

## **1. Basic information**

- 1.1 CRIS Number: 2007/019-247
- 1.2 Title: **Participation in Community Programmes and Agencies**
- 1.3 Sector: Other Programmes
- 1.4 Location: Croatia
- 1.5 Overall cost: 5.829.839 EUR
- 1.6 EU contribution: 4.600.000 MEUR

## **2. Description of project**

The European Council in Thessaloniki in June 2003 adopted the decision whereby the Western Balkan countries may participate in the Community programmes in line with the principles laid down for participation by the candidate countries. The European Council of 17-18 June decided that Croatia is a candidate country for membership. Croatia has expressed its desire to participate in certain Community Programmes and Agencies.

The Framework Agreement between the Republic of Croatia and the European Community on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Croatia in Community Programmes entered into force on 22 August 2005.

The IPA programme can be used to meet a part of the costs for the participation in the Community programmes and Agencies. From 2005 funds were available each year as a part of the Phare national programme so as to co-finance the financial contribution for the participation in the programmes in the following years.

4.600.000 EUR has been set aside from IPA 2007 Component I to co-finance the participation of the Republic of Croatia in, inter alia, the following indicative list of Community Programmes and Agencies in 2008 and 2009: CUSTOMS 2013, Fiscalis 2013, Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities, Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), Europe for Citizens, PROGRESS, Marco Polo II and Culture.

The indicative list of Community Programmes and Agencies may be adapted to meet time constraints and availability of funds once the information concerning financial contribution to be paid by the Republic of Croatia in all Community Programmes and Agencies has been communicated.

### 3. Indicative Budget (amounts in €)

	IPA support	Contribution from the national budget	Total financial contribution to the programme
	EUR	EUR	EUR
CUSTOMS 2013	72.000	8.000	80.000
Fiscalis 2013	81.000	9.000	90.000
Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities	2.647.145	1.012.855	3.660.000
Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)	1.070.855	118.984	1.189.839
Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health	108.000	12.000	120.000
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addictions (EMCDDA)	90.000	10.000	100.000
Europe for Citizens*	76.500	8.500	85.000
PROGRESS*	144.000	16.000	160.000
Marco Polo II*	157.500	17.500	175.000
Culture*	153.000	17.000	170.000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.600.000</b>	<b>1.229.839</b>	<b>5.829.839</b>

\*Contribution for 2009

The exact total financial contribution to be paid by Croatia for the participation in listed programmes is or will be specified in the Memorandum of understanding establishing the terms and conditions for participation in the Community programme concerned.

The contribution from the national budget covers the difference between the total financial contribution of Croatia to the programmes as indicated in the above mentioned Memorandum of Understanding and the IPA support.

### 4. Implementation Arrangements

4.1. The National Fund is responsible for the IPA part of the financial contribution to be paid by the country to participate in Community programmes.

4.2. Upon signature of the Financing Memorandum the National Fund will request from the Commission the transfer of the full amount of the IPA Support of each programme indicated in the section 3 above. These funds must be used to pay the IPA part of the financial contribution to be paid by the country to participate in Community programmes.

4.3. The various Commission services responsible for the different programmes will send to the Mission of Croatia to the EU a request for the total financial contribution for the participation in a given programmes or agency ("call for funds"). The National Fund should check the amounts to be financed from IPA funds and then transfer that amount as per the call for funds to the Commission service responsible. When making the payment for each programme, the National Fund should quote the reference number indicated in the call for funds for the programme concerned, and send simultaneously a copy of the payment order to the relevant Commission service.