

COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMISSION

Subject:

Extension of the Tacis Cross-border Action Programme 2000

Legal Basis

Under Council Regulation N° 99/2000 on assistance to the partner states in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the Tacis Cross-border Action Programme 2000 was adopted. The same legal basis allows extending the period of implementation.

Content

The Tacis Cross-border Action Programme 2000 was adopted by Commission Decision E/2000/2481 – C (2000) 3675.

Projects concerning three border crossing points have been delayed for reasons of considerable difficulties encountered in settling land issues as well as late preparation of the design required for the works, both issues being the responsibility of the Partner country. As a result, it is impossible to contract these three projects before the current expiry date for contracting, and a one-year extension of both contracting and implementation deadlines is needed, respectively to 31/12/2004 for contracting and 31/12/2005 for implementation. This has no budgetary implications as no additional finance is proposed.

Approval

The Commission's approval of this extension is requested.