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ANNEX

Annual work programme on grants and contracts for the Europe for Citizens programme for 2011

Budget line: 16.05.01 ('Europe for Citizens')

Basic act: Decision n° 1904/2006/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 the programme "Europe for Citizens"

1. OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF THE PROGRAMME IN 2011

1.1. Main features / general objectives of the programme

The general objectives of the Europe for Citizens Programme are to contribute to:

- giving citizens the opportunity to interact and participate in constructing an ever closer Europe, which is democratic and world-oriented, united in and enriched through its cultural diversity, thus developing citizenship of the European Union;
- developing a sense of European identity, based on common values, history and culture;
- fostering a sense of ownership of the European Union among its citizens;
- enhancing tolerance and mutual understanding between European citizens respecting and promoting cultural and linguistic diversity, while contributing to intercultural dialogue.

1.2. Policy developments

A new dynamism is given to European citizens' rights through the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, including through the introduction of the European Citizens' Initiative, and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

The Europe 2020 strategy is aimed at fostering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the European Union. It will contribute to help European societies to make a successful exit from the current economic crisis and build a more sustainable socially inclusive growth by creating value through knowledge, empowering people in inclusive societies and creating a connected and greener economy.

2011 will be the European Year of volunteering.

1.3. Priorities of the programme for 2011

1.3.1. Priorities

All projects must address at least one of the programme's five permanent priorities (indicated in bold). Within these permanent priorities, in 2011, projects also focussing on specific themes (indicated in italics) would be particularly welcome.

Priority One - The future of the European Union and its basic values

The core values of the EU – human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights have been reconfirmed by the Lisbon Treaty and greater prominence given to solidarity, peace and the well-being of the Union's peoples. The legally binding Charter of Fundamental Rights represents a major step forward, becoming the compass for all EU policies. The Treaty also puts the role of the EU in the world on a new footing and introduces important changes in the functioning of the EU institutions, inter-institutional relations and interaction between the European institutions, national parliaments and citizens.

In the light of these developments the active involvement of citizens in debate and reflection on the EU and its values are crucial in fostering a sense of ownership and of European identity amongst citizens. The Europe for Citizens Programme is an important tool in this respect.

Shared symbols and festivities also play a part in building a sense of European identity and, as in previous years, celebrations of Europe Day on 9 May 2011 will help make the achievements of European construction more visible.

Thematic Focus 2011: involving civil society in debate, reflection, action as well as raising awareness of the EU including on the effects of the implementation of the Lisbon Treaty in particular as regards the European citizens' rights; making the achievements of European construction more visible including through commemorating Europe day on 9 May.

Priority Two - Active European citizenship: civic participation and democracy in Europe

President Barroso's guidelines for the new Commission identify reinforcing EU citizenship and participation as key challenges facing the EU. The new provisions of the Lisbon Treaty significantly strengthen the opportunities to advance people's Europe. Implementation of these provisions – including on the citizens' initiative - will instigate new kinds of co-operation between the European Institutions and citizens and the different actors in civil society. The greater scope for national parliaments to participate alongside the European institutions in the work of the Union also pre-supposes the stronger involvement of citizens in national discussions on matters of EU policy.

2011 represents the mid-way point between European elections and is an opportune moment to draw the lessons from the past and reflect on how to mobilise citizens for the 2014 elections including on the role of political parties, the media, foundations, think-tanks, voluntary organizations.

Volunteering is a key means of civic participation through which citizens identify and respond to needs arising in society. The 2011 European Year of volunteering provides a particularly timely opportunity to raise awareness and mobilise stakeholders. Presidency events and other high-visibility fora are a vital means in this respect.

Promoting equal opportunities for all and combating poverty and social exclusion continue to be issues of fundamental importance to active citizenship, including as regards participation in political life.

In 2011, the results of an EU-wide comparative study on active citizenship will be available and will provide input for future EU programme development.

The Europe for Citizens Programme represents an important means of raising awareness of European issues and supporting citizens to make use of their rights, of initiative and participate actively in the democratic life of the EU.

Thematic Focus 2011: empowering citizens to play a full part in the democratic life of the EU & exercise their new right of initiative; fostering participation through volunteering linked to the European Year of volunteering; equal opportunities in political life.

Priority Three - Intercultural dialogue

Intercultural dialogue plays a crucial part in creating a sense of belonging, of mutual understanding and of solidarity and is a necessary component of socially cohesive societies. The Europe for Citizens programme has a strong history of supporting projects on this theme. In view of the increase in social divisions in recent years and the associated tensions of xenophobia, racism and intolerance, there is more need than ever to promote intercultural and interfaith dialogue. New forms of social innovation and the pivotal role civil society organisations play could be especially fruitful topics to explore and develop actions related to senior volunteering and links between generations.

Thematic Focus 2011: raising awareness of and mobilising stakeholders, active in bridging cultural barriers, to reflect on social cohesion and social innovation and take part in the European Year of volunteering.

Priority Four - People's well-being in Europe: employment, social cohesion and sustainable development & Priority Five - The Impact of EU policies in societies

The Europe 2020 Strategy – puts the rights, prosperity and solidarity of Europeans at the heart of the EU agenda and recognises that closing the gap between the reality of European integration and people's perceptions requires that European policies be built more closely around the needs of citizens. The proposed main drivers of the new strategy are: creating value by basing growth on knowledge; empowering people in inclusive societies and creating a competitive, connected and greener economy. It will also be important to capitalise on the results of the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

Citizens' engagement with issues which constitute the European Union's political priorities is a key element of civic participation. The Europe for Citizens Programme represents a valuable tool for raising awareness amongst citizens and encouraging them to share their

views on how the agenda should be taken forward. Particular attention should be given to the perspective of citizens and organised civil society on the skills needed to contribute to and benefit from a knowledge-based economy and ways to ensure it goes hand in hand with social cohesion. The Copenhagen conference underlined the global challenge of climate change and green energy. Finding solutions to these issues is crucial to achieve social and environmental justice because they combine global and local dimensions and solidarity with future and present generations. In 2011 it will be especially important to deal with the consequences of the economic and social crisis and involve citizens and organised civil society in developing locally adapted solutions and exchanging experience on these in the European context.

Thematic Focus 2011: impact and consequences of the current economic situation and the social dimension of the new Europe 2020 strategy – involving citizens and civil society, including volunteers, in developing locally adapted solutions & exchanging experience on these in the European context; awareness-raising, reflection and exchange of views with decision-makers on the relevance and implications of especially topical EU policies on citizens' daily lives including the governance, climate change, sustainable energy and economic aspects of the Europe 2020 strategy; building on the results of the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

1.3.2. *The programme is implemented through the following actions:*

Action 1: Active citizens for Europe

"Active citizens for Europe" aims to bring together people from local communities across Europe to share and exchange experiences, opinions and values, to learn from history and to build for the future. It encourages meetings, exchanges and debates among European citizens from different countries and through different means:

- Measure 1: Town-twinning

This measure is aimed at activities that involve or promote direct exchanges between European citizens through their participation in town-twinning activities and encourage networking and cooperation between twinned towns.

It is implemented by the EACEA via grants awarded following calls for proposals.

- Measure 2: Citizens' projects and support measures

Under this measure, a variety of projects of a transnational and cross-sectoral dimension, directly involving citizens, can be supported. Those projects should gather citizens from different horizons, who will act together or debate on common European issues, at local and European level. Innovative methods enabling citizens' participation should be applied. In order to improve town-twinning and citizens' projects, support measures are being funded to exchange best practices, to pool experiences between stakeholders and to develop new skills.

This measure is also implemented by the EACEA, which awards the grants further to calls for proposals.

Action 2: Active civil society for Europe

This action is directed at civil society organisations and think tanks. It is composed of three sets of measures:

- Structural support for European public policy research organisations (think-tanks)

This measure is aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of European public policy research organisations (think tanks), which are able to provide new ideas and reflections on European issues, on active citizenship at European level or on European values.

Beneficiaries receive structural support on the basis of their work programme (operating grants awarded under existing framework partnerships or further to a call for proposals, managed by EACEA).

- Structural support for civil society organisations at European level

This measure will provide civil society organisations of European dimension with the capacity and stability to develop their activities at European level. The purpose is to contribute to the emergence of a structured, coherent and active civil society at European level.

Beneficiaries receive structural support on the basis of their work programme (operating grants awarded under existing framework partnerships or further to a call for proposals, managed by EACEA).

- Support for projects initiated by civil society organisations

The aim of this measure is to support cooperation on concrete projects of civil society organisations from different participating countries. A variety of organisations, established at local, regional, national or European level, can be involved.

The beneficiaries receive support to transnational projects (action grants awarded further to a call for proposals managed by EACEA).

Action 3: Together for Europe

This action aims at deepening the concept of ‘active citizenship’ at European level and at promoting its understanding all over Europe, therefore contributing to bringing Europe closer to its citizens, through three sets of measures:

- High-visibility events

This measure will support events organised by the Commission, where appropriate in cooperation with the Member States or other relevant partners, with the aim to enhance the sense of belonging of citizens to their community and to foster their commitment to the European project.

Contracts are awarded further to public procurement procedure or, if possible, using specific contracts from existing framework contracts.

- Presidency events will be supported by grants awarded on the basis of Article 168.1(c) IR (bodies with a de facto monopoly).
- Studies

To complement the mid-term review carried out in 2010, a survey will be launched among the stakeholders to assess which activities have had the greatest impact on the local constituencies.

The contract will be awarded further to a public procurement procedure.

- Information and dissemination tools

The aim of the measure is to disseminate information on the programme and on other European actions related to citizenship.

Networks of projects will be set up and meetings will be organised, with a view to better identify interesting projects with wide dissemination potential, increase the exchange of good practices between them and publicize the most successful experiences. Web developments will be needed to set up these exchange platforms.

New promotional material will also have to be produced in 2011.

Contracts will be awarded further to public procurement procedures or, when possible, using specific contracts from existing framework contracts.

- Information structures in Member states and participating countries

These structures have been established to provide advice to applicants, support for partner search and disseminate information on the programme.

Operating grants are directly awarded by the EACEA on the basis of Article 168.1(f) IR.

Action 4: Active European remembrance

This action aims at preserving the main sites and archives associated with deportations and at commemorating the victims of Nazism and Stalinism.

Under this action, projects of the following types will be supported:

- for the preservation of the main sites and memorials associated with the mass deportations, the former concentration camps and other large-scale martyrdom and extermination sites of Nazism, as well as the archives documenting these events and for keeping alive the memory of the victims, as well as the memory of those who, under extreme conditions, rescued people from the Holocaust;
- for the commemoration of the victims of mass exterminations and mass deportations associated with Stalinism, as well as the preservation of the memorials and archives documenting these events.
- Grants are awarded by the EACEA further to a call for proposals.

1.3.3. Expected results in 2011:

Action 1:

Around 750 projects involving about 1 million citizens. Intended impact on participants: increased sense of ownership of the European project and sense of European identity on the basis of common and shared values.

Action 2, 3 and 4:

51 operating grants and about 100 action grants further to calls for proposals, a maximum of 31 grants without calls for proposals (Art. 168.1.c/f IR) and information activities, with a view to ensure increased involvement of the civil society in promoting civic participation at the European level.

1.3.4. Scope of the work programme

This work programme covers the whole 2011 budget.

The programming table in annex shows the distribution of available appropriations among the actions and sub-actions funded by budget line 16.05.01, taking into account the amounts

requested in the Draft Budget 2011 ¹, the contribution expected from third countries (Croatia, FYROM and Albania), as well as a forecast of revenues from recoveries.

The award decisions on the following grants are subject to the opinion of the Programme Committee and therefore request a separate Commission decision (to be taken by the Authorising Officer):

- operating grants (except the renewed contributions within the pluriannual partnerships, that already have received a positive opinion from the Committee);
- multi-annual twinning agreements.

2. GRANTS

2.1. General call for proposals - Programme guide

Every year, after adoption of the financing decision, calls for proposals are published in accordance with Article 110 of the Financial Regulation and Article 167 of the Implementing Rules. These calls for proposals make reference to a programme guide for the practical information.

The programme guide aims to assist all those interested in developing projects or receiving financial support for their permanent activities within the Programme. It helps them understand both the objectives and the measures of the Programme and therefore the types of activities that can (or cannot) be supported under the Programme. It also aims to give detailed information on what is needed to apply and what level of grant can be offered. Finally it offers an explanation of the selection procedure and of general rules relevant to those applications for Community grants that are selected at the end of this procedure.

This programme guide shall include as well the elements published in the general call for proposals for the current year, for the measures referred to below.

The implementation will be done by a decision for grants in the country where it is possible and by written agreements elsewhere.

2.1.1. Award criteria for all measures covered by the general call for proposals

Qualitative criteria (80%):

- Relevance to the objectives and priorities of the Programme
- Quality of the project and methods proposed
- Visibility and Follow-up
- Impact (multiplier effect, short and long term impact at local, national and European levels, evaluation means)

Quantitative criteria (20%):

- Geographical impact
- Target group (in terms of direct participants or public indirectly reached by the project).

¹ Under the condition that the draft budget 2011 is adopted without modifications by the Budgetary Authority

On a subsidiary basis, the Commission and the executive Agency reserve the right to ensure a balanced geographical distribution of the selected projects for each action.

2.1.2. *Potential beneficiaries and maximum funding*

Action 1: “Active citizens for Europe”

Measure 1. Town twinning: Citizens’ meetings

See index 1.1. of the programming table.

- Towns and municipalities and their twinning committees or other non profit organisations representing local authorities.
- Maximum amount: 25.000 €per project;
- Maximum percentage of co-funding: flat rate
- Maximum duration: 21 days per project

Measure 1: Town twinning: networking of twinned towns

See index 1.2. of the programming table.

- Towns and municipalities, together with their twinning committees and networks;
- Other levels of local and regional authorities;
- Federations/associations of local authorities.
- Maximum amount: 150.000 €
- Maximum percentage of co-funding: flat rate;
- Maximum duration: 24 months.

Measure 2: Citizens’ projects

See index 1.3. of the programming table.

- Civil society organisations and local authorities.
- Maximum amount: 250.000 €
- Maximum percentage of co-funding: 60%;
- Maximum duration: 12 months.

Measure 2: Support measures

See index 1.4. of the programming table.

- Federations/associations of local authorities or other bodies with specific knowledge or experience of town twinning.
- Maximum amount: 100.000 €
- Maximum percentage of co-funding: 80%;

- Maximum duration: 12 months.

Action 2: “Active civil society in Europe”

Measure 3: Support for transnational projects initiated by civil society organisations

See index 2.3. of the programming table.

- Civil society organisations as described in the basic act.

The implementing conditions of this action have been amended, with a view to increase its impact by encouraging projects other than "events", including integrated projects, providing room for innovation, involving a greater variety of publics, with a clearer dissemination strategy. This would require more flexibility as regards the format of eligible projects, more time and more funds. Therefore, the following elements are have been reviewed and increased:

- Maximum amount: up to 150.000 €
- Form of funding: flat-rate financing or reimbursement of a proportion of actual eligible costs;
- Percentage of co-funding: up to 70 % or flat rate
- Maximum duration: up to 18 months.

Action 4: Active European remembrance

See index 4.1. of the programming table.

- Non-governmental organisations;
- Survivors’ associations;
- Entities managing remembrance;
- Museums;
- Local and regional authorities;
- Federations of general European interest.

- Maximum amount: 55.000 €;
- Form of funding: flat-rate financing or reimbursement of a proportion of actual eligible costs;
- Maximum percentage of co-funding: flat rate or 60%;
- Duration: 12 months.

**2.2. Grants awarded under existing framework partnerships awarded following a call
– Action 2: "Active civil society in Europe" Measures 1. and 2.: Structural support for European public policy research organisations and for civil society organisations at European level, multi-annual partnerships 2010-2011-2012**

See index 2.1. of the programming table.

A specific call for proposals EACEA/11/09 "Structural support for European public policy research organisations and think tanks and for civil society organisations at European level", applying for the selection of projects to finance in 2010, 2011 and 2012 within the framework of action 2, measures 1 and 2, was published in the Official Journal of the European Communities on the 11/07/2009 (EUOJ C 158). Framework partnership agreements were thus concluded for three years with 39 organisations. In 2011, specific conventions based on the framework partnerships could be concluded with these same organisations for the second year.

The maximum amounts of the grants are presented in the following table:

Category	Grant ceiling (one year)
1. Think tanks :	500.000€
2. Civil society organisations at European level, promoting active citizenship at European level:	500.000€
3. Platforms of pan-European organisations :	700.000€
4. Civil society organisations dedicated to Remembrance of the origins of the European integration:	250.000€

- Form of funding: flat-rate financing or reimbursement of a proportion of actual eligible costs;
- Percentage of co-funding: up to 80% and 90% for platforms of paneuropean organisations.

2.3. Call for proposals - Action 2: "Active civil society in Europe" Measures 1. and 2.: Structural support for European public policy research organisations and for civil society organisations at European level, annual grants 2011

See index 2.2. of the programming table.

2.3.1. Short description of the objectives pursued and the results foreseen

This call for proposals concerns structural support, referred to as operating grant, to organisations pursuing an aim of general European interest.

The aim is to select organisations, which through their permanent, usual and regular activities contribute to the objectives of the 'Europe for Citizens' Programme.

2.3.2. Potential beneficiaries

- European public policy research organisations (think tanks);
- Civil society organisations at European level, promoting active citizenship at European level;
- Civil society organisations dedicated to Remembrance of the origins of the European integration.

2.3.3. Award criteria

Qualitative criteria (80%):

- Relevance to the objectives and priorities of the Europe for Citizens programme;
- Adequacy, coherence and completeness of the work programme;
- Impact of the work programme (multiplier effect, short and long term impact at local, national and European levels, evaluation means);
- European added value (networking, cross-fertilization...);
- Visibility of activities, dissemination and exploitation of results towards European citizens and other stakeholders (public authorities, institutions, media...).

Quantitative criteria (20%):

- Number of people likely to benefit directly from the activities envisaged in the work programme;
- Number of countries involved in the activities envisaged in the work programme.

On a subsidiary basis, the Commission and the executive Agency reserve the right to ensure a balanced geographical distribution of the selected beneficiaries.

2.3.4. Amount of co-financing

The maximum amount of EU co-financing is 100.000 €

- Form of funding: flat-rate financing or reimbursement of a proportion of actual eligible costs;
- Percentage of co-funding: up to 80 %;

2.4. Operating grants awarded to Information structures in Member states and participating countries without a call for proposals

See index 3.3. of the programming table.

2.4.1. Short description of the objectives pursued and the results foreseen

In the frame of Article 168.1. (f) IR, the aim of the measure is to disseminate information on the programme and on other European actions related to citizenship.

Since 2008 many Member States have set coordination structures (Europe for Citizens Points – PECs) to co-operate with the Commission and to mobilise all relevant multipliers in their country.

This development brought the information on the programme closer to the programme stakeholders. In addition to the information and dissemination function the coordination structures have an important role with regard to some other functions such as organising information sessions and providing advice for applicants, support for partner search and transmission of information about national/regional initiatives in the area of civic participation to the European level.

2.4.2. Justification to the exception of a call for proposals

The decentralised structures in charge of information and dissemination activities of the "Europe for citizens" programme are designated to this function by the Member States.

2.4.3. Amount of Co-financing

Maximum rate of co-financing: 50%

A maximum co-financing per country, taking into account i.e. their size and population, will be as follows:

- FR, DE, IT, PL, ES and UK: maximum of 55.000,00 €each;
- All the other countries participating in the "Europe for Citizens" programme: maximum of 25.000,00 € each, unless the memorandum of understanding on participation indicates a lower ceiling for a participating country.
- Since this network is still relatively recent, the maximum amounts of co-financing are roughly calculated on the size and population of each country. Overall, the method is easily applicable and adapted to the needs of the participating countries.

2.5. Grant awarded without a call for proposals – Presidency conferences

See index 3.2. of the programming table.

Grants will be awarded to the Polish and Danish Presidencies to organise conferences on priority policy topics, together with associated activities for the exploitation of project and programme results. The Presidency is considered as a de facto monopoly with the meaning of Article 168.1(c) IR, because it plays a unique role to foster policy cooperation, define priorities and follow-up the progress and results achieved in the field of active citizenship. The very fact that these events are organised by the Presidency enables them to produce results more efficiently.

3. PROCUREMENT – ACTION 3: TOGETHER FOR EUROPE

This action aims at deepening the concept of “active citizenship” at European level and at promoting its understanding all over Europe, therefore contributing to bringing Europe closer to its citizens, through three sets of measures: high visibility event, studies and information and dissemination tools. The authorizing officer will use framework contracts or launch calls for tenders.

3.1. Procurement 1 – High visibility event

See index 3.1. of the programming table

During the year 2011 the following high visibility event is foreseen:

- Golden Stars award event to give a special recognition to projects which have been particularly successful in the field of active citizenship at European level.

3.2. Procurement 2 – Studies and evaluations

See index 3.5. of the programming table.

To complement the mid-term review carried out in 2010, a survey will be launched among the stakeholders to assess which activities have had the greatest impact on the local constituencies.

3.3. Procurement 3 – Information tools

See index 3.4. of the programming table.

Design, production and dissemination of information material (web page, leaflets, dvd, etc.) on the programme Europe for Citizens and on best practices in the field.

4. FLAT-RATE FINANCING AUTHORIZED IN 2011 AND MAXIMAL AMOUNT

4.1. Scope

4.1.1. Justification of the use of flat rate financing

The programme provides grants for a large number of small projects with rather standard operational and budgetary character. Use of flat-rate financing simplifies the procedures and increases predictability for beneficiaries. It is output oriented and encourages voluntary engagement. It also increases the efficiency of the programme management.

4.1.2. Grants concerned

- Action 1: Measure 1 Town Twinning - citizens' meetings
- Action 1: Measure 1 Town Twinning – networks of twinned towns
- Action 2: Measure 1 and 2 Structural support for think tanks and civil society organisations at European level
- Action 2: Measure 3 Support to projects initiated by civil society organisations
- Action 4: Active European Remembrance

The flat rates given for third countries are subject to a participation of these countries in the Programme.

4.2. Amounts proposed for 2011

4.2.1. Action 1, Measure 1: Town twinning citizens' meetings

Flat rates and ceilings for this measure were adapted for 2008 and 2009 in Commission Decision C(2008)826, in compliance of Articles 181 and 165.2 IR and have provided an adequate co-financing level. In view of the limited amounts of the grants and taking into account that costs have varied in a marginal way, the rates were kept unchanged for 2010.

Taking into account the results of a statistical analysis of 2008 and 2009 projects, the flat rates system is simplified and based, as of 2011, on number of participants and number of days.

Flat-rate financing will be used to cover all costs relating to the meetings, i.e. costs of preparation, organisation, accommodation of the participants and travel expenses.

The following values are authorised for 2011:

	Nombre jours	
Nombre participants	≤10	>10
>190	25000	

176/190	25000	25000
161/175	23000	
146/160	21000	
131/145	19000	
116/130	17000	
101/115	15000	
86/100	13000	23000
71/85	11000	19000
56/70	9000	15000
41/55	7000	11000
25/40	5000	7000

4.2.2. Action 2, Measure 1 and 2: Structural support for think tanks and civil society organisations at European level

The amount of flat rates, intended to cover operating costs, for these measures was adopted in Commission Decision C(2008)3926 for the financial years 2009 and 2010.

- The scale applies to one employed person per year of service.
- One man-year corresponds to one person employed full time by the beneficiary organisation and who works throughout the entire tax year. One tax year corresponds to 220 days of service.
- One man-year may also be reached by adding together 220 days of service of different natural persons for the account of the beneficiary organisation and working for the latter during the same tax year.
- The grant corresponds to the number of man-years for the account of the beneficiary – in other words, employed by him (including management, secretaries and service providers, but excluding subcontractors, volunteers and trainees) – during the financial year covered by the grant multiplied by the scale factor of the country in which the beneficiary is exercising its main activity; in principle where it holds its Head Office.

In order to take into account the parameters linked to inflation, it has been foreseen to update the flat-rates every two years.

The following updated flat rates are authorized for the financial years 2011 and 2012:

The amount of **32.707 € (average EU index of 100 per man-year)** that was the basis for calculating the flat-rates of each country for 2009-2010 has been indexed by **6,0% (2 x 3%)**, taking into account the **average** inflation rate of the two last years **2007 & 2008** (i.e. 2007 => 2,3% and 2008 => 3,7% = **3%**)².

The amount calculated above (i.e. **34.669 €**) as the new basis for establishing the flat-rates related to the years 2011-2012 has been indexed with **Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita** (i.e. per person) in **Purchasing Power Standards (PPS)** (EU-27 = 100) applicable to the countries concerned.³

Country	Country code	Flat rate 2009-2010	GDP/capita in PPS (2008)	Flat rate 2011-2012	difference
Austria	AT	40,295 €	123.3	42,747 €	2,452 €
Belgium	BE	38,627 €	115.1	39,905 €	1,278 €
Bulgaria	BG	11,186 €	41.3	14,318 €	3,132 €
Cyprus	CY	28,880 €	95.8	33,213 €	4,333 €
Czech Republic	CZ	24,890 €	80.4	27,874 €	2,984 €
Denmark	DK	40,033 €	120.1	41,638 €	1,605 €
Estonia	EE	21,260 €	67.4	23,367 €	2,107 €
Finland	FI	36,992 €	117.2	40,633 €	3,641 €
France	FR	35,095 €	108.0	37,443 €	2,348 €
Germany	DE	36,043 €	115.6	40,078 €	4,035 €
Greece	GR	27,768 €	94.3	32,693 €	4,925 €
Hungary	HU	20,802 €	64.4	22,327 €	1,525 €
Ireland	IE	45,528 €	135.4	46,942 €	1,414 €
Italy	IT	32,511 €	102.0	35,363 €	2,852 €
Latvia	LV	17,106 €	57.3	19,866 €	2,760 €
Lithuania	LT	17,989 €	61.9	21,460 €	3,471 €
Luxembourg	LU	45,855 €	136.4 ⁴	47,289 €	1,434 €
Malta	MT	22,797 €	76.3	26,453 €	3,656 €
Netherlands	NL	41,244 €	134.0	46,457 €	5,213 €
Poland	PL	16,713 €	56.4	19,554 €	2,841 €
Portugal	PT	22,829 €	76.0	26,349 €	3,520 €
Romania	RO	11,709 €	47.0	16,295 €	4,586 €
Slovakia	SK	19,428 €	72.2	25,031 €	5,603 €
Slovenia	SI	27,343 €	90.9	31,515 €	4,172 €
Spain	ES	32,053 €	102.6	35,571 €	3,518 €
Sweden	SE	37,940 €	120.0	41,603 €	3,663 €
United Kingdom	UK	38,333 €	116.2	40,286 €	1,953 €

² Source: EUROSTAT-Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs)
<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/tgm/refreshTableAction.do?tab=table&plugin=1&pcode=tsieb060&language=en>

³ Source: EUROSTAT- GDP per capita in Purchasing Power Standards (PPS) (EU-27 = 100)
<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&plugin=1&language=en&pcode=tsieb010>

⁴ As regards **Luxemburg (LU)**, due to the specific economic structure of this country (part played by financial services sector in GDP) the index has been adjusted. The rate that has been applied is that of Ireland (IE) - i.e. the country with the highest rate and not characterised by a preponderant financial sector – plus one percent point (1%). The same principle was applied at the time the flat-rates currently in use were calculated. This gives the following rates: (IE) = **135,4** (+1 percent point) (LU) = **136,4** (instead of 276,3)

Croatia	HR	16,026 €	62.7	21,738 €	5,712 €
Albania	AL	8,569 €	32.6 ⁵	11,302 €	2,733 €
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	MK	8,569 €	32.6	11,302 €	2,733 €

The maximum amounts for the total of such funding correspond to the grant ceilings set in point 2.2 above.

4.2.3. Other measures

Flat rates and ceilings for these measures were adapted for 2008 and 2009 in Commission Decision C(2008)826, in compliance of Articles 181 and 165.2 IR and have provided with an adequate co-financing level. In view of the limited amounts of the grants and taking into account that costs have varied in a marginal way, the rates were kept unchanged for 2010 and are maintained at the same level in 2011.

The following values are authorised for 2011:

Flat-rate financing for events

Flat-rate financing is proposed to cover costs related to travel and accommodation of the participants in events.

- Action 1. Measure 1 Town Twinning - thematic networking: Flat rates/participant/day

	Local scale €	International scale €
Belgium	54,23	84,02
Czech Republic	34,95	54,14
Denmark	56,21	87,08
Germany	50,60	78,40
Estonia	29,85	46,24
Greece	38,99	60,40
Spain	45,00	69,72
France	49,27	76,33
Ireland	63,92	99,03
Italy	45,64	70,71
Cyprus	40,55	62,82
Latvia	24,02	37,21
Lithuania	25,26	39,13
Luxembourg	64,38	99,74

⁵ As the index is not calculated by Eurostat, it has been equated with the index of FYROM as Western Balkan countries.

Hungary	29,21	45,25
Malta	32,01	49,58
Netherlands	57,91	89,71
Austria	56,57	87,64
Poland	23,47	36,35
Portugal	32,05	49,66
Slovenia	38,39	59,47
Slovakia	27,28	42,26
Finland	51,94	80,46
Sweden	53,27	82,52
United Kingdom	53,82	83,38
Bulgaria	15,70	24,33
Romania	16,44	25,47
Croatia	22,50	34,86
Turkey	12,95	20,06
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	12,03	18,64
Norway	64,38	99,74
Iceland	59,88	92,77
Liechtenstein	59,28	91,84
Bosnia-Herzegovina	12,03	18,64
Montenegro	12,03	18,64
Serbia	12,03	18,64
Albania	12,03	18,64

The maximum combination of flat rates for event is 400 participation days/project.

- Action 2: Measure 3 and Action 4: Flat rates/participant/day

	Local scale €	International scale €
Belgium	58,29	129,02
Czech Republic	37,56	83,14
Denmark	60,42	133,72
Germany	54,39	120,39
Estonia	32,08	71,01
Greece	41,91	92,75
Spain	48,37	107,07
France	52,96	117,23
Ireland	68,71	152,08
Italy	49,06	108,59
Cyprus	43,58	96,47
Latvia	25,82	57,14
Lithuania	27,15	60,09
Luxembourg	69,20	153,17
Hungary	31,39	69,48
Malta	34,40	76,15
Netherlands	62,24	137,76
Austria	60,81	134,60
Poland	25,22	55,83
Portugal	34,38	76,09
Slovenia	41,26	91,33
Slovakia	29,32	64,89
Finland	55,83	123,56
Sweden	57,26	126,73
United Kingdom	57,85	128,04
Bulgaria	16,88	37,36
Romania	17,67	39,11
Croatia	24,19	53,53
Turkey	13,92	30,81
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	12,93	28,62
Norway	69,20	153,17
Iceland	64,37	142,46
Liechtenstein	63,72	141,04
Bosnia Herzegovina	12,93	28.62
Montenegro	12.93	28.62
Serbia	12.93	28.62
Albania	12.93	28.62

The maximum combination of flat rates for event is 400 participation days/project.

Flat-rate financing for costs of communication tools

The flat rate for communication tools "publication, DVD and web site" is 1 500 € for each. Maximum combination is three communication tools = 4 500 €project. In town twinning networking projects the maximum is 9.000 €project.

Flat-rate financing for costs of co-ordination of networks of twinned towns in co-ordination of town twinning networking projects (Action 1 – Measure 1)

Flat rate 500 €/town/year. Maximum 15.000 €project.

