SUMMARY PROJECT FICHE

1. BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 Désirée Number:

1.2 Title: Participation of Cyprus in the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme 2000 on Statistical Co-operation

1.3 Sector: Statistics

1.4 Location: Statistical Service, Nicosia, Cyprus

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 Overall Objective(s):

To promote further alignment with the EU Acquis on official statistics.

2.2 Project purpose:

Enhancement of the capacity of the Statistical Service of Cyprus (CYSTAT) in developing harmonised and comparable statistics, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant EU legal acts, gentlemen’s agreements and long standing practice, so as to facilitate the integration of the statistical system of Cyprus with systems and practices that are current within the European Union.

2.3 Accession Partnership and NPAA priority

Accession Partnership

Statistics

– Further improve quality and coverage of statistics; ensure adequate resources are available to further strengthen statistical capacities.

NPAA

Statistics (Chapter 12)

• Enhancement of the administrative capacity of the Statistical Service of Cyprus, through an increase in the human and financial resources allocated to it; strengthening of its co-operation with other governmental agencies and the Central Bank of Cyprus, which are involved in the collection (and production, in some cases) of primary data, within their respective areas of competence; training of the staff of the Statistical Service; participation of the Statistical Service in various pilot projects specially designed by Eurostat to assist the accession countries in their harmonisation process; increased participation in the meetings of Eurostat committees, working groups and task forces and recruitment of consultants for the provision of technical assistance in various specialised fields of statistics.

2.4 Contribution to National Development Plan

N/A

2.5 Cross Border Impact

N/A
3. DESCRIPTION

3.1 Background and justification:
Statistical co-operation with the Phare countries started in 1990. The period 1990-1999 was marked with a high and dynamic transposition and implementation of the relevant Acquis in statistics.

The objectives of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programmes are:

- To maintain proximity to the European Statistical System, to provide statistical assistance, to maintain the quality and to develop the implemented Acquis;
- To fill residual gaps with sectoral projects; and
- To integrate new statistical Acquis.

The means to implement the programmes are driven by the Phare Secretariat.

The EU Member States also have some “functional” multi-beneficiary programmes, which could serve as model for the co-operation with the Candidate Countries. The Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme is a good instrument for the co-ordination with other statistical producers within the countries and for efficiently saving resources that have an extreme economy of scale effect, vivid within the multi-beneficiary approach.

The new Phare Multi-beneficiary Statistics Programme, covering the period 2000-2002, builds upon the success and good practices and experience of the previous ones, with emphasis on developing harmonised and comparable statistics. Its overall objectives are:

1. Reaching and maintaining global compliance with the Acquis Communautaire in statistics
   Eurostat succeeded in promoting the comparability at the European level and of dissemination means in useable forms and in timely fashions. Candidate Countries need to make considerable progress in order to be positively competent to report global compliance with the provisions of the Acquis.

2. Harmonised statistics available, already in the negotiation phase
   Candidate Countries should prepare themselves to have harmonised statistics available in the negotiation phase.

3. Legitimacy, quality and mutual confidence in statistics
   National Statistical Institutes of Candidate Countries should continue to (a) demonstrate that the statistical science is relevant to the society; (b) comply with the principles of impartiality, science nature, legality and respect for privacy; (c) preserve the confidence in statistics; (d) maintain a clear separation between the official statistics and political process; (e) set up a quality assurance mechanism; (f) improve internal management, training, team building and communication; (g) optimise their productivity potential; (h) increase the “statistical literacy” of the public; (i) fill in the gap between the computer and statistical knowledge; (j) observe the set of standards dealing with the coverage, timeliness and periodicity of data.

The specific objectives of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme 2000-2002 are:

1. Know-how transfer to wide target groups, all statistics producers
   Strengthening the institutional building of scientific independent statistical authorities; achieving knowledge sharing on a large scale, to wide target groups; ensuring proper co-ordination among various producers of public statistics; lightening the burden on data providers; preserving access to administrative records.
2. **Integration into the European Statistical System**
   Improvement of the transfer of data between Eurostat and the Candidate Countries; identifying and spreading among NSIs the current best practices; identifying joint research programmes in which both Candidate Countries and Member States can embark.

3. **Dissemination and transparency of statistics**

4. **Acquis compliance: catching up with the existing Acquis and following its developments, integration of new Acquis**

This project will support Cyprus participation in the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme 2000, by providing the financial resources to cover part of the Cyprus financial contribution to this programme.

### 3.2 Linked activities:
- CYSTAT has been participating in the **Phare Multi-beneficiary Programmes of 1998-2000** (in the projects on external trade and non-financial national accounts) and **1999-2001** (in the projects on agricultural statistics, environment statistics and government finance statistics). Two of these projects, namely the ones on *external trade statistics* and *environment statistics*, are being continued, with the launching of phase II under the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme of 2000-2002. Cyprus’ participation in the 1998-2000 Programme was entirely financed from own funds, while its participation in the 1999-2001 Programme was partly financed from funds made available under the 4th Financial Protocol between the EU and Cyprus.
- Apart from the above-mentioned programmes, CYSTAT participates in the Euro-Mediterranean Programme on Statistical Co-operation (MEDSTAT).
- CYSTAT is also represented regularly in about 100 multi-country working groups and seminars on an annual basis.

### 3.3 Results:
- Reinforcement of the institutional and administrative capacity of the Statistical Service of Cyprus.
- Production of comparable and harmonised statistics.
- Enhancement of the co-operation and exchange of information and experience between the Statistical Service of Cyprus and Eurostat and the EU Member States.

### 3.4 Activities:
The Statistical Service in Cyprus will participate, within the limits of the available budget, in the following activities of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme 2000:
- Pilot and sectoral projects
  - Improvement of national accounts, various projects
  - Short term public finance
  - Harmonisation of external trade statistics and Intrastat preparation – phase II
  - Employment data reconciliation
  - Harmonised environment statistics – phase II
• Technical assistance activities, know-how transfer and improvement of capacity for membership obligations
  - Secondment of the CYSTAT staff to Eurostat and/or EU NSOs for training placements
  - Formal training courses in European statistical methods
  - Participation in specific technical multi-country working groups, seminars and task forces

This project will provide part of the financial resources for Cyprus participation in the above-mentioned activities, including the costs of multi-country working groups, seminars and task forces, and of the EU Member States experts.

The Statistical Service of Cyprus will:
• decide on specific activities of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme 2000 in which it will participate;
• assess, select and submit applications, in accordance with the provisions laid down by the European Commission (Eurostat);
• make available the Cypriot experts to participate in the various activities of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme 2000.

4. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

The statistical system of Cyprus is centralised under the Statistical Service. This is a Government department which functions under the Ministry of Finance, though it maintains its autonomy in technical matters and has exclusive responsibility for the choice of methodology, technique, definitions and procedures for the realisation of its programme of work.

The Statistical Service of Cyprus is the competent authority for the production and dissemination of official statistics. It is mainly concerned with the initiation, organisation and carrying out of various censuses, surveys and statistical enquiries of an economic, demographic, social and environmental content and the publication of the results, with the intention of assisting both government in policy-making and the planning and execution of programmes for the welfare of the people of the country and private organisations and individuals in the formulation, execution and follow-up of their activities.

At the same time, it acts as a co-ordinator in cases where other governmental institutions (such as the Central Bank, other Ministries and Government Departments and semi-Government organisations) pursue work of a statistical nature for the collection of data of direct interest to the area of their activity.

The legal basis for the collection and publication of official statistics in Cyprus is provided by the Statistics Law No. 15(I) of 2000.
5. **Detailed Budget**

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6. **Implementation Arrangements**

6.1 **Implementing Agency:**

The Implementing Agency will be the Statistical Service of Cyprus.

The beneficiaries of the project will be the Statistical Service of Cyprus and other Governmental Institutions producing statistics in Cyprus, depending on the pilot projects.

For the technical management and monitoring of the project, the Statistical Service of Cyprus will establish a Departmental Project Implementation Team (DPIT) under the chairmanship of its Director. This will be a team within the Statistical Service, which will be responsible for the project implementation and the carrying out of the day-to-day management of the project. Its role will be to administer and resolve all issues concerning the management of the project, including identification, specification and planning of tasks, preparation of terms of reference, participation in tendering, monitoring and evaluation of activities and reporting.

The person responsible for the Implementing Agency will be the Director of the Statistical Service of Cyprus, Mr. P. Philippides, 13 Andreas Araouzos Street, CY-1444 Nicosia, Cyprus (tel.: +357 2 309301, fax: +357 2 374830, e-mail: cydsr@cytanet.com.cy).

6.2 **Twinning**

N/A

6.3 **Non-standard aspects**

The project will be managed according to the Decentralised Implementation System (DIS) rules. However, the contractor should for obvious reasons of harmonisation, be the same for all candidate countries.

6.4 **Contracts**

This is an integrated, sequential, multi-country project. The choice of contractors will be decided upon by Eurostat and will be common for all Beneficiary Countries.

7. **Implementation Schedule**

7.1 **Start of tendering/call for proposals:** N/A

7.2 **Start of project activity:** 2nd quarter 2002

7.3 **Project completion:** 1st quarter 2004
8. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

Article 28 of the Constitution safeguards the right of all persons to equality before the law, the administration and justice and of equal protection there of and treatment thereby. Any direct or indirect discrimination against any person on the grounds, i.e. of his sex, is prohibited.

Furthermore, the prevailing legislation with respect to equality of treatment for men and women is partly in conformity with the Acquis Communautaire. The following laws currently enforce equal opportunity issues: the Equal Pay between Men and Women for Work of Equal Value Law (158/89), the Protection of Maternity Law (100(I)/97), the Termination of Employment Law (24/67) as amended, and the Commissioner for Administration Law (Law 3/91) as amended. Cyprus has ratified by the Law 39/62 the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Various international Conventions which guarantee equal rights between men and women have also been ratified.

The Statistical Service of Cyprus is an equal opportunities employer. Its human resources in terms of personnel with higher education qualifications comprise of 20 men and 21 women. The total number of personnel employed in the Statistical Service of Cyprus is 102, consisting of 45 men and 57 women.

9. **ENVIRONMENT**

N/A

10. **RATES OF RETURN**

N/A

11. **INVESTMENT CRITERIA**

N/A

12. **CONDITIONALITY AND SEQUENCING**

There is no conditionality and no sequencing.

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**ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE**

1. Logical framework matrix in standard format
2. Detailed implementation time chart in standard format
3. Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter for full duration of project
## LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR

### PROJECT:
**Participation of Cyprus in the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme 2000 on Statistical Co-operation**

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<td>- Harmonised and comparable statistics</td>
<td>- European Commission/Eurostat reports on the status of the progress achieved with regards to compliance in statistics</td>
<td>Statistical Service of Cyprus mandated to plan for and commit to all project actions. Project personnel selected on the basis of skills and experience.</td>
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### Assumptions
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### Results
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• Production of comparable and harmonised statistics
• Enhancement of the co-operation and exchange of information and experience between the

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<td>- European Commission/Eurostat reports on the status of the progress achieved with regards to compliance in statistics</td>
<td>Full commitment of management and staff. Timely availability of adequate resources.</td>
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<td>- Improved co-operation and exchange of data with Eurostat and EU Member States.</td>
<td>- Regular reports of the Cyprus Government/Statistical Service.</td>
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## DETAILED TIME IMPLEMENTATION CHART FOR THE PROJECT

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### CUMULATIVE CONTRACTING AND DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE

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NB: 
1. All contracting should normally be completed within 6-12 months and **must** be completed within 24 months of signature of the FM.
2. All disbursements **must** be completed within 36 months of signature of the FM.