1 IDENTIFICATION

Beneficiary: The Republic of Bulgaria


CRIS-Number: 2007/019-303-01.01 to 2007/019-303-08.01

Year: 2007

Cost: The total value of the actions to be financed from the Transition Facility: €31.4876 million.

Implementing Agency: CFCU – Central Finance and Contracts Unit

Expiry Dates:
- Contracting: 15 December 2009
- Execution of contracts: 15 December 2010

Sector Code:
- Objective 1: Political criteria - 15000
- Objective 2: Internal market –32110
- Objective 3: Agriculture and food safety- 33110
- Objective 4: Environment - 41010
- Objective 5: Justice and Home Affairs - 15030
- Objective 6: Customs and Public Finance – 15020, 88010
- Objective 7: Administrative reform and capacity - 43010
- Objective 8: Social, Employment and Public Health - 16110

Budget Line: 22.03.01

Commission Task Manager: Gudrun Scheffer, Financial assistance post-accession, DG Enlargement

2 SUMMARY

Article 31 of the Act of Accession establishes the Transition Facility and indicates the basic orientation for its implementation.

The purpose of this Facility is to continue to provide assistance to Bulgaria and Romania in order to strengthen their administrative capacity to implement and enforce Community legislation (acquis). As such, this is an extension of the assistance provided until accession under the Phare programme.

The present Financing Proposal represents the 2007 Transition Facility programme for Bulgaria, amounting to a maximum of €31.4876 million.
The last Phare National Programme (2006) was defined in accordance with the priorities as set out in the Accession Partnership and the Regular Report 2005. It also took into account the multi-annual planning framework established in 2004.

The Transition Facility for Bulgaria will focus on the following eight sectors: Political criteria, Internal market, Agriculture and food safety, Environment, Justice and Home Affairs, Customs and Finance, Administrative Reform and capacity, Employment, Social Policy and Education. For all twinning projects the Twinning Manual will apply. The planned indicative timeframe for the launch of procurements is between January 2008 and October 2009. For grant schemes, selections will be carried out based on the general criteria for the award of grants detailed in the manuals and procedures for grant scheme implementation and based on the provisions of the project fiches.

3 STRATEGY

This programme is mainly based on the Commission's 2006 Monitoring Report on the state of preparedness for EU membership for Bulgaria and Romania that identifies a number of areas where improvement is needed regarding implementation and enforcement of the *acquis*. Supplementary information was provided through the outcome of peer reviews, monitoring missions, and expert reports. The programme will also assist the Bulgarian administration with the implementation and enforcement of new *acquis*.

Moreover, it takes into account the need for further progress towards the achievement of the benchmarks in the areas of judicial reform, the fight against corruption and organised crime set out in the Commission Decision of December 2006 establishing a mechanism for cooperation and verification of progress in Bulgaria¹ as well as the findings of the Report on Bulgaria's progress on accompanying measures following Accession². To this end, an Unallocated Institution Building and Cooperation and Verification Mechanism Envelope has been created to assist Bulgaria to take into account the findings of the Report and to ensure follow-up under the cooperation and verification mechanism.

The Bulgarian authorities submitted a list of proposals for funding under the Transition Facility on the basis of requirements of the 2006 Monitoring Report. These priorities and proposals were transmitted for consultation and discussed in detail with relevant Commission Services including the Phare Transition Team in the EC Representation. The final selection of projects for this Financing Proposal was based on the overall quality of the individual projects, including their relevance and readiness for implementation.

Evaluation recommendations and results of past Phare projects were taken into account when programming the Transition Facility. Lessons Learned are often based on a case by case basis, building on relevant experience acquired during the implementation of Phare projects in a specific area. Relevant information on supporting background documentation is provided for in each project fiche.


Attention was paid to avoiding overlaps with other EU financial assistance instruments, in particular the assistance provided for in the Operational Programmes relating to the Community Support Framework of the Structural Funds as well as actions eligible for financing in the framework of the Schengen Facility. The implementing beneficiary body shall retain the responsibility for coordinating all activities and to put in place appropriate mechanisms to avoid any overlap and double funding.

4 OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS

OBJECTIVE 1: POLITICAL CRITERIA

2007/019-303.01.01 Civil Society Development in the area of anti-corruption fighting

The project will contribute to enhance the role of civil society in eliminating corruption in the Bulgarian society. This particular project aims at strengthening relevant NGOs working in the field of anti-corruption to establish civil control and active cooperation of civil society and administration in the process of devising effective anti-corruption policies and instruments. Finally, it will help to empower civil society organisations to act as watchdogs in the area of anti-corruption at different levels of government. The project will be implemented by a grant scheme and related technical assistance.

2007/019-303.01.02 Further Strengthening of Policies, Practices and Capacity towards Roma Integration in Bulgaria

The project will contribute to the integration of the Roma population in the Bulgarian society ensuring their equal access to health services, education and employment opportunities. Specifically, this project will foster participation of Roma in political and economic life at all levels, notably regional and local level. The project will assist in developing local participation mechanisms for increasing the participation of the Roma community and involvement of local NGOs by promoting public-private partnership approaches. Activities will also involve district experts on ethnic and demographic issues. The project will be implemented by a grant scheme and related technical assistance.

OBJECTIVE 2: INTERNAL MARKET

2007/019-303.02.01 Strengthening the capacity of the National Enquiry Point within the State Agency for Metrological and Technical Surveillance

Twinning Light contract BG/07/IB/EC/01TL

The project will contribute to the prevention of creation of obstacles to the free movement of goods and information society services. This project will put in place an efficient operational notification mechanism in accordance with Directive 98/34/EC and its amendment Directive 98/48/EC by further improving the operation of the notification procedure provided for in those directives.
2007/019-303.02.02 Further strengthening the administrative capacity of the Financial Supervision Commission aiming at the efficient implementation of the acquis

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/EC/02

The aim of the project is to contribute to ensure fully-functioning financial services and their protection from misuse and illegal practices. Specifically, it will ensure effective financial supervision of the Bulgarian capital markets, pension fund and insurance market. This project will build on the previous project in this area and will include issues such as motor insurance, financial stability of guarantee funds and money-laundering. It will also address recent new EU legislation in the field of capital markets.

OBJECTIVE 3: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SAFETY

2007/019-303.03.01 Improvement of phytosanitary control

Twinning light contract BG/07/IB/AG /01TL

The project aims at introducing new methods for the identification of quarantine pests in the activity of the Central Laboratory for Plant Quarantine at the National Service for Plant Protection in order to fully meet the requirements of the EU legislation in the plant health sector. Specifically, the training to be provided by the project will include new diagnostic methods in the field of mycology, virology, nematology and bacteriology for certain fruit and vegetables, vine and fruit trees. The project will also enable the Central Laboratory to provide assistance to regional laboratories in a methodological way.

2007/019-303.03.02 Strengthening the official control of feedingstuffs by the National Grain and Feed Service

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/AG /02

The project is designed to enable the Bulgarian National Grain and Feed Service to ensure a high level of protection of animal and human health through more efficient control of feed safety. It will also help to develop an internet based IT system for storage, exchange and analysis of information in order to streamline the official control system. The project will provide training to staff in including strengthening their skills with regard to inter alia HACCP systems in accordance with Regulation (EC) 882/2004. The project will also involve the feed industry and will provide relevant guidelines and procedures based on HACCP principles in accordance with Regulation 183/2005.

2007/019-303.03.03 Improvement of the administrative capacity of the "Monitoring and coordination of Paying agency activities" Unit within MAF to implement its functions in compliance with Council Regulation (EC) 1290/2005 and (EC) 885/2006

Twinning light contract BG/07/IB/AG /03TL

The aim of the project is to further improve the capacity of the "Monitoring and Coordination of Paying Agency Activities' Unit" within the Ministry of Agriculture to enable this Unit to perform its responsibilities relating to audit, monitoring and coordination of the Paying Agency activities. Concretely, the project will, inter alia result in a review of the staff
performance situation, the development of a procedure manual as well as an audit methodology and training in audit matters.

2007/019-303.03.04 Improvement of the diagnostic and laboratory system for animal health control against classical swine fever and high pathogenic avian influenza

Twinning light contract BG/07/IB/AG /04TL

The aim of this project is to further develop and implement an effective control system in view of Classical Swine Fever as well as High Pathogenic Avian Influenza diseases. The project will also help to further improve the diagnostic laboratory capacity referring to those diseases in line with relevant EU legislation. As a result two national reference laboratories dealing with those diseases will be appropriately equipped and accredited, staff trained in order to perform the diagnostic and control activities including in the preparation of monitoring and surveillance programmes.

2007/019-303.03.05 Improving the efficiency of FADN via building up of an integrated IT system for data entry, control, validation and use at national and regional level

The project is to develop an integrated IT system for the Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) to ensure an easy, rapid and flexible tool for data entry, control, validation, analysis and use at national and regional level. To this end, appropriate software will be designed, developed and tested as well as a network established between regional, macro-regional and central level including the relevant manuals to enable successful operation of the system.

2007/019-303.03.06 Strengthening the capacity of State Fund "Agriculture" for electronic data exchange in its role as a Paying agency and establishment of interface between the PA systems and DG Agriculture information systems

The project is to contribute to the production of timely and reliable data for management and control of the legality of EAGGF and EAFRD expenditure. To this end, the project will help to further develop IT systems of the Paying Agency interface with information systems of DG Agriculture and provide complete manuals for software developers, users and administrators and appropriate training.

2007/019-303.03.07 Support for the implementation of the Common Market Organisations in the meat sector

The project will contribute to implement the Common Market Organisation for beef and veal, sheep and goat and pig meat by implementing the (S) EUROP system. In particular, it aims at improving the quality of meat products placed on the market as well as the quality of different types of meat by implementing the (S) EUROP classification system for classification of pig, beef and sheep carcasses. It will also help to improve the administrative capacity of the "Agrarian Development Directorate" of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as well as the Regional Directorates and representatives of slaughterhouses.

OBJECTIVE 4: ENVIRONMENT
2007/019-303.04.01 Strengthening the capacity of the water management authorities for the implementation of economic instruments for water management according to the Water Framework Directive (WFD) 2000/60/EC

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/EN /01

The project will strengthen the administrative capacity of the water management authorities for the implementation of economic instruments for water management in accordance with article 9 and 11 of the WFD requirements. Inter alia, the project will result in the establishment of a system for control and analysis of the programmes of measures for the proper decision making of the water management authorities including training programmes for staff in planning, decision-making, financing and water pricing of water service infrastructure; training of staff in the Water Directorate and the Four River Basin Directorate in pricing policy issues and enforcement; concrete guidelines and instructions.

2007/019-303.04.02 Strengthening the administrative capacity with the aim to ensure the efficient enforcement of the EU waste management acquis

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/EN /02

The project aims at further strengthening the institutional and administrative capacity for enforcement of the waste management legislation in the area of shipments of waste and waste landfills at the Ministry of Environment and Water, Regional Inspectorates of Environment and other relevant bodies such as the Customs Agency. Inter alia, the project will result in a methodology for waste inspections and related training and thus increase the capacity of the inspection bodies. The project is to deal with the waste problem in an integrated and systematic way by integrating legal, environmental, institutional and technological aspects.


Twinning contract BG/07/IB/EN /03

The project is to further strengthen control capacities of the relevant Bulgarian authorities regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Seveso II Directive on control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances. The project will in particular provide guidelines for the technical assessment of the documentation from Seveso operators, for fully operational inspection schemes, for risk assessment methodologies and provide the relevant training to all the involved parties. The project will also deliver an internet database for all Seveso substances by a separate contract covered by Annex I of the Seveso Directive as well as provide for dissemination of information to interested parties on safety measures.


Twinning contract BG/07/IB/EN /04

The aim of the project is to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Ministry of Environment and Water and related institutions for the enforcement of the EU legislation on the management of waste from extractive industries. Specifically, the project will include an
inventory of mining waste facilities in Bulgaria and their current operational status, preparation of guidance for technical assessment of the documentation submitted by the mining waste facilities' operators, guidance for a fully operational inspection scheme. The project will also deliver the relevant training programmes and provide for a database in accordance with EU legislation.

2007/019-303.04.05 Strengthening the administrative capacity for practical implementation of legislation of the management of waste in the fields of electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and batteries and accumulators at national and regional level

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/EN /05

The project aims at assisting the relevant Bulgarian authorities and other stakeholders involved in the implementation and enforcement of waste management for electrical and electronic equipment and batteries and accumulators. The project will in particular address issues such as a methodology for calculation of charges, a methodology for monitoring reporting requirements for instance as regards collection and recycling objectives, methodology and guide books for the implementation of RoH directives as well as training programmes for all stakeholders involved.

2007/019-303.04.06 Strengthening the institutional capacity for the implementation of the Nature Protection acquis

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/EN /06

The aim of the project is to further contribute towards the implementation of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Wild Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) and more specifically to enhance the management of the Natura 2000 sites and to increase the national capacity of the responsible authorities. In particular, the project is to result in improved management of Natura 2000 sites, further develop management plans, provide information and practical training to all involved stakeholders including NGOs.

2007/019-303.04.07 Further development of the Executive Environment Agency's (EEA) calibration laboratory and quality control system for ambient air quality measurements

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/EN /07

The project is to ensure high quality of monitoring data reporting for implementing short as well as long-term measures for improving the ambient air quality. Specifically, the project will, inter alia, help to improve the EEA's calibration lab as a national reference laboratory by optimizing the system for real time automatic data transfer and further developing the relevant database. The project will include the provision of the related soft and hardware.

OBJECTIVE 5: JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

2007/019-303.05.01 Enhancement of the administrative capacity of the police in counteraction to drug crimes at national and regional level

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH /01
The aim of the project is to further develop the intelligence led policing model at regional level for efficient detection and investigation of drug crimes and improvement of the coordination and cooperation at national and regional level. This project will in particular contribute to increase the analytical capacity of the police at regional level notably in border areas, by increasing cooperation and coordination between police, customs and other institutions and further developing the capacity of police bodies dealing with prevention and investigation of drug crimes by training and training of trainers' schemes.

2007/019-303.05.02 Enhancement of the Ministry of Interior's capacity to fight organised crime

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH /02

The project will help to improve the efficiency of the National Police Service in the Ministry of Interior in its fight against new forms of organised crimes through strengthening the undercover unit. The project will contribute to more intensified cooperation with other departments of the Ministry as well as at EU and international operational level. The project will also provide for specialised equipment and the related training.

2007/019-303.05.03 Development of the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Interior for building up the VIS national interface for connecting the border control system and visa system to the EU Visa Information System and for connecting the visa system to VISION Network

Twinning light contract BG/07/IB/JH /03TL

The project is to assist the Computer Technologies Institute of the Ministry of Interior to further develop the VIS national interfaces for connecting the Border control and national Visa systems to VIS. Specifically, the project is to provide an action plan about the implementation of the VIS and VISION national interfaces, including the detailed technical specifications.

2007/019-303.05.04 Further strengthening of the Ministry of Interior through unification and standardisation of the vocational training of the officers of the Ministry of Interior

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH /04

The project will help to set up a uniform Centre for the organisation, delivery and control over the vocational training in the Academy of the Ministry of Interior. At the end of the project a unified and standardised vocational training system for officers of all categories of the Ministry of Interior will be established delivering specialised professional training in line with applied EU standards and best practices, including specialised training on countering organised crime. The project will also provide for the development of concrete and sustainable curricula and long-term training programmes beyond the lifetime of the project as well as for specialised equipment.

2007/019-303.05.05 Enhancement of the capacity of the Bulgarian police through the introduction of European models and methods for crime analysis

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH /05
The aim of the project is to strengthen the enforcement capacity of the Bulgarian police to fight against crime through updating the Institutional Model for Information Processing and Analysis and introducing modern IT methods for operational information analysis as well as providing the relevant training of police analysts at regional and central levels. The results of the project will support the efforts of the Ministry of Interior in the field of automated processing of intelligence data and further develop the achievements of the already adopted Institutional Model for Information Processing and Analysis. The project will also include the development of mechanisms for decision-making and coordination of the analytical units as well as relevant training and a training methodology in various areas including crime analysis in relation to corruption issues.

2007/019-303.05.06 Strengthening the uniform application of the new procedural legislation in Bulgaria

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH/06

The project is aimed at the improvement of the institutional capacity of the Supreme Court of Cassation and the Supreme Administrative Court and Regional Administrative Courts to apply in an equal manner the new penal, civil and administrative procedural legislation. This project is to build on previous Phare and other donors’ assistance in this area and will focus mainly on the improvement of the competence of the beneficiary institutions in the development and application of strategic documents, working programmes and plans for judiciary management. Concretely, the project will strengthen the administrative structures of the administrative justice as well as those of the penal, civil and commercial justice.

2007/019-303.05.07 Strengthening the public management of the judiciary and court administration

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH/07

The project aims at improving the operational structure of the Supreme Judicial Council, effective management and administrative capacity as a policy making body in the process of strategic planning to ensure efficiency of the judicial process. Specifically, the project will help to improve the management competence of the Supreme Judicial Council through various concrete actions including standards for quality management, strategic planning etc., and will also increase transparency by improving access to information of the judicial system.

2007/019-303.05.08 A further step towards higher quality of training in the judiciary

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH/08

The aim of the project is to assist the National Institute of Justice to elaborate programmes for continuing distance training in topics such as EU law, judicial cooperation in civil matters, preliminary ruling, ethical standards and anticorruption. The project will also provide the relevant specialized software as well as elaboration of a module for training of court clerks. As such it will build on and be supplementary to previous assistance already provided for this purpose.

2007/019-303.05.09 Further strengthening the forensic capacity of the expert services of the Ministry of Interior for collection and examination of material traces for crime scenes
The project will contribute to further enhance the technical capability of the Bulgarian forensic police. It will in particular increase the effectiveness of the work related to collection of material traces on crime scenes, their preservation, preliminary valuation and efficient examination. This supply project will build on the institution building part of a 2004 project in the same area.

2007/019-303.05.10  Improving and extending the level of training in the field of countering organised crime in the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior

_Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH /09_

The project is aimed at providing high level training to public servants of the Ministry of Interior focused on effective countering of organised crime and improving public safety. It will, inter alia, develop special training methodologies for analysis of such crimes involving various categories of the Ministry's staff. It will develop relevant syllabi and curricula in line with EU best practices and standards in the area and provide practical training to instructors and staff. It will also include specialised equipment for training halls and other specialised equipment.

2007/019-303.05.11  Effective implementation of the EU acquis in the field of migration policy and further strengthening the Migration Directorate’s institutional capacity

_Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH /10_

The project will build on a previous twinning light project and aims at further enhancing the administrative capacity of the Migration Directorate both at central level and at regional level in the Migration Regional Units. It will in particular elaborate and provide guidance for the practical application of admission and removal procedures taking into account new _acquis_. The focus of this project will be on the optimisation of cooperation of various services within the Ministry of Interior, such as security police, border police and the chief directorate combating organised crime and illegal migration, as well as with other relevant EU and third country authorities dealing with migration management.

2007/019-303.05.12  Elaboration and strengthening of the Human Resources Management system in the Ministry of Interior in the fight against corruption among its personnel

_Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH /11_

The aim of the project is to consolidate achievements and results notably of the 2002 Phare project in this area in a long-term perspective in order to raise public trust in the Ministry of Interior by introducing mechanisms that will further reduce the risk of corruption amongst its personnel. The project takes into account the Strategy on transparent management, corruption prevention and counteraction for the period 2006-2008. It will inter alia contribute to a methodology on unified disciplinary practice for countering acts of corruption notably in the police force as well as main structural units, upgrading the code of ethics to ensure prevention of acts of corruption and a methodology on implementation of disciplinary proceedings in case of acts of corruption. The project will help to further strengthen the Regional Recruitment Centres and consolidate the Management by objectives system with a focus on reducing the risk of corruption. The project is also to further upgrade the IT system.
for Human resource management and provide for technical equipment for processing data classified as state secret.

2007/019-303.05.13 Strengthening the role of the Bulgarian Prison Service

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/JH /12

The project will build on previous projects in this area and is to adapt and implement a system for performance management for prison managers and staff in all penitentiary establishments and optimisation of procedures. It will also develop practices for the provision of security and resettlement of prisoners as well as provide information and training for the development of public-private partnerships at the establishment of new prisons. The project is also to deliver the relevant training software for prison staff.

OBJECTIVE 6: CUSTOMS AND FINANCE

2007/019-303.06.01 Further computerisation of the Bulgarian Customs Administration in line with the EU Electronic Customs Initiative

The project is aimed at further developing a software solution that will implement the Integrated Tariff environment requirements regarding Taric and quota to facilitate the uniform implementation of the Community legislation in the customs clearance process. It will also establish interoperability with Member States and the Commission’s systems. The project will build on the 2004 and 2005 projects and will take into account the results achieved. It will in particular include further development of the Bulgarian transit and Integrated Tariff Management Systems by providing for an extension of the Taric functionality, the quota functionality, integration with the Bulgarian integrated customs information system (BICIS), connection with CCN/CSI. It will inter alia also provide for development of requirement specification and a business model based on the Commission Services’ specifications and the beneficiary’s requirements.

2007/019-303.06.02 Enhancement of the implementation mechanisms of the Intrastat System in Bulgaria

Twinning light contract BG/07/IB/FI /01 TL

The aim of the project is to elaborate and put into practice new methods for the determination of obligations and the monitoring of compliance of Intrastat operators for the treatment and movement of specific goods. The project will take into account requirements arising from new legislation in this area and will assist the Intrastat Directorate of the National Revenue Service to fully meet its reporting and data collection requirements on trade transactions within the EU in accordance with Regulation (EC) 1915/2005 and the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Intrastat legislation.

2007/019-303.06.03 Interim Evaluation of Phare and Transition Facility Programmes

The project is to provide for independent interim evaluation to improve the management and implementation of Phare and Transition Facility projects through the provision of independent analysis and assessment on the progress achieved towards meeting the objectives set in the programmes as well as of recommendations on corrective actions. It is also to secure an effective early-warning system in support of programme implementation. The project will
also support the development of national evaluation capacity and a number of thematic evaluations.

2007/019-303.06.04 Development of a national system for administering the excise duty entirely by the Customs Administration

The project is to develop an information system as part of the Bulgarian integrated customs information system (BICIS) for the automation of the activities related to the administering of excise duties, including excise bonded warehouses and control on excise products in line with EU standards. The project will build on the previous Phare projects in the area of excise duty management and provide for the development of the Excise Management System phase 2.1 including the developed software architecture and related data bases as well as the relevant training activities.

OBJECTIVE 7: ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM AND CAPACITY

2007/019-303.07.01 Strengthening the legal and administrative capacity for Mental Health Reform

The project is to further contribute to the ongoing reform in the mental health care. In this regard, the project aims at establishing a sustainable network of local institutions and organisations involved in the implementation of the strategic goals of the national mental health policy. It will improve the capacity for evidence-based decision-making by relevant administrative structures at national and regional level to ensure successful implementation of the Action Plan relating to the introduction of a system of community mental health care. It will also improve the specific legal basis needed for the implementation by elaboration of a proposal for a separate Mental Health Act.

2007/019-303.07.02 Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Culture to secure development and implementation of a National Audiovisual Policy, including copyright protection

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/OT/01

The project will contribute to implement the acquis in the audiovisual sector and support Bulgarian efforts in view of full alignment and enforcement in the area of intellectual property rights with a focus on piracy. In this regard, the project will help the Bulgarian Ministry of Culture with drafting an audio-visual policy in line with national and European standards and related acquis. The project will provide for the relevant training and will involve stakeholders from different governmental and non-governmental institutions dealing with audiovisual or copyright issues.

2007/019-303.07.03 Unallocated Institution Building and Cooperation and Verification Mechanism Envelope

This project shall provide the possibility to respond, in a flexible way, to acquis related needs during the implementation period of the Transition Facility programme in order to address specific self-contained institutional issues of limited scope, i.e. where the structures are not complex and need small adjustments. The projects will be selected according to relevance and
quality in order to address remaining institutional and administrative capacity weaknesses in the Bulgarian administration.

Additional funds have been earmarked under this envelope to address in a flexible way any needs in the area of the specific benchmarks outlined in Commission decision of December 2006 on establishing a mechanism for cooperation and verification of progress regarding judicial reform and the fight against corruption and organised crime as well as in the Report on Bulgaria's progress on accompanying measures following Accession. Projects should also respond to the remaining shortcomings identified in the Commission's report on Bulgaria (COM 377/2007) and in particular address the recommendations and the follow-up to the action plan suggested in point 4 of the report. The projects shall be implemented by means of twinning light and technical assistance.

OBJECTIVE 8: EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY AND EDUCATION

2007/019-303.08.01 Strengthening the capacity of the Agency for Social Assistance through trainings of experts, working in the field of child protection and experts working in the Inspectorate of the Agency

Twinning contract BG/07/IB/So/01

The project is to contribute to the reinforcement of the child welfare system at national, regional and territorial level and to improve the monitoring and control system of the Inspectorate of the Agency for social assistance. Specifically, it aims at the enhancement of the administrative capacity of the professionals working in the field of child protection and those working in the Inspectorate of the Agency for Social Assistance.

Programme Conditionality

The Bulgarian authorities will ensure that national co-financing in accordance with the details included in the project fiches will be available in time for all foreseen activities. Unless otherwise specified in the project fiche, co-financing for service and supply contracts should be joint co-financing and the ratio between the Transition Facility and the national amount has to be applied to the final contract price.

The Bulgarian authorities shall ensure proper coordination with other financial instruments such as the Structural Funds, the Schengen Facility and others in order to avoid any overlap, duplication with those activities. Any overlap and duplication of activities from other EU instruments will lead to ineligibility of the funds. Adequate mechanisms will be set up by the national authorities to continuously monitor the absence of overlap (including NAC, NAO, Implementing Agencies, SPOs, beneficiaries and contractors). Any other EC funding in the areas covered by the projects will be reported to the EC as part of the monitoring report and in a mutually agreed format.

The Bulgarian authorities are responsible to ensure for actions which have received funding from previous or ongoing programmes that results achieved are sustainable and that Transition Facility funding is used for additional or supplementary activities rather than as duplication or repetition of previous funding.
To assure eligibility for Transition Facility funding, other conditionalities included in the individual project fiches have to be met and verified before contracts are concluded.
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<td>05 Improving the efficiency of FADN via building up of an integrated IT system for data entry, control, validation and use at national and regional level</td>
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<td>06 Strengthening the capacity of State Fund &quot;Agriculture&quot; for communication in its role as a Paying Agency and allow the conduction of the accelerated communication channels between the PA systems and DG Agri information system</td>
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<td>07 Support for the implementation of the common market organisations in the meat sector</td>
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<td>01 Strengthening of the capacity of the water management authorities for the implementation of economic instruments for water management according to the Water Framework Directive (WFD) 2000/60/EC</td>
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<td>02 Strengthening the administrative capacity with the aim to ensure the efficient enforcement of the EU waste management acquis</td>
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<td>03 Implementation and enforcement of Directive 2003/105/EC, amending Directive 96/82/EC (Seveso II Directive) on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances</td>
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<td>05 Strengthening of administrative capacity for practical implementation of legislation in the field of electric and electronic equipment and establishment of systems for separate collection of waste electric and electronic equipment /WEEE/ at national and regional level in Bulgaria</td>
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<td>06 Strengthening Institutional Capacity for the Implementation of the Nature Protection acquis</td>
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<td>07 Further development of EEAs Calibration lab as a national reference</td>
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Total: 5.8 million €
### Objective 5: Justice and Home Affairs

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<td>01 Enhancement of the administrative capacity of the Police in counteraction to drug crimes at national and regional level</td>
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<td>02 Enhancement of Republic of Bulgaria's MoI capacity to fight organised crime</td>
<td>0.700 0.300 1.000</td>
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<td>03 Development of MoI institutional capacity for building up the VIS national interface for connecting Border Control System and Visa System to EU Visa Information System and for connecting Visa system to VISION Network</td>
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<td>04 Further strengthening of the Academy of the Ministry of the Interior through unification and standardisation of the vocational training of the officers of the Ministry of the Interior”</td>
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<td>05 Enhancement of the capacity of the Bulgarian police through the introduction of EU models and methods for crime analysis</td>
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<td>06 Strengthening the uniform application of the new procedural legislation in Bulgaria</td>
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<td>07 Strengthening the public management of the judiciary and court administration</td>
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<td>08 Further step towards a higher quality of training in the judiciary</td>
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<td>09 Further strengthening forensic capacity of the expert services of Ministry of Interior for collection and examination of material traces for crime scenes</td>
<td>0.525 0.525</td>
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<td>10 Improving and extending the level of training in the field of countering organized crime for Bulgarian MoI</td>
<td>0.610 0.010 0.620</td>
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<td>11 Effective implementation of the EU acquis in the field of migration policy and further strengthening the Migration Directorate institutional capacity</td>
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<td>12 Elaboration and strengthening of the Human Resources Management System in the Ministry of Interior as a factor in the fight against corruption among its personnel</td>
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<td>13 Strengthening the Bulgarian prison service</td>
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<td>01 Further Computerisation of the Bulgarian Customs Administration in line with the EU Electronic Customs initiative</td>
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<td>02 Enhancement of the Implementation Mechanisms of the Intrastat System in Bulgaria</td>
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<td>03 Interim Evaluation of Phare and Transition Facility Programmes</td>
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<td>04 Development of a National System for Administering the Excise Duty entirely by the Customs Administration</td>
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### Objective 7: Administrative Reform and Capacity

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<td>01 Strengthening the Legal and Administrative Capacity for Mental Health Reform</td>
<td>0.225 0.225</td>
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<td>02 Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Culture to secure development and implementation of a National Audiovisual Policy, including copyright protection</td>
<td>0.361 0.361</td>
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<td>03 Unallocated Institution Building and Cooperation and Verification Mechanism Envelope</td>
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### Objective 8: Employment, Social Policy and Education

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<td>01 Strengthening the capacity of the Agency for Social Assistance through trainings of experts, working in the field of Child Protection and experts working in the Inspectorate of the Agency</td>
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<td>Sub-total</td>
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Co-financing for Institution Building projects is provided by the beneficiary bearing certain infrastructure and operational implementation costs, through financing the human and other resources, required for effective and efficient absorption of Transition Facility assistance.

Investments in equipment / software licences / software development must receive co-financing from national public funds. The Community contribution may amount to up to 75% of the total eligible\(^3\) public expenditure.

6 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In the event that agreed commitments are not met for reasons which are within the control of the Government of Bulgaria, the Commission may review the programme with a view, at the Commission's discretion, to cancelling all or part of it and/or to reallocate unused funds for other purposes consistent with the objectives of the Transition Facility.

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