1. BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 CRIS Number: 2003/005-630-04.08
Twinning Number: BG/2003/IB/JH/02/CBC-TWL

1.2 Title: Improvement Of Fire And Emergency Safety Along Bulgarian – Greek Border
(twinning light component)

1.3 Location: Bulgaria – the South border districts of Blagoevgrad, Smolian, Kardjali and Haskovo

2. BACKGROUND

This Twinning Light project is closely related to the process of reform and institutional building within the Ministry of the Interior in accordance with the European Union standards and requirements for consolidation of administrative capacity with respect to effective application of Acquis-related standards in the field of justice and internal affairs.

Principles, activities, structure and governing bodies of Ministry of the Interior are specified by the Law of Ministry of the Interior (publ. State Gazette 122/19.12.1997, am. 122/23.12.2003). This Law emphasizes upon management centralization, institutionalization of operational independence and information unity of services. One of the main tasks, specified by the Law of Ministry of the Interior, is the provision of fire and emergency safety (Article 6, Clause 4). National Service Fire and Emergency Safety (NSFES) is the body responsible for implementation of these activities. This service is inseparable structural unit within Ministry of the Interior (MoI). This Law extends the responsibilities of former National Fire Protection Service.

According to this Law NSFES implements fire fighting and emergency rescue activities (Article 108), takes part in limitation and elimination of fires, consequences from disasters, emergencies and crashes, as well as rescue of people, salvage of property, first aid rendering, organization of sufferers transportation to hospitals. In relation to these tasks NSFES:
- Provides non-stop twenty-four-hour duty of personnel and equipment;
- Specifies methods and means for implementation of fire fighting and emergency-rescue operations;
- Dispatches crews and equipment immediately at receiving of calls for fires, disasters, emergencies and crashes;
- Develops plans for interactions between ministries, agencies, municipalities and trade companies.

NSFES within MoI has available an active structure, established on a territorial principle. The borders of the regions for operations of the fire and emergency safety services are defined in order to allow arrival of forces and resources within the shortest time. Personnel of the territorial fire and emergency safety units are highly experienced. Within the period January 1997 – December 2001 5,595 disasters were
eliminated by DSFES at the border regions between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Greece along the border and access infrastructure in these areas. 4,967 of them were fires and 628 accidents requiring emergency-rescue operations. Management personnel have graduated as masters or bachelors of fire and emergency safety at the Academy of Ministry of the Interior.

Members of the operational staff are required to conform to minimum qualification standards. They have passed primary training courses at special training centers within the Academy of Ministry of the Interior. The employees, envisaged for training, have not passed preparatory courses for PHARE, SAPARD and ISPA programs.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

3.1 Beneficiary

This project will be implemented by Twinning Light through relevant responsible structure in Bulgaria with the assistance of a selected EU member country. Beneficiary of the project will be Directorate – National Service Fire and Emergency Safety within Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Bulgaria. The training will be of 30-35 members of the national service, who later as instructors will transfer the acquired knowledge and skills to approximately 270 members of regional structures. The MS experts will provide training only to the so called “instructors” in the form of working themes for training and suggested contents of future training in the field. Twinning Manual will be strictly followed.

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For realization of the project it is envisaged establishment of Project Steering Committee (PSC). It will consist of the following sitting members:
- Project Leader from Bulgarian side (Mr Kiril Voynov)
- Three experts from Bulgarian side;
- Expert from Directorate “International co-operation” – Ministry of the Interior;
- Project Leader from EU member country;
- Two experts from EU member country;
- Representative of the Implementing Agency – Central Finance and Contracts Unit at Ministry of Finance – as observer;
- Representative of National co-ordinator – as observer;
- Representatives of European Commission delegation in the Republic of Bulgaria – as observers.

It is possible that other experts (both from EU member state or Bulgaria) be involved on ad hoc principle during Project Steering Committee meetings.
Project Steering Committee will organize at least three regular meetings. They will be held within the three stages of implementation process as follows:

- At the end of visit at first stage for assessment within first phase;
- At the end of visit at second stage for expert advisory assistance in development of training programs;
- Finally, during the training of trainers, which will be held prior to project’s conclusion.

Additionally, the Project Steering Committee meetings could be held on ad hoc principle by decision of one of the Project Leaders. The Project Leader from Bulgarian side will preside at PSC meetings.

Both Project Leaders will agree on the meetings agenda in advance. Working language will be English. Beneficiary will provide interpretation in Bulgarian.

The Beneficiary will provide appropriate working conditions for the twinning partner and will ensure the access of EU experts to territorial units of NSFES – MoI situated at border regions.

During project’s realization Directorate NSFES – MoI will be supported by Directorate International Co-operation, which is responsible for MoI policy related to European integration, including the realization of projects upon PHARE program, which are main part of this process. Furthermore, Directorate International Co-operation co-ordinates and keeps a close watch on all activities related to PHARE projects realization within the ministry.

3.2 Implementation arrangements
Implementing agency will be the Central Finance and Contracts Unit at Ministry of Finance (MoF). The Secretary General of the MoF is the Programme Authorizing Officer.

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3.3 Overall and specific objectives
Overall objective of this project is provision of fire and emergency safety for the infrastructure at border regions between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Greece.

Specific objective of the project is to enhance the capability of the staff from the Ministry of the Interior to apply particular Acquis-related standards and develop interoperability with the Greek authorities in fire and emergency prevention; and to increase the Operational and tactical capacity of the Territorial Services for Fire and Emergency Safety (DSFES) in Blagoevgrad, Petrich, Sandanski, Gotse Delchev, Dospat, Devin, Smolian, Rudozem, Zlatograd, Kardjali, Jebel, Podkova, Krumovgrad, Ivailovgrad, Harmanli and Svilengrad in fire fighting and emergency rescue actions based on European legislation and standards.

3.4 Expected services
It is expected EU member country experts to:
- Provide consultations concerning institutional consolidation of territorial services at border regions in accordance with European practice in the field of fire fighting and emergency rescue operations;
- Submit appropriate information and documents needed for training in the field of fire fighting and emergency rescue operations;
- Develop training programs for the personnel of Regional units “Fire and emergency safety” – MoI;
- Carry out training of employees of fire services who will become trainers;

It is envisaged the project to be realized in three stages. Bellow mentioned information contains details concerning appropriate activities.

**First activity – visits for carrying out of assessment**

(a) Two Experts and the Project Leader from EU country partner will visit Bulgaria for 10 days in order to examine the regulation in force and practice concerning training of staff in implementation of fire fighting and emergency rescue operations in the Republic of Bulgaria. These experts will submit information and relevant documents, i.e. training programs used in EU member countries. These documents will be translated and compiled. Thus Bulgarian experts will receive information concerning provision of fire and emergency safety in EU member country.

MS experts together with Bulgarian experts will prepare an initial report regarding regulation in force and training practice and will make concrete recommendations.

(b) Within the project’s framework 4 Bulgarian experts will realize 5 man/ days short-term examination missions in two EU member countries at least. It will be a good opportunity for the experts to make a careful study of foreign experience and practice in the field of training, interactions at border regions and equipment in use. On the basis of these examinations detailed reports, containing comparative analyses of different systems and practices, will be prepared and approved by the experts. It will be developed a program for introduction of the achievements of EU countries concerning staff training in fire fighting, mitigation of consequences of disasters, emergencies and crashes and interactions (as will be needed in Bulgaria with Greek fire services).

**Expected MS input: 20 man/ days**

**Second activity – expert assistance and consultations aiming at the development of training programs**

Two experts from EU country partner will visit Bulgaria for 10 days in order to develop together with NSFES experts programs for training of employees in the following matters:
- Management of crews and equipment during limitation and elimination of fires, which had been occurred at:
  - Projects situated at built-up areas
  - Forests
  - Vehicles
  - Industrial projects
  - Buildings intended for residence of large numbers of individuals
  - Areas having adverse meteorological conditions and highly rugged terrain
  - Areas contaminated by hazardous substances and areas damaged by acts of terrorism
  - Limitation and elimination of consequences of disasters, emergencies and crashes
  - Earthquakes
  - Floods
  - Snow-retentions
  - Landslides
  - Industrial accidents
  - Acts of terrorism
- Interaction with the bodies of executive and local authorities at occurrence of:
  - Major and complicated fires
  - Disasters, emergencies and crashes
  - Rescue of people
  - Acts of terrorism
  - Preservation of material evidences and determination of the causes for occurred accidents
- Management of crews and equipment during joint operations with Greek fire services:
  - Procedures for interactions
  - Alerting
  - Compatibility of technical facilities
  - Planning of joint actions and taking of decisions

**Expected MS input:** 20 man/ days

**Third activity – Training:**
(a) Two experts from EU country partner will visit Bulgaria for 20 days. The Project Leader will visit Bulgaria for the last 10 days to complete the activities in the project. Together with NSFES experts they will carry out training of trainers on application of module scheme in professional training.

It is envisaged the implementation of two training courses with duration of 10 days per each one and practical exercises with two groups consisting of 15 employees (30 employees in total). Trainees will be employees of fire and emergency services from the regions of Blagoevgrad, Smolian, Kardjali and Haskovo.

Training program will contain the matters mentioned in second activity.
(b) The trainers will carry out training for the staff of NSFES territorial services in accordance with developed program and module scheme of professional training.

**Expected MS input:** 40 man/ days

**Total available budget – 150, 000 Euro.**

Additional funds of up to 10% of the Phare budget will be provided as co-financing from the Bulgarian national budget.

**3.5 Mandatory result and benchmarks:**
- Acquaintance of the staff with regulation and training practice in the field of fire fighting and emergency rescue operations.
- Developed training programs intended for NSFES staff at border regions.
- Trained employees from border regions of Haskovo, Kardjali, Smoljan and Blagoevgrad as trainers in the field of fire fighting and emergency rescue operations.

**3.6. EXPERTS PROFILE**

**3.6.1 Education, experience**
Experts from partner country shall have available great experience in the field of fire and emergency safety – practical experience in professional training of the staff. They shall be competent in the European Norms, which specify requirements for fire fighting and emergency rescue equipment.
The MS Project Leader:
- Will be responsible for the co-ordination of partnership of EU member country as a whole;
- Provide contacts with representatives of fire administrations from other member countries, organizations and Bulgarian participants in the project;
- Co-ordinate the work of experts from member country, who take part in all working groups;
- Advise Bulgarian bodies, which take part in the project;
- Observe the assessments and reports prepared by experts;
- Carry out planned activities and solve occurred problems in close co-operation with Bulgarian Project Leader;
- Prepare recommendations concerning due changes of the project, keeping all initial goals, working together in close co-operation with Bulgarian Project Leader;
- Manage and observe the editing of reports concerning start and conclusion of the project, as well as all activities related to preparation of reports, described in the terms of reference.

Profile:
- should be technically trained, with at least 10 years experience in real fire fighting and emergency rescue operations;
- should be acquainted with organization and co-ordination of training activities;
- should be fluent in English.

Experts, engaged for a short time
Profile:
- An expert, who is technically trained, with at least 5 years experience in the field of organization of training in real fire fighting and emergency rescue operations.
- Two experts, who are technically trained, with at least 5 years experience in the field of organization of training in fire fighting and emergency rescue operations.

All experts shall have available appropriate ability for implementation of the project related activities, as well as short-and medium-term goals and results. They could be in possession of knowledge and experience in more than one of mentioned above domains. It is necessary well-selected group to be set up, taking into consideration keeping the requirements related to staff training.

3.7. LOCATION AND DURATION
3.7.1 Starting date - 01.01.2005
3.7.2 Final date of the assignment- 30.05.2005
3.7.3 Schedule and number of units (man-days) concerning the assignment
3.7.3.1 Project Leader – 20 days
3.7.3.2 First activity – 20 days
3.7.3.3 Second activity – 20 days
3.7.3.4 Third activity – 40 days

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Note: This schedule is intended for orientation only. It could be specified additionally with the purpose of more effective combining of the activities upon separate components.

3.7.4 Location of assignment – The Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia and border regions Blagoevgrad, Smoljan, Kardjali and Haskovo.

3.8. REPORTING

3.8.1 Contents, official language, format and number of reports

a) Initial report concerning regulation in force and practice;
b) Report presenting training programs for the employees.
c) Report concerning carried out training of trainers.

These reports shall be prepared by Project Leader in English and standard Twinning format. They shall be submitted on electronic and paper bearer. Final report shall be submitted to Project Steering Committee. Project Steering Committee will do monitoring of project realization.

Reports shall be submitted in accordance with clause 6.4 – “Reporting” of Annex A “Twinning Light Procedures” from Twinning Guidance.

3.8.2. Translation/Interpritation and requisite explanations.

Interpritation shall be provided for all activities related to project realization, including for the training.

3.8.3 Date of documents submission – 30.06.2004

4. Institutional Framework:

Ministry of the Interior has taken a firm obligation to adopt and apply EU legislation and practical standards. Appropriate laws and working programmes are developed and applied. National Service “Fire and Emergency Safety” is authorized to provide fire and emergency safety. Existing central and operational services, research institutes and educational institutions are stated. Recommendations for improvement of the work and organization of these institutions according to the EU legislation and standards will be included in the elements of this project.

With respect to this, the Directorate NSFES has developed:
- Programme on development of emergency rescue operations at National Service “Fire and Emergency Safety”.
- Programme for re-equipment of NSFES for the period 2003-2005.
5. Detailed Budget

The maximum total cost of the project is 0.165 MEUR**.

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* Up to 10% National co-financing for the twinning light component will be provided by the national budget through the National Fund (i.e. maximum amount 0.015 M€)

** Maximum amount, if the amount provided as National co-financing is 10% of the Phare contribution (i.e. maximum amount 0.015 M€).

6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1 Implementing Agency

The Bulgarian CBC Implementing Agency is the CFCU to the Bulgarian Ministry of Finance, which retains overall responsibility for the implementation of the project. This includes approval of ToR, tender documents, evaluation criteria, etc. It is intended an appointment of special unit for the purpose of project’s implementation.

The project beneficiary institution is the Ministry of the Interior - DNSFES. It is responsible towards the CBC Implementing Agency for the operational and technical management of the project.

6.2. Twinning: NA

6.3 Non-standard aspects

The Practical Guide to contract procedures financed from the General Budget of the European Communities in the context of external actions (May 2003) will be strictly followed.

7. Implementation Schedule

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8. Equal Opportunity

Equal opportunity for men and women to participate in all components of the project will be ensured in the project’s implementation.

9. Environment

Due to the fact that this project aims to the improvement of possibilities for fire fighting and rendering of first aid at disasters, emergencies and crashes, there is not necessity of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA).

10. Rates of return

Economic rate of return - not applicable

Financial rate of return - not applicable
11. Investment criteria

11.1 Catalytic effect:
Without PHARE assistance this project would not be implemented in the near future because of lack of funds. The efficiency of interactions between fire services of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Greece will be increased.

11.2 Co-financing:
This project will be co-financed by the Bulgarian state budget which will provide 25% of the total cost of project.

11.3 Additionality:
No other financing sources from the private sector or from IFIs are available for financing of this project.

11.4 Project readiness and size:
The preliminary studies are completed and the implementation of project can start according to the implementation chart.

11.5 Sustainability:
Fixed assets will remain public property managed by the territorial services of MoI-NSFES at the border regions after completion of this project. The necessary funds for serving and maintenance of these assets will be provided from the budget of MoI.

11.6 Compliance with state aids provisions
This project is in compliance with the state aids provisions.

11.7 Contribution to NDP and/or Structural Funds Development Plan/SPD
The proposed project is in accordance with the priorities of Accession Partnership and the National program for acceptance of European legislation. This project supports the implementation of measures upon Sub-programme 2 “Consolidation of the institutional capacity of Ministry of Interior”, First programme "Consolidation of the institutions forming business environment" (1st Axis from the National plan for economic development of the Republic of Bulgaria 2000 – 2006).

12. Conditionality and sequencing
Part of this project shall be executed in co-operation with the Republic of Greece. Relevant services of both countries will take into consideration the results by an independent consultant assessment in order to establish common procedures for interactions at border regions for disasters control. Tendering procedures will be followed for the supply of equipment in accordance with requirements and practice within PHARE Programme (Practical Guide to contract procedures financed from the General Budget of the European Communities in the context of external actions).

Annexes to project Fiche:

Annex 1  -  Logical framework matrix in standard format
Annex 2  -  Detailed implementation chart
Annex 3  -  Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter for full duration of program (including disbursement period)
Annex 4  -  Supporting letter on behalf of Fire Service of the Republic of Greece.
## LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR
### Name and number of the programme
**PHARE CBC BG-GR 2003/ 000-630-08**

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<td>The time for intervention while fires, natural disasters and crashes will be significantly minimised.</td>
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<td>The trained staff from the Territorial Fire and Emergency Safety Services will manage fires, natural disasters and crashes in close cooperation with the relevant Greek authorities, including by joint activities on fire prevention and/or extinction and liquidation of consequences of natural disasters and crashes</td>
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Effects of environment pollution caused by fires, emergencies and crashes having serious consequences for population and environment will be mitigated in respect to biodiversity conservation, water balance preservation and improvement of quality of life in the border regions of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Greece

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| existing in NSFES special-purpose equipment for fire fighting and emergency rescue operations at the border regions and preparation of technical specifications for supply of equipment for fire fighting and emergency rescue operations according to the European Norms requirements for the needs of the border regions | for supply of equipment by offering and contracting procedures according to the requirements and practice in program PHARE (Practical Guide to contract procedures financed from the General Budget of the European Communities in the context of external actions). | specifications for supply of special-purpose equipment for fire extinction and emergency-rescue operations are developed

Organization of equipment supply for the territorial services for fire and emergency safety in the border regions of Haskovo, Kardjali, Smolian and Blagoevgrad | Equipment is supplied on the basis of PHARE procedures | Report containing an assessment of the state of existing in NSFES special-purpose equipment for fire extinction and emergency-rescue operations

Preconditions | Availability of equipment for implementation of fire fighting and emergency-rescue operations |
ANNEX 2: Detailed implementation chart

**Project title:** *Improvement of Fire and Emergency Safety on Both Sides of the Bulgarian-Greek Border*

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*P* = Preparation of ToR for TA  
*T* = Tendering  
*C* = Contracting  
*I* = Implementation

ANNEX 3: Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter

**Project title:** Improvement of Fire and Emergency Safety on Both Sides of the Bulgarian-Greek Border – twinning light component

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Dear Mr. Voynov,

With great pleasure I received your letter which refers to your intention to improve your substructure concerning the prevention of fires and natural disasters at the territories of the borders of your country, which border with the similar Greek territories, in accordance with the corresponding PHARE program.

Similar, in the Greek side, using the sums of the INTERREG programs III-A, has started the implementation of important projects, modernization and step-up of every kind of fire station of the Fire Service, in the way of the effective confrontation of the phenomenon of forest fires.

For this, it is pursued systematical the as possible expansion of collaboration with the similar fire services of the bordering countries, contributing with the equipment and personnel to the confrontation of uncontrollable forest fires and in general disasters of natural or technological origin, that threat the territories of the borders.

Especially in the frame of INTERREG III-A program Greece-Bulgaria, the Fire Service of Greece is been founded with the sum of 5.437.000 euro, for the provision of: helicopter for observation and fire-fighting, special articulated tracklayer fire-fighting vehicle and water wagon fire-fighting vehicles.

In the terms of the existing bipartite protocol of our collaboration, we believe that the creation and improvement of every kind of fire-fighting infrastructure of the border territories, will allow the gradual step-up of the provided services and will offer an effective content in the prospect of our greater collaboration.