

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

of DG Environment in the following beneficiary countries Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and Turkey

1. Basic act and Financing source

Council Regulation (EEC) N° 3906/89 of 18 December 1989 on economic aid to certain countries of Central and Eastern Europe¹

Regulation (EEC) N° 2500/2001 of 17 December 2001 concerning pre-accession financial assistance for Turkey and amending Regulations (EEC) No 3906/89, (EC) No 1267/1999, (EC) No 1268/1999 and (EC) no 555/2000²

Commission Decision C/2006/5718 of 30 November 2006 establishing a Multi-Beneficiary Programme "Environment and Enlargement" in 2006 for Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and Turkey.

Budget line: 22.02.0701 (former Article 22.02.10)

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for the year and expected results

The programme aims to transfer best practices from EU Member State NGOs (excluding those from Bulgaria and Romania) to the NGOs from the beneficiary countries Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and Turkey, through a programme of grants for short-term twinning and capacity exchange.

3. Eligibility conditions

This subsidy is open to NGOs active in the field of environment. The main beneficiary of the project should be (an) NGO(s) based in one of the following countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey. The other partner(s) in the project – "mentors" should be (an) NGO(s) based in one of the EU25 Member States.

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical

¹ OJ n° L375, 23/12/1989, p.11. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) N° 2257/2004 (OJ L389, 30.12.2004, P.1)

² OJ L342, 27.12.2001 p.1, Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) N° 2112/2005 (OJ L 344, 27.12.2005, p.23)

Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions.

5. Maximum rate of Community financing

90% of total eligible costs

6. Schedule of call for proposals

April 2007

7. Indicative amount of call for proposals

Grant contracts for approximately 480.000 Euro (max. of 40.000 Euro of Community financing per grant – approximately 12 grants foreseen for award) to be signed following call for proposals administered by DG ENV.