



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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COMMISSION DECISION

of

amending Commission Decision C(2008)8659 of 15 December 2008 approving a Grant Facility for improving the quality and effectiveness of humanitarian aid actions delivered by non-governmental humanitarian organisations

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No.1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid¹, and in particular Articles 2, 4 and 15(3) thereof:

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision C(2008)8659 adopted on 15 December 2008 provides for funding of capacity building initiatives in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian aid operations implemented by DG ECHO partner organisations and their local partners during a 16-month long implementation period, starting on 15 December 2008.
- (2) The Decision is implemented through grants, awarded after recommendation of a specialised evaluation committee;
- (3) Some of the Actions under the Decision had a late start since the selection procedure and the process of finalising the grant agreements took more time than initially planned.
- (4) Also some unforeseen events especially difficulties in recruiting the right personnel delayed the implementation of a number of actions.
- (5) It is therefore appropriate to extend the validity of Decision C(2008)8659 until 14 June 2010, the additional 2 months being necessary to guarantee a complete and high quality implementation of the foreseen actions under this Decision.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Article 3.1 of Decision C(2008)8659 is replaced by the following:

- "1. The duration for the implementation of this Decision shall be for a maximum period of 18 months, starting on 15 December 2008."

¹ OJ L 163, 2.7.1996, p. 1.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Peter Zangl, Director-General



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Supporting Document

1 – Rationale for the amendment.

Some of the capacity building initiatives which are financed under this Decision had a late start due to a selection procedure and a contract finalisation phase which took somewhat longer than initially foreseen. Furthermore, some of the projects encountered delays due to the difficulties in recruiting the right personnel to implement the planned actions.

The extension of the validity of the Decision by 2 months is necessary to assure a correct implementation of all the planned actions under this Decision.

2 – Proposed amendment

It is proposed that the duration of the Decision be extended to 18 months (initial duration of 16 + 2 months) in order to guarantee a good quality and a complete implementation of the foreseen capacity building activities.

The proposed amendment has no budgetary impact.