PROJECT FICHE FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES
AND AGENCIES

1. BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 CRIS Number: 2003/004-643. Project 11
1.2 Title: Participation of Cyprus in Community Programmes and Agencies
1.3 Sector: 
1.4 Location: Republic of Cyprus

2. DESCRIPTION

On the basis of the specific Pre-Accession Strategy included in the Presidency Conclusions (par. 22) of the Luxembourg European Council (December 1997), Cyprus has been participating in certain European Community Programmes and Agencies. The pre-accession funds within the framework EC Regulation 555/2000 can be used to help Cyprus to meet part of the costs of participating in those Programmes and Agencies. These funds are made available each year as part of the National Pre-accession Programme so as to co-finance the annual financial contribution to be paid by Cyprus to participate in these Programmes and Agencies.

The main objective of the Project is to enable Cyprus to become better acquainted with Community institutions, policies, working methods and procedures in a wide range of areas, which will facilitate the integration of the country into the European Union.

Cyprus, on the basis of specific agreements with the Community, has been participating, since 1997, in the first phase of Leonardo, Socrates and Youth for Europe Programmes. As from 2001, in accordance with the relevant Agreement, signed on the 11th of January 2001, Cyprus participates in the Leonardo II, Socrates II and Youth. It also participates in the 5th Framework Programme for Research and Development on the basis of an agreement (Additional Protocol to the Cyprus-EEC Association Agreement), signed in May 1999. Cyprus also participated in Media II and the Third Multiannual Programme for Small and Medium Enterprises and intends to participate also in the next phase of these Programmes.

In parallel, on the basis of the new procedures regarding the participation of the Candidates Countries in the Community Programmes adopted by the EU, a "Framework Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cyprus on the general principles of participation of Cyprus in Community Programmes" was signed on the 21 December 2001 (OJ L 34 5.2.2002). Following the entry into force of the Framework Agreement, negotiations have started between the various Commission Directorates - General managing different Community programmes (e.g. Culture 2000, Media plus and Social Policy Programmes) and the relevant authorities of the Government of Cyprus, in order to conclude the relevant Memoranda of Understanding.
The Memorandum of Understanding for each Programme will lay down the terms and conditions, including the financial contribution, of participation in each Programme.

Cyprus also fully participates, from the year 2001 in the European Environmental Agency. Negotiations have also started for the participation of Cyprus as from 2003 in European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and the relevant bilateral Agreement is expected to be concluded before the end of 2002. Cyprus is expected to fully participate also in other Community Agencies soon.

Within the framework EC Regulation 555/2000 (as stipulated in Art. 1, para 1) and in the context of the Pre-Accession National Programmes for the years 2000 to 2002, about 2.8 mio EUR has already been approved for the co-financing of Cyprus’ financial contribution for the Leonardo II, Socrates II and Youth Programmes as well as the European Environmental Agency.

For the programming of the year 2003, € 2.3 Mio is requested for the co-funding of Cyprus’ annual financial contribution in the following Community Programmes and Agencies (Budget in Section 3):

- Leonardo II, Socrates II and Youth Programmes.
- Media Programme.
- Multi-annual Programme for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship.
- Culture 2000 Programme.
- Community Action Programme to Combat Discrimination.
- Programme relating to Community Framework strategy on Gender Equality.
- Community Action Programme to combat Social Exclusion.
- European Environmental Agency.
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drugs Addiction.
- Sixth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (2003-2006).
3. Detailed Budget\(^1\) (EURO)

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3. **IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

4.1 The National Fund is responsible for the pre-accession part of the financial contribution to be paid by the country to participate in Community programmes and

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\(^1\) Some of the figures given above are indicative since the relevant Memoranda of Understanding on some Programmes are not yet concluded.

\(^2\) The expenditure needed for the total financial contribution is committed annually through a specific expenditure vote of the Development Expenditure Category of the National Budget.

\(^3\) The financial contribution for Cyprus for Leonardo, Socrates and Youth refers to the year 2004.

\(^4\) The financial contribution of candidate countries to the annual budget of FP6 is expected to be calculated on the basis on the ratio between their GDP and the GDP of the EU Member States. The above figure refers to the contribution of Cyprus (reduced by 30% representing the percentage by which the proportionality factor is expected to be reduced in order to facilitate the participation of candidate countries in the FP6).
agencies. The Planning Bureau is responsible for the part of the financial contribution which is financed from the national budget.

4.2 Upon signature of the Financing Memorandum the National Fund will request transfer of full amount of the EU contribution in Section 3 above. These funds must be used to pay the preaccession part of the financial contribution to be paid by the country to participate in Community Programmes and Agencies.

4.3 The various Commission services responsible for the different programmes or agencies will send to the Mission of Cyprus to the EU a request for the total financial contribution for the participation in a given programme or agency specified in Section 3 ("call for funds"). Upon receipt of this call for funds, the National Fund and the Planning Bureau should proceed to the payment of their part of the contribution and coordinate to ensure that the total of their respective payments corresponds to the amount requested as per the call for funds of the relevant Commission Directorate General. When making the payments for each programme, the Planning Bureau and the National Fund should quote the reference number indicated in the call for funds for the programme concerned, and send simultaneously a copy of the payment order to the relevant Commission service.

4. CONDITIONALITY

The Agreements signed between Cyprus and the European Commission on the participation of Cyprus in the Community programmes Leonardo, Socrates and Youth specify the participation fees also for the years 2004 to 2006.

As soon as the Accession Treaties will enter into force, they will supersede these Agreements.

However, since the precise accession date is not as yet known, an allocation is envisaged for the participation in Leonardo, Socrates and Youth in 2004. The related amounts may be reallocated to cover an additional part of the contribution of Cyprus for the year 2003 to the Sixth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development and/or other pre-accession projects if and when is required.
ANNEX

List of relevant Agreements between the Community and the Republic of Cyprus:

(a) Agreement between the Community and the Republic of Cyprus adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of Cyprus in Community Programmes in the fields of training, education and youth, Brussels 11 January 2001.

(b) Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cyprus concerning the participation of the Republic of Cyprus to the European Environment Agency and the European Information and Observation network, Brussels 9 October 2000.

(c) Framework Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cyprus on the general principles of participation of Cyprus in Community Programmes” Brussels 21 December 2001.