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

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 understanding)** and after the approval of the 2013 Annual Program will also sign **grant agreements** with the representatives of the final beneficiaries. These agreements state all the details relating to the performance of the duties and obligations which are being delegated to those services, such as the monitoring and development of the implementing actions via periodical reports (monthly – quarterly) which will be submitted to the R.A. by the responsible Services either they concern supply of equipment or the realisation of educations.

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 will be signed by the Head of the Responsible Authority and the Head of each body and will be also co-signed by 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.

2.2. The First Reception Service

The First Reception Service was established by the law 3907/2011, belonging, administratively, to the Ministry of 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 Citizen Protection. It has general responsibility for illegal immigration and maritime borders issues. Additionally, pursuant to Article 2 of Legislative Decree 444/70 (Government Gazette I 39), “on the functions of the CG – relations with security forces”, the CG carries out general policing tasks in the sea area encompassing all the marine territory of Greece up to the point of contact between sea and shore, on board ships, on floating craft of all kinds and in ports and their shore areas.

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 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 2011 and will implement the decided actions:

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

The process followed by the Responsible Authority, 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, was constituted the Council of Staff Planning & Crisis Management, which 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.

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.

The new actions of the 2013 A.P. which haven't been, initially, described in the M.A.P., have been approved by the above competent Council.

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 Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard

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

- **Operational Means and Special Units Division**
- **Financial Services Division**
- **Procurement and Infrastructure Division**

A working group was established at the Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean/Hellenic Coast Guard (MSMAA/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 Annual Programme 2011 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 not 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 and is scheduled to be partially completed (the NVIS part) by September 2012 and fully completed (the NET-VIS part), according to schedule, by March 2013. Both projects, which constitute the National VIS (EL-VIS) project, will be financed under the Revised 2009 and 2010 Annual Programs, as well as the 2011 Annual Program.

The operational deployment of VIS sites follow the Roll-Out Schedule of the European Commission, and up to date ZONE A (with exception of Libya) and ZONE B are operational.

The Consular Office of the Greek Embassy in Tripoli, Libya, is not issuing Visas. When the infrastructure will be completed and the EL-VIS will be implemented and fully functional, the Consular office will start issuing visas using the VIS.

Regarding ZONE C (Gulf countries) NVIS and NET-VIS are functional in all 6 countries. The ELVIS will go operational following the European Commission Schedule.

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. For 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 the following countries and cities: Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Rostov), China (Shanghai) and India (New Delhi).

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 the 2013 Annual 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, both with the establishment of a surveillance system and the fence at Orestiada (Evros region) and with the purchase of the appropriate equipment and assets, with the state of the art equipment that could probably upgrade their capabilities on efficient border control and surveillance.

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. Regarding the current state of play, the node of the EUROSUR system, is already established in Greece and is operated within the Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters. However, the proposed action under 2013 Annual Program concerns the upgrade of the relevant equipment and the software applications, in order to operate effectively, corresponding to the increased needs, in terms of interconnection and interoperability with the rest NCCs, within EU countries.

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 the terms of illegal immigrants' entrances. The specific study has been already implemented and financed by the Rev. 2011 Annual Program. The results of the study will be used for the establishment of an integrated automated surveillance system in Evros region.

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 was the preparation of a study, which has been financed by the 2011 AP, determining the integration of the existing means and equipment and the design the further enhancement of the necessary surveillance means for more efficient border control in this critical area. This study, took into consideration, the EUROSUR requirements as well as the operational requirements for the Greek National Coordination Centre, which is going to be financed by the 2013 A.P.

In addition to the above mentioned study, a new one is already included in the rev. 2012 AP and will be implemented within the first months of 2014, concerning the extension of the automated surveillance system to the Greek-Albanian borders, the Greek-Fyrom borders and the Greek-Turkish borders in the North-eastern Aegean islands. The results of the study, will determine the necessary surveillance equipment needed as well as the appropriate administrative reforms, which are required for the effective borders management in the above borders areas. In parallel, the development of the "Shield" operation in Evros region, has been operated extremely positive, in terms of increasing the security level at the borders and preventing the illegal immigration in the area. In this way,

the combination of the two security methods (Shield operation & surveillance means), produces very efficient results and gives the opportunity to the local authorities, to use all kind of resources for an effective integrated border management system in the area.

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 illegal immigrants, giving special attention to the 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 & 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 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 has already submitted to the Commission, from 18-07-2012, the revised description of the new Management and Control System.

3. ACTIONS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAMME UNDER THE PRIORITIES CHOSEN
3.1. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 1

3.1.1. 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 Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard]



PROJECT	BUDGET OF UNIT/PROJECT	PROPOSED EUROPEAN RESOURCES (75%)	PROPOSED NATIONAL RESOURCES (25%)	ITEMS
Coastal Patrol Vessels	2.231.333,33/13.388.000,00	A) 5.020.500,00 (2012) B) 5.020.500,00 (2013)	A) 1.673.500,00 (2012) B) 1.673.500,00 (2013)	6

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 Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean /Hellenic Coast Guard.

3.1.1.3. 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 relative Presidential Decrees concerning the competences and tasks of the following Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard are still pending) **the Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and 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.

3.1.1.4. 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.

3.1.1.5. 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

3.1.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

The actions to be implemented are derived from actions taken under National and 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.

3.1.1.8. Financial Information

Under 2013 AP will be financed the finalization of the project, depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 5.020.500,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 1.673.500,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean/Hellenic Coast Guard through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this part of this project therefore totals **EUR 6.694.000,00**.

The total amount of this Multi Annual Project, under the co-financing of EBF Annual Programme 2012 & 2013, comes up to, is EUR **13.388.000,00**..

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**.

3.1.2. The 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 Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean / Hellenic Coast Guard]

3.1.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The purchase of an OPV has been proposed to be financed by the EBF Annual Programmes 2012 and 2013, as a multi-annual project. Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) have advanced operational and technical capabilities, long endurance at sea and contribute to the more effective surveillance of the high seas, with a more frequent presence in these areas even under bad weather conditions.

Taking into consideration the features of such a vessel, the scope is that it would contribute to a more effective control and surveillance of the territorial waters as well as the surveillance in the open seas. The flexibility and speed of the OPV, its capability to conduct patrols even under bad weather conditions, as well as their cooperation with HCG aircraft in terms of detection, identification and, when necessary, interception of targets at sea gives a significant added value in a more effective management of maritime borders.

This vessel can also be used in joint European operations abroad. Provision will be made when preparing the technical specifications of the vessel to ensure it will carry appropriate telecommunications equipment which meets international standards, so that it could be able to cooperate with similar resources of other EU Member States.

This action is the second part of the "Multi Annual Project" for the procurement of an OPV, commenced at the EBF Annual Programme 2012 (3.1.9.), and will be finalised at EBF Annual Programme 2013.

PROJECT	BUDGET OF UNIT/PROJECT	PROPOSED EUROPEAN RESOURCES	PROPOSED NATIONAL RESOURCES	ITEMS
Offshore Patrol Vessel	40.000.000,00/40.000.000,00	A) 11.250.000,00 (2012) B) 18.750.000,00 (2013)	A) 3.750.000,00 (2012) B) 6.250.000,00 (2013)	1

3.1.2.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean/HCG.

3.1.2.3. 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 (the relative Presidential Decrees concerning the competences and tasks of the following Divisions of the Ministry of Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Coast Guard are still pending), **the Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and 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 Development and Competitiveness** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.2.4. 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.

3.1.2.5. 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.

3.1.2.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.4. of Priority 1.

3.1.2.8. Financial Information

The part of this Multi Annual Project, as regards the EBF Annual Programme 2013, concerns the finalization of the payments depends on 75% European co-financing (**EUR 18.750.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 6.250.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean/ Hellenic Coast Guard through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this part of the project therefore totals **EUR 25.000.000,00**.

The total amount that this Multi Annual Project, under the co-financing of EBF Annual Programmes 2012 & 2013, comes up to, **EUR 40.000.000,00**.

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**.

3.1.3. 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]

3.1.3.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The reinforcement Police operation in Evros region is an ongoing action, initially covered by the revised 2011 Annual Program and continued by the 2012 and 2013 Annual Programs, with exclusive task the improvement of the border control activities and the prevention of the illegal immigration at this critical border area. This operation is part of the national integrated strategic plan concerning the external borders surveillance and the illegal immigration management. In parallel with the above operation, the “Xenios Zeus” operation is being implemented, focusing at the apprehension and return of the illegal immigrants who are located in the hinterland.



The specific operation has been designed, taken into account the European acquis and especially the principle of non-refoulement, as well as the assurance to the access to asylum procedure. All Border Guards are initially and further trained in border control activities, including the proper illegal immigrants' treatment and the human rights' respect (these courses have been financed by the 2007, 2009 and 2010 EBF Annual Programs). Furthermore, the local Police Directorates are cooperating with experienced international and non-governmental organizations, specialized in the asylum and screening process, in order to be ensured the objectivity of the applied procedures.

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 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 [Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Development and 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.

3.1.3.4. Expected quantified results

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

3.1.3.5. Indicators to be used

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.

3.1.3.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.1.3.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from European resources (**EUR 6.375.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 2.125.000,00**) from the state budget), bringing total budget of this project to (**EUR 8.500.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of 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).

3.1.4. Establishment of First Reception Centers in Lesvos and Attica [(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]

3.1.4.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The objective of the action is to enhance the capacity of Greece with regard to First reception conditions. . The action builds on measures presented in the 2010 (3.1.21) and 2011 AP (3.1.6) concerning the efforts of the Greek authorities to fulfil the Greek Action Plan's objectives.

Greece continues to face a particular pressure due to constant incoming mixed migratory flows. Most of these people are entering Greece as a transit country toward their final destination in another member state, some of them will stay illegally in Greece and some others will apply for asylum.

As it was identified in the Greek Action Plan, 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 centers or reception centers for asylum seekers.

Moreover, the Greek Action Plan identified the needs for the establishment of modern detention centers in order to ensure adequate accommodation of persons kept in detention and ensure that third country nationals concerned are treated with respect and dignity.

The national law setting up the framework for the operation of the screening and detention centres was adopted in January 2011 (Law 3907, Government Gazette 7 A', 26-01-2011). According to this law First Reception Centers shall be established in selected parts of the country which present a constant flow of illegal entries of third-country nationals. Furthermore the Law incorporates Directive 2008/115 which imposes certain obligations on Member States with regard to detention conditions of third country nationals.

Due to the shift of migratory flows from the Greek-Turkish sea borders to the Greek-Turkish land borders in early 2010, focus has been given in AP 2011 in the Evros region and in the establishment of detention and screening centers in three sites (detention and screening facility in Orestiada, detention and screening facility in Karoti and screening facility

in Fylakio). The creation of these centers is expected to enhance the capacity of the Greek administration as regards reception and detention facilities to illegally entering third country nationals in the region.

Parallel to the adoption of measures in Evros, attention must be given to strengthening screening/detention capacity in other regions as well. This is more evident in the Greek-Turkish sea border as well as in the Athens region. More specifically:

a. Greek-Turkish sea borders

Enhanced border control at the Greek-Turkish land border together with other unforeseeable factors might shift the inflows of illegal migrants/asylum seekers to the Greek-Turkish sea border again. Existing facilities in this region must operate in conformity with existing legislation on screening procedures and detention conditions.

[REDACTED]

The detention center in Pagani was closed in October 2009 due to poor detention conditions and then followed the Samos detention center and the Chios detention center as well. At the present, refurbishment works are needed in both centers in order to start operated again. Furthermore, there is a need to establish two First Reception Centers in the Greek islands to accommodate current and future needs, as already identified in the Greek Action Plan. In that context, ex detention centers in Samos and Chios, after renovation, will be converted into first reception ("screening") centers.

b. Athens Region

The need to establish screening procedures for third country nationals already residing unlawfully in Greece, has been identified in the Greek Action Plan and in Law 3907/2011. This is more evident in Athens, where most persons illegally residing are gathered. At the same time a significant number of third country nationals arrive at the Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport. The capacity of the detention facility in the Airport is limited and no provision is made to accommodate screening procedures as provided for in Law 3907/2011.

The establishment of a First Reception Service in Athens/Attica would accommodate the need to provide for screening procedures for the above mentioned third country nationals or for those transferred from the border regions (in particular in case of massive arrivals) or residing in Athens without having been submitted to any screening procedures in the past.

For the abovementioned reasons and in order to guarantee First reception procedures for all third country nationals as well as appropriate detention facilities throughout the country, irrespective of the point of entry, the AP 2013 will focus on measures outside the Evros region. In that context, the specific action proposed under the 2013 annual programme will support the establishment/refurbishment of following centers:

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The total indicative budget for this action will be 5.280.000,00 €, including the necessary studies and preparatory expenditures.

3.1.4.2. 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.

3.1.4.3. 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.

3.1.4.4. 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.

3.1.4.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of upgraded/constructed facilities, number of technical studies completed, increase of capacity (number of new places) of First Reception centers.

Outcome: More efficient management of immigration flows, improved conditions for the screening procedure, improved conditions in detention centers.

Impact: Increased border security, treatment of third country nationals with respect and dignity in screening and detention facilities

3.1.4.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.1.4.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from European resources (**EUR 3.960.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 1.320.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 5.280.000,00**). 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**.

3.1.5. Purchase of Off-Road Patrol vehicles (rural type) [(Priority 1 - Objective 4 of M.A.P.) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

3.1.5.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The above – mentioned one hundred fifty (**150**) vehicles will be used for the realisation of patrols in inaccessible and mountainous borders regions aiming to localise illegal immigrants and to prevent illegal entry.

3.1.5.2. 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.

3.1.5.3. 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 [Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Regional Development and 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.

3.1.5.4. Expected quantified results

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

3.1.5.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased Off-road Patrol vehicles (rural type), 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 surveillance at the external borders increased.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.5.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.1.5.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from European Union resources (**EUR 3.375.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 1.125.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 4.500.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of Regional Development and 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).

3.1.6. Purchase of Police Patrol Dogs [(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

The above – mentioned (appr.) forty four (**44**) police dogs will facilitate the police officers and border guards work, during the operations for localization the illegal immigrants, trying to cross the external land borders illegally.

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 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 [Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Development and Competitiveness, the Ministry of Public Order and Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section, the Technical Matters Division** and the Special Unit for the Neutralizing of Explosive Devices can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.6.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be the increased potential of the police officers and border guards to effectively detect the immigrants, who have crossed or with a view to cross the external land borders illegally, from a long distance.

3.1.6.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased police dogs.

Outcome: (a) Actual use of police dogs and equipment increased.

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

(c) Efficient operations at the external borders increased.

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 with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

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

3.1.6.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from European Union resources (**EUR 108.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 36.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 144.000,00**). 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 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. 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 [(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 Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean/Hellenic Coast Guard]]

3.1.7.1. 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, which is funded by the 2011 AP, 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 (fuel, repair and maintenance costs for patrol boats, vessels etc) which perform increased patrols in order to guard the maritime borders effectively. 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 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 temporary screening facilities located at the Eastern and Northern islands. This includes the temporary screening centers which are operating in these islands where there is no structured First Reception Centers. This project may include, among others, costs related to **food, medical care, personal hygiene supplies, cleaning services and equipment or some facilities equipment such as pillows, layers, blankets and other necessary operational costs** (power and water supply).

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, such as reparation/maintenance costs for the patrol vehicles/vessels and other equipment (operational uniforms, special camouflage tents etc.) and fuels for vehicles/vessels involved in border control activities.

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 located in the Evros region. This may include, among others, costs related to **food, medical care, personal hygiene supplies, cleaning services and equipment or some equipment of the facilities concerned such as pillows, layers, blankets 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. Operational costs for the H.C.G. vessels	1.030.000,00
2. Operational costs for the H.P. Services at the Eastern Aegean islands	400.000,00
a. Renting of temporary screening facilities	70.000,00
b. Operational-running costs for the H.P. Services dealing with the screening process	100.000,00
c. Transportation costs for the mixed flows located in small islands or islets	100.000,00
3. Operational costs and purchase of equipment for the temporary screening facilities at the islands	300.000,00
Subtotal of Part 1	2.000.000,00
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	200.000,00

with the I.B.M.S. in Evros region	
Subtotal of Part 2	200.000,00
Total	2.200.000,00

All the invoices related to the implementation of the action should be stamped with the EBF marking and the RA will make all the appropriate verifications before the payments, in order to avoid any kind of overlapping of the Frontex operation expenditures.

3.1.7.2. 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, and the First Reception Service** of the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection and **the Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters of the Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean**.

3.1.7.3. 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 and the First Reception Service, the Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters of the Ministry of Shipping, Maritime Affairs and the Aegean** as well as the **Ministry of Development and Competitiveness** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.7.4. 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.

3.1.7.5. 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.

3.1.7.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.1.7.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from European resources (**EUR 1.650.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 550.000,00** from the state budget), bringing total budget of this project to (**EUR 2.200.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of 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.

3.1.8. 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]

3.1.7.1. Purpose and scope of the action

It is proposed to be purchased four (**4**) tanker truck vehicles, in order to be used for the fuels' transfer from the big petrol stations to the Border Police Stations and First Reception Centres at the near borders areas. These particular vehicles will be allocated in the Evros region (2 in the Orestiada P.D. and 2 in the Alexandroupoli P.D.). The bad weather conditions at the above mentioned Police Directorates, especially during the winter season, require the consumption of large quantities of fuel. Until today, when the level of the fuel approach to empty, the competent Directorates ask from the local suppliers to refill the fuel tanks in the Border Police Stations and the Detention Centers. In many cases, the Police Services (including the Detention Centre in Fylakio), run out of fuels for some days, because of the limited availability of the local suppliers to correspond to the requests. So, the proposed action will give the opportunity to the Border Guards Services and the Detention Centre in Fylakio to upgrade the livelihoods conditions of the Police Personnel and the apprehended illegal immigrants.

3.1.8.2. Expected grant recipients

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

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

The Ministry of 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 [Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Development and 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.

3.1.8.4. Expected quantified results

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be:

- Improvement of the working conditions for the personnel of the services of the Greek Police responsible for the surveillance at the external borders;
- improvement of the detention conditions by illegal immigrants apprehended;
- upgrading of the internal working conditions and the modernization of the technological equipment;

3.1.8.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased tanker truck vehicles.

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

(b) Number of available equipment for the effective operation of the Border Guard stations and the First Reception Centres increased.

(c) Better accommodation of persons kept in temporary detention facilities within border stations and in the First Reception Centers.

(c) Better accommodation standards for the personnel of the services of the Greek Police responsible for the surveillance at the external borders.

Impact: 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 and compatibility with actions financed by other EC instruments

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

3.1.8.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from European resources (**EUR 450.750,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 150.250,00** from the state budget), bringing total budget of this project to (**EUR 601.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of 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).

3.2. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 2

3.2.1. The purchase of the appropriate equipment for the operation of the National Coordination Centre and its interoperability [(Priority 2-Objective 1-2 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/ Hellenic Police]

3.2.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The specific action will be implemented on the base of the evaluated results of the feasibility study on the establishment of a National Coordination Centre (N.C.C.), which has been financed under the Annual Programme 2009.

This action, concerns the **purchase of the appropriate equipment**, which will be necessary for the effective operation of the N.C.C.. The results of the feasibility study have

already been evaluated, in order to proceed to the determination of the exact quantity and the kind of the required equipment.

In the light of the recent adoption of the EUROSUR Regulation by the European Parliament, the operation of the system will start within December 2013 and therefore the financing of the specific action is considered to be of a great importance. Besides, the node of the EUROSUR system, is already established in Greece and is operated within the Hellenic Coast Guard Headquarters. However, the proposed action concerns the upgrade of the relevant equipment and the software applications, in order to operate effectively, corresponding to the increased needs, in terms of interconnection and interoperability with the rest NCCs, within EU countries.

Below, is provided an indicative list of equipment, needed for the setting up and the operation of the NCC and its interoperability with similar centres in other Member States:

1. Equipment of information technology (hardware and software) for:
 - The access to the internet and the reception - transmission of electronic correspondence.
 - The follow-up of provision (on the map) of the units for borders monitoring (land and maritime) on a 24-hour basis all year.
 - The access to all national reporting, monitoring and controlling systems (eg .AIS, VMS, VTMS etc.), via the Operational Centres of National Authorities, for the holistic knowledge of situation at the external borders on a 24-hour basis all year.
 - The support to regional Services in the research, detection, follow-up and arrest of persons trying to enter illegally in Greece via land and maritime borders. It will be realised with the collection, composition, analysis and distribution of information that will be received by the national surveillance system and its tools (eg . radars, satellite systems of communications, systems of air means, electronic applications etc.).
 - The detection and identification of threats that faced at the borders.
2. Telecommunications equipment for the various forms of communication (conventional –related to satellite).
3. Equipment of telematics for the direct communication with the Regional Coordinative Centres, the two Operational Centres of Hellenic Police (external land borders) and Hellenic Coast Guard (external maritime borders), as well as the Mobile Coordinative Centres.
4. Wireless communication equipment.
5. External devices for reception and transmission of information at the regional centres.
6. Satellite antennas for reception of messages and information from regional, mobile coordinative centres and radar antennas.
7. Projection systems for presentations (Power point).

8. Teaching tables or flipcharts for off-hand notes and/or presentations in cases of informative visits or even short-term educations on issues of strategic management for illegal immigration.
9. Software for evaluation of Services' activities, based on the statistical data that they present.
10. Installation of wireless microphone equipment and booths for translators in the room of deliberations.

This action implies a continuation, as a thematic unit, of action 3.2.1 included in annual programme 2009.

3.2.1.2. Expected grant recipients

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

3.2.1.3. 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 [Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Development and 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.

3.2.1.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from the development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, are intended to be the purchase of the necessary equipment and technical means that will be needed for the operation of the National Coordination Centre and its interoperability with similar centres in other Member States.

3.2.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the purchase of the technical means and equipments, which are necessary for the operation of the National Coordination Centre for the management of the borders control (checks and surveillance), which supports regional and national decision-making among all involved national services by using surveillance, reporting and intelligence data.

Outcomes: **a)** Increase in information exchange and cooperation at National and Community level, **b)** Creation of a "national border security picture", **c)** Increase in potential for cooperation with other Member States.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.2.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

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

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

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

3.2.1.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from European resources (**EUR 1.500.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 500.000,00** from the state budget), bringing total budget of this project to (**EUR 2.000.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order and Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of 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).

3.3 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 3

No actions proposed

3.4 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 4

3.4.1. The purchase of equipment and software for the upgrading of the Hellenic Police Network for the development of the SCHENGEN Information System II (S.I.S. II) [(Priority 2-Objective 4 of M.A.P) Action implemented by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection / Hellenic Police]

3.4.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

To fulfil the tasks concerning the police checks on persons within the areas of Hellenic Police responsibility, as provided for by the SCHENGEN Borders Code, it is proposed the purchase of electronic equipment for the upgrading of the Hellenic Police SIS II network. Specifically, will be purchased, by an international procurement procedure the appropriate devices and software, as well as, will be developed the customization of these materials to the needs of the SIS II applications.

The purchase, installation and adjustment of the appropriate equipment and software will make the 2nd generation of the Schengen Information System (SIS II) fully operational and will give access of the system to all Hellenic Police Authorities.

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 Citizen Protection/Hellenic Police.

3.4.1.3. 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 [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection/Hellenic Police

Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section and the **Information Technology Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.4.1.4. Expected quantified results

The upgrading of the Hellenic Police network and the purchase of the appropriate equipment and software will enable the Hellenic Police Authorities, for alongside the effective checks of persons and also to conduct the prescribed SIS II checks on the Hellenic territory.

3.4.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased, installed and adjusted a computerised equipment and the number of upgraded network for the development of the 2nd Generation of Schengen Information System (SIS II) and the access of all Hellenic Police 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 land 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

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

3.4.1.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 2, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 2.493.750,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 831.250,00** from the state budget), bringing total budget of this project to (**EUR 3.325.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, in cooperation with the Ministry of 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).

3.5. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 5.

No actions proposed.

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, 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 2013 annual programme. The implementation trail of the 2013 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 350.646,00** for the Annual Program 2013 (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

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

5. DRAFT FINANCING PLAN

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Table 1 – Overview table

Member State: GREECE Annual programme concerned: 2013 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>The purchase of Coastal Patrol Vessels for surveillance purposes (C.P.Vs)</i>	1	-	5.020.500,00	1.673.500,00	0	6.694.000,00	75 %	11,42%
Action 3.1.2.: <i>The purchase of an Offshore (Open Sea) Patrol Vessel (O.P.V.)</i>	1	-	18.750.000,00	6.250.000,00	0	25.000.000,00	75 %	42,67%
Action 3.1.3.: <i>The support of the reinforcement operation in Evros region</i>	1	-	6.375.000,00	2.125.000,00	0	8.500.000,00	75 %	14,51%
Action 3.1.4. : <i>Establishment of First Reception Centers in Lesvos and Attica</i>	1	-	3.960.000,00	1.320.000,00€	0	5.280.000,00	75 %	9,01%
Action 3.1.5.: <i>The purchase of Off-Road Patrol Vehicles (rural type)</i>	1	-	3.375.000,00	1.125.000,00	0	4.500.000,00	75 %	7,68%
Action 3.1.6.: <i>Purchase of Police Patrol Dogs</i>	1	-	108.000,00	36.000,00	0	144.000,00	75 %	0,25%
Action 3.1.7.: <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	-	1.650.000,00	550.000,00	0	2.200.000,00	75 %	3,75%
Action 3.1.8.: <i>Purchase of vehicles for the fuels' transfer</i>	1	-	450.750,00	150.250,00	0	601.000,00	75 %	1,03%
Action 3.2.1.: <i>The purchase of the appropriate equipment for the operation of the National Coordination Centre and its interoperability</i>	2	-	1.500.000,00	500.000,00	0	2.000.000,00	75 %	3,41%
Action 3.4.1.: <i>The purchase of equipment and software for the upgrading of the Hellenic Police Network for the development of the SCHENGEN Information System II (S.I.S. II)</i>	4	-	2.493.750,00	831.250,00	0	3.325.000,00	75 %	5,67%
Technical assistance		-	350.646,00	0	0	350.646,00	100%	0,60%
Other operations (2)			0	0	0	0	-	0,00%
TOTAL			44.033.646,00	14.561.000,0	0	58.594.646,00	75,15%	100,00%

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