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COMMISSION DECISION

C(2009)9521 of 1 December 2009

adopting a National programme for Croatia under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2009

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)¹, and in particular Article 14(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidate and potential candidate countries.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the assistance should be provided through multi-annual or annual programmes, which can be established by country and by component. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the general policy framework referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 and the relevant multi-annual indicative planning document referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (3) On 12 February 2008, the Council has established an Accession Partnership for Croatia². On 9 July 2009, the Commission has adopted a multi-annual indicative planning document 2009-2011 for Croatia which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to Croatia³.
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Croatia, the national programme for Croatia under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2009 aims at providing assistance for addressing the political and economic accession criteria, as well as the ability to assume the obligations of membership and supporting programmes.
- (5) This decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002⁴ and constitutes thus a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 (2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁵.

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² Council Decision 2008/119/EC of 12 February 2008 (OJ L 42, 16.02.2008, p.42).

³ Commission Decision C(2009)5371.

⁴ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

⁵ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1.

- (6) The administrative capacity of Croatia is sufficiently developed to allow for implementation of this programme by decentralised management, as provided for in Article 53c of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.
- (7) The Commission concluded on 27 August 2007 a Framework Agreement with the Government of Croatia on the rules for co-operation and implementation of pre-accession assistance (hereinafter: the IPA Framework Agreement).
- (8) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The national programme for Croatia under the IPA-Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2009, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented by decentralised management. To that effect, a financing agreement shall be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Croatia in conformity with the IPA Framework Agreement concluded between the same parties.

Article 2

The maximum amount of Community assistance shall be EUR 42 101 430 to be financed through Article 22.020100 of the general budget of the European Communities for the year 2009.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission