000,00	0	300.000,00	95 %	0,64%
Action 3.1.21.: <i>Upgrading of Aerial means equipment</i>	1	-	77.900,00	4.100,00	0	82.000,00	95 %	0,17%
Action 3.1.22.: <i>Purchase of Mobile Screening Systems (SUV)</i>	1	-	475.000,00	25.000,00	0	500.000,00	95 %	1,06%

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Action 3.1.23.: <i>Upgrading of Borders Crossing Points infrastructure</i>	1	-	190.000,00	10.000,00	0	200.000,00	95 %	0,42%
Action 3.1.24.: <i>Establishment of regional Operational Centres at East Aegean Sea Islands and the upgrade of the Central Operational Center for Land Borders at H.P. H.Q.</i>	1	-	570.000,00	30.000,00	0	600.000,00	95 %	1,27%
Action 3.1.25.: <i>Establishment of Screening Centers in Lesvos</i>	1	-	285.000,00	15.000,00	0	300.000,00	95 %	0,64%
Action 3.1.26.: <i>Purchase of patrol vessel at Evros Region</i>	1	-	57.000,00	3.000,00	0	60.000,00	95 %	0,13%
Action 3.1.27.: <i>Purchase of Satellite Communication Devices</i>	1	-	57.000,00	3.000,00	0	60.000,00	95 %	0,13%
Action 3.1.28.: <i>Purchase of heart beat detector</i>	1	-	71.250,00 €	3.750,00 €	0	75.000,00	95 %	0,16%
Action 3.4.1.: <i>Development of the 2nd Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II) – Upgrading of the existing network of the Hellenic Coast Guard HQs and the purchase of appropriate hardware (desktops and laptops)</i>	4	-	902.500,00	47.500,00	0	950.000,00	95 %	2,02%
Action 3.4.2.: <i>Support for the installation of the Visa Information System, consisting of the Network Systems (NET-VIS) and the National Visa Information System (N-VIS), in the Greek consulates</i>	4	-	807.500,00	42.500,00	0	850.000,00	95 %	1,80%
Action 3.5.1.: <i>In Situ training on Visa policy issues</i>	5	-	95.000,00	5.000,00	0	100.000,00	95 %	0,21%
Action 3.5.2.: <i>Training on borders management and fundamental human rights protection</i>	5	-	85.500,00	4.500,00	0	90.000,00	95 %	0,19%

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Fund: **EXTERNAL BORDERS**

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Action 3.5.3.: <i>Upgrading of HCG training simulator</i>	5	-	51.300,00	2.700,00		54.000,00	95 %	0,11%
Technical assistance		-	1.652.854,00	0	0	1.652.854,00	100%	3,51%
Other operations (2)		-	0	0	0	0	-	0%
TOTAL			44.745.804,00	2.268.050,00	0	47.013.854,00	95,18%	100.00%

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