



The Customs 2007 Programme

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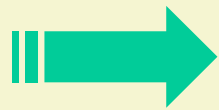
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- ❖ Multi-annual Community action Programme
- ❖ 1 January 2003 – 31 December 2007
Successor Programme?
- ❖ Implementation ensured through **partnership** between the Commission and the participating countries
- ❖ Participation of Member States and Candidate Countries (RO, BG, TR) + Provisions for third countries

1. What is Customs 2007?

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Legal base



Decision No 253/2003/EC of 11
February 2003 +

Decision No 787/2004/EC of 21
Apr 2004

2. Objectives and priorities

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The global objectives of the Customs 2007 Programme are to enable and ensure that participating countries' customs administrations

2. Objectives and priorities

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I. ***"Provide the necessary protection of the financial interests of the EU and provide a secure and safe environment for its citizens"***

= simplify and rationalise EU legislation

= develop efficient control mechanisms

= standardise customs controls + info rapidly to front-line customs posts

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II. ***"Meet the demands placed on them by globalisation and increasing volumes of trade and to ensure a competitive EU environment"***

- = simplify customs procedures
- = establish co-operation with the trade
- = use of communication and information systems
- = provide technical assistance to 3rd countries

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III. *"Interact and perform their duties as efficiently as if they were one Administration....."*

= support any kind of information-exchange between PC (best practice)

= foster interoperability of electronic communication/information-exchange systems

3. Relation to eCustoms

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IV. ***"Prepare for Enlargement , support the integration of new Member states and take the necessary steps to ensure security on the new/future EU external border..... "***

- = support regional co-operation
- = foster interoperability and interconnectivity of electronic systems
- = encourage measures to fight fraud

3. Relation to eCustoms

- ✓ The **electronic customs initiative** is in line with these objectives and is directly linked to the priorities stated in art. 4 (g) (*policy*) and (h) (*IT*) of the Customs 2007 Decision.

3. Relation to eCustoms

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art. 4 (g)

"to support the creation of an electronic customs environment with paperless customs procedures and continuous access from economic operators to customs via the development of communication systems coupled with the necessary legislative and administrative changes"

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art. 4 (h)

"to ensure the functioning of existing communication and information systems and, where appropriate, to develop and establish new systems"

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Official C2007 Working Structure

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cooperation: COM – National Administrations

DG TAXUD-Unit A2 ↔ *National Contact Points*

**Co-ordination
Communication**

on COM level

on national level

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Managed by the Commission, assisted by
Customs 2007 Committee

Evaluation and reporting duties to EU Parliament

Global Budget: 133 •————→ 165,55 M€

**for 2005, 2006, 2007: about 35-36 M€ per year*

**from 2007? in line with financial perspectives*

Funding scope:

within financial framework (Financial Regulation
+ rules outlined in Financial Programme Guide)

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- ✓ Trans-European Computerised Networks
(80% of the budget)
 - Exchange of business critical information for 24/7 operations
 - Support control function of administrations

- ✓ Joint Actions
(20% of the budget)
 - Identify, develop and establish best working practices throughout the Community
 - Improve cooperation and collaboration

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The expenditure rules are outlined
in art. 15 of the Customs 2007 Decision

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The expenditure necessary for the implementation of the programme shall be **divided between** the Community and the Part. Countries:

- a/ **for IT systems** (like ECS, ICS, CCP, etc)
- ✓ Community= costs relating to development, purchase, installation and maintenance of Community components + day-to-day operation of Community components installed at premises of Commission or designated subcontractor

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! PC= all other costs relating to the establishment and functioning of the non- Community components + costs of day-to-day operation of the Community components of those systems installed at their premises or those of a designated subcontractor

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b/ **for Joint Actions** (like project groups, workshops, seminars, exchanges, BM, training and monitoring supporting the E-customs initiative)

- ✓ Community= costs relating to travel and subsistence incurred by participants from the Participating Countries + organisational costs for seminars and workshops + other costs (ref art 11 and 12) – see rules Financial Programme Guide

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! PC= difference between the expenditure paid by Community and the real costs of the activity/participation + the costs related to the initial and continuing training

The Customs 2007 (and successor) Programme

provides for

- Financial and management framework for establishing and coordinating policy in the customs area
- Support further development and maintenance of IT Network and systems
- Answer future challenges
E-Customs implementation, Security at the external border, New Neighbourhood Initiative, etc.



Thanks for your attention!