1. **Basic Information**

1.1 **CRIS Number:** 2003/004-643. Project 6  
1.2 **Title:** Participation of Cyprus in the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programmes 2001 and 2002 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.  

**National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis (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 1990-2000 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 Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), with the support of the Programme 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 Programmes 2001 and 2002, covering the periods 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 respectively, build upon the success and good practices and experience of the previous ones, with emphasis on developing harmonised and comparable statistics. Their 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 (NSIs) 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 Programmes 2001 and 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 Programmes 2001 and 2002, by providing the financial resources to cover part of the Cyprus financial contribution to these programmes.

3.2 **Linked activities:**

- CYSTAT has been participating in the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programmes of 1998 (in the projects on external trade and non-financial national accounts), 1999 (in the projects on agricultural statistics, environment statistics and government finance statistics) and 2000 (in the projects on private household consumption, estimation at constant prices, use and supply of input-output tables, capital stock and the consumption of fixed capital, external trade statistics and Intrastat preparation, financial accounts and public finance statistics, employment data reconciliation, short-term business statistics). A number of these projects, namely the ones on use and supply of input-output tables, external trade statistics and Intrastat preparation, short-term business statistics and environment statistics, are being continued under the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programme of 2001. Cyprus’ participation in the 1998 Programme was entirely financed from own funds, while its participation in the 1999 Programme was partly financed from funds made available under the 4th Financial Protocol between the EU and Cyprus and in the 2000 Programme from funds made available under the 2002 programming of the pre-accession strategy for the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Malta.

- 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 of Cyprus will participate, within the limits of the available budget, in the following activities of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programmes 2001 and 2002:

- Pilot and sectoral projects
  - Macro-economic statistics
  - External trade statistics and Intrastat preparation
  - Business statistics
  - Social statistics (including employment statistics)
  - Agriculture and environment statistics
• Technical assistance activities, know-how transfer and improvement of capacity for membership obligations, including monitoring of compliance
  - Secondment of the CYSTAT staff to Eurostat and/or EU NSIs for training placements
  - Formal training courses in European statistical methods
  - Participation in specific technical multi-country working groups, seminars and task forces
  - Provision of services for evaluation of compliance with the Acquis, reporting about the Programmes, co-ordination services

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, in consultation with Eurostat, on the specific activities of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programmes 2001 and 2002 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 Programmes 2001 and 2002.

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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*In relation to the overhead expenses of the project which will be considered as being expended according to the payments made against the project.

6. **Implementation Arrangements**

6.1 **Implementing Authority:**

The Implementing Authority 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 Authority will be the Director of the Statistical Service of Cyprus, Mr. P. Philippides, 13 Andreas Araouzos Street, CY-1444 Nicosia, Cyprus (tel.: +357 22 309301, fax: +357 22 374830, e-mail: cydsr@cytanet.com.cy).

Identification and implementation of activities selected from the Multi-Beneficiary programme will be done in co-operation with Eurostat. List of activities as well as their Terms of Reference will have to be approved by Eurostat."

6.2 **Twinning**

N/A

6.3 **Non-standard aspects**

The project will be managed according to the Decentralised Implementation System (DIS) / Extended Decentralised Implementation System (EDIS) 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 2003

7.3 Project completion: 1st quarter 2005
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 thereof 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 21 men and 20 women. The total number of personnel employed in the Statistical Service of Cyprus is 103, consisting of 43 men and 60 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
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### 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 & MS

### Objectively Verifiable Indicators
- Statistical system of Cyprus harmonised with that of the EU in the statistical fields dealt with by the project.
- Improved co-operation and exchange of data with Eurostat and EU Member States.

### Sources of Verification
- European Commission/Eurostat reports on the status of the progress achieved with regards to compliance in statistics
- Regular reports of the Cyprus Government/Statistical Service.

### Assumptions
- Full commitment of management and staff.
- Timely availability of adequate resources.

### Activities
- Decision on the specific activities of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programmes 2001 and 2002 in which CYSTAT will participate;
- Assessment, selection and submission of applications, in accordance with the provisions laid down by the European Commission (Eurostat);
- Participation in the activities of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programmes 2001 and 2002.

### Means

### Assumptions
- Full commitment of management and staff.
- Availability of Cypriot experts to participate in the various activities of the Phare Multi-beneficiary Programmes 2001 and 2002.

### Preconditions
- Full commitment of the Authorities involved.
- Adequate financial and human resources available.
### DETAILED TIME IMPLEMENTATION CHART FOR THE PROJECT

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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.