1. **Basic Information**
   1.1 CRIS Number: 2005/017/518.04.02
   1.2 Title: Reinforcement of the Czech Police Capacity in Combating Corruption and Economic Crime
   1.3 Sector: Justice and Home Affairs
   1.4 Location: Czech Republic

2. **Objectives**
   2.1 Overall Objective(s):
   Ability to take on the obligations of membership including adherence to the aims of political, economic and monetary union.
   Ability to fulfil tasks from Government Programme on Fight against Corruption, Government Decree No. 480 of 19th May 2004 as well as recommendations given by the EU and other international institutions (GRECO etc.)

   2.2 Project purpose:
   To improve the number of detected cases and to ensure the more effective and successful investigation of corruption and other serious economic crime by the use of operative techniques and means in the Czech Republic

   2.3 Justification

   Comprehensive Monitoring Report of the EC of November 2003:
   **Page 13:** According to the 2003 evaluation report of GRECO (Council of Europe Group of States against corruption), available indicators suggest that corruption remains a cause for concern. The Czech Republic has taken a number of administrative and legal measures to strengthen the fight against corruption. The legal instruments required by the *acquis* are almost all in place, and the necessary structures within law enforcement agencies and the judiciary have been created. However, the main problem remains the relatively unimpressive results in the prosecution of corruption cases.

   **Page 14:** In May 2003 the government approved its annual report on the fulfilment of its national programme on combating corruption, which concluded that corruption is still widespread. The report notes that corruption usually takes the form of abuse of power or acceptance of bribes. The report sees little progress in the results of anti-corruption measures and highlights the fact that corruption still continues to affect the proper functioning of the state administration, the police (especially the aliens police and the traffic police), healthcare, banking and the judiciary, and that it also influences the political sphere. Consequently, the government decided to intensify its effort with the planned introduction of several new measures.

   **Page 14:** GRECO adopted a report on the Czech Republic as part of its first evaluation round in March 2003 in which nine concrete recommendations were made. GRECO expressed concern about the breadth of immunity from criminal prosecution enjoyed by Members of Parliament and recommended that clear criteria should be developed concerning when immunity should be lifted. GRECO also noted that it had the impression that corruption was more widespread than shown by the official data and that further measures should be taken without delay to prevent undermining the economic, social and political foundations of Czech society. In particular, GRECO drew attention to the low number of successful prosecutions for corruption offences.

   **Page 46:** As regards the fight against fraud and corruption, the Czech Republic has largely aligned its legislation with the *acquis*, including the 1995 Convention on the Protection of the Communities’ Financial Interests and its Protocols and the Council Framework Decisions on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting, although minor amendments (the liability of legal persons and the confiscation of proceeds of crime) are still required. The Czech Republic has taken measures to designate a National Central Office dealing with banknote and coin analysis. The necessary implementing structures are in place, however their effectiveness is not adequate in practice and further efforts should be made to ensure adequate support staff for police investigators and prosecutors, appropriate training and the development of a more co-ordinated multi-agency approach, which has already been started by merging the Department for Revealing Corruption and Major Economic Crime and the Bureau for Financial Crime and Protection of the State into a single Unit for Combating Corruption and Financial Crime. As regards corruption, see also Section C.1. – Administrative and judicial capacity.

   **Page 47:** The Czech Republic is partially meeting the commitments and requirements for membership in relation to the fight against fraud and corruption (including corruption within the police), where capacity and
effectiveness of implementing structures needs to be enhanced and co-ordinating structures strengthened and asylum, where the number of judges hearing asylum appeals need to be increased and their training, improved.

**Evaluation Report on the Czech Republic, GRECO, Group of States against corruption, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 28 March 2003:**

Para 88 and para 98/ii: The GET (Greco Evaluation Team) recommended adequate training and guidance to the officials applying special investigative techniques on the rules and conditions governing their use and to ensure that special investigatory techniques can be applied in the detection and investigation of serious corruption offences.

Final report PHARE project CZ0107.06 “Improving the Fight against Corruption and Economic Crime”:

Page 37-38: Civilian informants are currently run mainly ‘passively’, i.e. in resolving investigations already in progress. This strongly offence-related passive running of civilian informants is to a large degree a facet of the prevailing judicial system, based on the principle of legality, which implies that investigation and prosecution should be set in motion as soon as a punishable offence is noted and established. Reorientation regarding the running of informants should also include orientation on the active running of informants in order to identify preparatory activities and suspicions relating to the largely invisible forms of organised crime and terrorist threats. This will be a further step towards the action plan drawn up at the Tampere European Council, in which the EU member states are urged to gradually adapt their information management in the direction of more proactive intelligence-led policing.

Final report PHARE project CZ0207.03 “Financial Intelligence and Confiscation of Proceeds of Crime”:

Para 4.2.3.4. (page 25-26): Since undercover work on economic crime needs special skills there should be special training for UCA in the field of fighting economic crime. The selection of police officers with experiences in investigation of economic crime as UCA may support that approach. For example a special branch within USC may on the one hand support the exchange between all UCA and on the other hand ensure that specially trained UCA are available. The close co-operation between UOKFK and USC should be improved and become a standard. UCA should receive further training in foreign language in order to meet the request on international operations and to be able to deal with international gangs.

3. Description

3.1 Background and justification:

The situation in the Czech Republic is not yet fully satisfactory in the detection and prosecution of corruption and serious economic crime cases. Corruption still remain hidden and widespread phenomenon according to the official figures and NGOs surveys. This situation should be improved and effort of law enforcement agencies should be more efficient and more successful in the investigation of such cases. It is clear, that the use of operative techniques/means is very powerful and effective tool for fighting such type of crime and for reaching reasonable results within certain period but today it is also limited with technical ability of special police forces.

Use of “standard” evidences (e.g. witness hearing, papers evidences and other traces of the crime) is limited because on the field of corruption there are not usually witnesses, there are not paper’s documents and all involved parties have high interest to cover and hide all important circumstances.

This project is designed in order to learn new methods and procedures of the use of operative techniques/means on European standards common in Members States and, on the other side, to significantly improve technical conditions in this respect. The area of the project has not been particularly covered by any other previous project - it concerns the use of the whole spectrum of operative techniques/means: observation, controlled delivery, using of the agent, conspirative means, security systems, informants handling etc.

The whole spectrum of the above-mentioned operative techniques/means will be especially focused on revealing and combating corruption and financial crime because particularly corruption is a very dangerous social phenomenon that is usually very latent. Therefore, using effective operative techniques/means in combating corruption and financial crime represents a highly specific part of the police activities and co-operation between different police units involved in such activity is very specific. In such co-operation one police unit responsible for investigation asks another special police unit to implement specific task (interception, observation, controlled delivery, use of agent etc.). Co-operation on the new level is very important for the use of sensitive operative techniques/means n the field of corruption and successful investigation will have enormous impact in the future not only for the investigations but also as a preventive measure.

3.2 Linked activities:
The proposed project is quite new as regards all the twinning and technical assistance parts as well as a supply of equipment. It represents a logical result of previous PHARE projects and the necessity to continue in the work started by them on the higher level. It will use the new knowledge obtained in the framework of previous PHARE projects and will develop it further in practice. Participants of previous PHARE projects learnt about new technologies, investigative techniques, procedures and methodologies in combating corruption and major economic crime and they need to become familiar with them. In particular, the project is build on the findings from:

CZ 01-07-06 "Fight against Corruption and Economic Crime", which was focused on the use of new technologies in police investigation and prosecution

- European standards of evidence in the area of corruption and economic crime
- collection of evidences, identification of suspicious financial operations and co-ordination between collection inspection stage, investigation, prosecution, judgement and enforcement
- international law, police and judicial co-operation on cases with international aspects
- criminal intelligence and investigative techniques in corruption and economic crime area
- financial investigations, illegal transfers of assets, off-shore banking
- undercover operations in investigation of corruption and major economic crime
- police criminal analysis, training of instructors
- seizure of proceeds from economic crime (freezing assets, confiscation etc.)
- Supply of Equipment: servers, notebooks, PC, printers, Plotters, analytic software, mobile interpreter equipment, video cameras, cameras, video recorders, DVDs, TV set etc.

The place of delivery of equipment under this project was the UOKFK and the Office of criminal Police Service and Investigation of the Police Presidium of the Czech Republic

CZ 02-07-03 "Financial Intelligence and Confiscation of Proceeds from Crime", focused on:

- new methods of criminal intelligence and implementation of financial investigation, including undercover operations and penetration of financial institutions suspected of committing illegal financial operations;
- capacities of the special units of the Czech Police and the Czech justice system to reveal, seize and confiscate the proceeds from crime;
- the acquis and other international standards in the fight against the misuse of the financial system;
- methods of uncovering hidden or deleted information on computer storage systems, including examination of the memory of mobile phones and the detection of the flow of money transfers in electronic banking activities;
- crime prevention programme specifically targeted against economic crime in the Czech Republic.
- Supply of Equipment: cars for logistic and operative activity, servers, PC, notebooks, printers, operational software, copy machine, fax, dictaphone, GPS, camera, video recorders, video camera etc.

Place of delivery of the equipment purchased under this project was UOKFK and USC.

CZ 2003/004-338.05.03.02 "Combating Fraud against EU Financial Interests and Financial Crime" has been focused on:

- Computer Crime and Internet Related Crime – improving knowledge concerning investigation and surveying of Internet related crime
- Revealing Digital Traces and Abuses of Electronic Equipment – knowledge deepening, revealing of information stored on electronic devices
- Improvement of Financial Investigations – to improve, facilitate and standardise financial investigations with the aim of confiscation of proceeds from crime, the legal and tactical procedure of confiscation of proceeds from crime in detail and develop standardised solutions
- International co-operation – introduction to the work of EUROPOL, EUROJUST and the European Commission. Imparting of knowledge concerning the possibilities of international police and justice co-operation in particular in the framework of the Schengen treaty
- Investigation of frauds against EU Financial Interests - introduction to and overview on the work of OLAF, the European Anti-Fraud Unit, enhancement of knowledge concerning Fraudulent acquisition of subsidies, enhancement of knowledge concerning the cooperation with OLAF in practice
- Supply of Equipment: mobile radio station, mobile GPS street pilot, camera set, video camera mini, special internet station - PC workstations, PC notebook, mobile colour bubble jet printer etc.

Place of delivery of the equipment has been UOKFK and UZC. The project will come to the end in December 2005.

3.3 Results:

a. At least 200 specialists, out of the approx. 80 from UOKFK, approx. 80 from the UZC and approx. 40 from the USC, trained in:
undercover operations and pretended transfer
investigation of corruption by using operative means/techniques
prevention of corruption
informants handling
efficient investigation of major cases of economic crime dealing with a large amount of data and evidences
internet crime, prevention and surveillance
b. Approx. 10 % of the trained specialists prepared to serve as the trainers for the needs of the Czech Police. Relevant units are thus able to provide training by themselves instead of relying on the outside support
c. At least 50 specialists - all of them from UZC, trained on the use of new operative technical equipment to increase the effectiveness of their professional activities and the number of cases detected
d. New possibilities for the use of operative means for the detection of corruption and serious financial crime, as well as improvement of working and technical conditions for the use the present ones.
e. Technical equipment for interception of internet and other equipment for investigators elaborated and purchased

3.4 Activities:

Contract 1 – Twinning (0,900 MEUR, 24 MM)

Only 1/3 of specialists participated in the previous projects and there is a necessity to continue in the training in order to increase the number of cases detected. Training, seminars, study visits and other below proposed activities would thus be focused on the matters (types, legislation, circumstances) related to the use of operative techniques/means. Special stress will be put on training specialists for revealing corruption and economic crime and on the mutual co-operation between different police units in the topics of, e.g. the co-ordination of big criminal activity realizations including its international aspects, on protection of involved police officers, on new technical possibilities, usage of evidences in front of the courts).

All these aspects will be trained with the special focus on their connection to the operative techniques/means etc. Use of operative techniques/means is the most difficult and expensive part of police work in the field of investigation of most serious crimes. Such tools can be used only according to specific conditions given by the law. All designed activities are dealing with one hand very powerful tools but on the other hand with very sensitive tools which are used during investigations. These tools are able to gathered evidences where usually police have huge lack of evidences (corruption as a specific type of crime where all involved parties has significant profit and “standard” evidences does not work). Because the whole area of operative techniques/means is wide and because the successful use of such tools is difficult and sensitive the 24 MM of the twinning duration is requested.

1. One Resident Twinning Advisor (RTA, for 24 MM, approx. 300 000 €): with approx. 10 years of experience in combating crime, experience also on international level – international cooperation. The main task of the RTA:
   - to watch the coherence and the continuity of the successive inputs and the ongoing progress,
   - to maintain an overall view of the progress of the project,
   - to guarantee a smooth implementation of the different activities delivered
   - to continuously evaluate the Twinning-project in all stages and compare it with the specified benchmarks and the timeframe,
   - to prepare the material for regular monitoring and reporting,
   - to make recommendations for further improvements of the legislation in the field of operative techniques/means including all linked laws. Use of operative techniques/means is described and implemented under different kind of laws and internal guidelines (for example phone interception is covered by the Criminal Code of Procedure, Communication Law and internal guidelines under Ministry of Interior). Numbers of them are quite complicated and need also special technical knowledge combined with practical skills to be able to cover all practical problems and situations in the field of the fight against corruption and serious economic crime.
   - to make recommendations for the improvement of the organisational structure in the areas where the gaps in the existing systems are revealed during the project
   - upon special request to perform a needs assessment for the investment part of the project and
   - if called on by the CFCU, to contribute to the tendering for the equipment.

2. Approx.30 Short Term Experts (STEs, 12 MM, approx. 400 000 €): for conducting seminars. STEs must have at least 3 years of experience in the topics of the planned activities
(a) Training activities (approx. 26 workshops and seminars), each of them prepared for approx. 15-20 participants, part of which will be used as the trainers in the future. The training will thus be focused on the following topics (approx. 100,000 €):

- Undercover operations and controlled delivery - 4 seminars/workshops (linked result a, b)
- Training in special operative means and techniques (e.g. observation, surveillance etc) - 6 seminars/workshops (linked result a, b)
- Training in the use of special technical equipment for operative purposes - 4 seminars/workshops (linked result a, b)
- Training in Investigation of corruption by using operative means/techniques, prevention of corruption - 4 seminars/workshops (linked result a, b)
- Training in informants handling - 4 seminars/workshops (linked result b)
- Efficient investigations in major cases of economic crime dealing with a large amount of data and evidences - 2 seminars/workshops (linked result c)
- Internet crime, prevention and surveillance - 2 seminars/workshops, 1 study visit (linked result d)

(b) Study visits (approx. 100,000 €, approx. 80 participants):
In addition to the training part of the twinning also 9 study trips on the above given topics will be organised as well with the aim to learn the methods and expertise of the MS on the spot. There are 10 participants planned for 6 study visits and 5 participants are planned for 3 study visits (for two modules one additional study trip is planned for each). Because of the sensitiveness of the whole area covered by the project it seems to be very important to see how the whole process of use of operative techniques/means is done in twinner’s country to see how things are done in practise. Successful investigation of corruption and serious economic crimes depends on very precise work of police specialists. These specialists have to deal with investigation itself on the one hand and with the usage of specific police tools imposed by the law on the other. These sensitive tools (operative techniques/means) break fundamental human rights (interception of communication …) and must be, therefore, used perfectly and without any error. The failure in this respect might lead to the situation when such evidence would not be accepted by the court and all efforts would not lead to the conviction. Because of the given reasons, there is an urgent need on the side of the Czech police units dealing with the topic to become acquainted with the way how such problems are being solved in twinner’s country. Very frequently are these tools also connected with specific technical knowledge and specific Hi-Tec tailor made equipment which is used only by police or special state’s services and it is not possible to transport such equipment abroad. Every module covers one specific tool and there are big differences between them. That is why study trip abroad is requested for each module. The tentative list of the proposed study trips is given in the table below. The detailed one can be prepared only after the discussion and on recommendation of the future twinning partner

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(c) Each training component / topic should include a fact finding mission and final evaluation by experts. As
some of the above-mentioned topics were already partially touched in previous projects (e.g. No 1, 4 a 7), these activities should focus on new details/issues.

**Contract 2 – Technical assistance**  
(0,900 M€) – for details see Annex 4.2

The technical assistance will be focused on the development of the special software and of it modified hardware needed for the internet interception. There is a direct connection between the twinning and the technical assistance of the project because the technical assistance will contribute to and facilitate the practical application of the knowledge newly obtained in the framework of twinning.

Both software and hardware will be developed for the Unit for Special Technical Task of the Czech Police (UZC). UZC is a unit responsible for gathering of information from communication channels on request of all parties involved. UZC serves as a service police unit for all investigating police units within Czech Police and starts their activity on the grounds of their requests (approved by the competent authority – state attorney). That means that all the Czech police investigating units with nation-wide responsibility (e.g. Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime, National Anti-Drug Unit, Unit Combating Illegal Proceeds and Tax Crime, regional police units) use the UZC for gathering of evidence which is further used for the investigation as well as the judicial proceedings. UZC activity is focused predominantly on areas of the protection of the economic interests of the CR and of the EU, e.g. on combating the terrorism, production and distribution of drugs, blackmailing, money laundering, organised crime.

One of the tools used for obtaining such evidence is the internet interception. Its principle is based on putting the probes into the junction points of the internet network. With a support of the special software these probes choose from all the internet data within the system only those specific ones which just eligible recipients can obtain an access to. Subsequently, the selected data are distributed to the eligible recipients. At present, there is no such technology available in the Czech Republic.

The technology described above – both SW and HW - is very complex and must be “tailor made” for the given purposes:

(a) **SW for Internet interception** (approx. 0,820 M€): for UZC

- For selection, recording and monitoring of operations - data stream interception, mail interception and voice over IP interception.
  1. interception data according to the filter settings by mediator station on network: 4 licences
  2. software package for data interception: 4 licences
  3. software package for mail interception: 4 licences
  4. software package for VOIP interception: 4 licences
  5. software for distribution reports: 4 licences

(b) **HW - technical equipment for Internet interception** (approx. 0,080 M€)

- 6. probe agents (handled by central mediator station): selective probe for selecting specific data from internet: 4 pieces (HW unit)
- 7. hardware for recording, processing and distribution of reports - special HW for recording and processing data flows from internet: 4 pieces (HW unit)

**Contract 3 – Supply of equipment**  
(0,100 M€) – for details see Annex 4.2

The following equipment (for police investigators) is also needed for the Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK), for the Unit for Special Technical Task (UZC) and for the Unit for Special Task (USC).

- 3 portable PC sets for forensic examination of digital traces, ability to work on the places of interest (HW, SW, suitcase and accessories) (for UOKFK)
- 3 PC stations for further forensic examination of digital traces (HW, SW, printer and accessories) (for UOKFK)
- 2 audio/video documentation sets for processing and storage of evidences (digital video camera, PC, server, printer, SW and accessories) (for UOKFK)
• 14 sets for pre-action meetings (data projector, screen, magnetic table) (12 for UOKFK, 1 for UZC, 1 for USC)

The figures of equipment could be subject to minor alternation during the later stages of the project preparation according to real situation.

Targeted objectives of the requested purchase of equipment:
• Strengthening of the capabilities of the Czech law enforcement bodies to reveal and prosecute corruption and serious economic crime
• Strengthening and improving of technical conditions for the Czech Special Police Forces for interception of Internet Communications Channels and other related activities
• Further promotion of co-ordinated and multi-agency actions by special police units in combating corruption and financial crime using operative techniques/means
• Staff trained in use of operative technique/means against corruption and financial crime by updating old and providing new technologies, equipment and training of police specialists.

3.5 Lessons learned:

• All previous projects’ recommendations have been taken into account (see 2.3 Justification). Besides, the design of the hereby proposed project has been prepared with with taking into account the previous experience of the Ministry of Interior with previous twinning projects (see 3.2 linked activities), namely:

CZ 01-07-06: module 3 "Undercover operation in investigation of corruption and major economic crime” consisting of:
- Organisation and competence (state prosecutor vs. police)
- Undercover investigation – general overview
- Co-operation state prosecutor vs. police
- Possibility of use of undercover agent, practical examples
- Limits for use of undercover agent

CZ 02-07-03: module 3 “Undercover operation” - new methods of criminal intelligence and implementation of financial investigation, including undercover operations and penetration of financial institutions suspected of committing illegal financial operation, consisting of:
- Set up of special legends in the field of combating economic crime and financial crime
- Deployment of technical equipment to provide evidence to courts.
- Demonstration of practical use of this technical equipment.
- Development and realization of conceptions for undercover operations.
- Co-operation with informants in the field of combating economic crime and Finance crime.
- Co-operation between the Unit of Special Operations Branch and the unit for handling of informants.

• All staff members participating in study trips abroad must be directly involved in the project and participate in activities implemented in the Czech Republic.
• For the implementation of the project the excellent level of co-operation between Resident Twinning Advisor, beneficiaries and other involved parties is required.

4 Institutional Framework

Beneficiary institutions:
The project will be managed by:
Police of the Czech Republic, Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime, Criminal Police and Investigation Service (UOKFK)

Others main participant:
Police of the Czech Republic, Unit for Special Technical Task, Criminal Police and Investigation Service (UZC),
Police of the Czech Republic, Unit for Special Task, Criminal Police and Investigation Service (USC)

Partly involved:
State Prosecutor Office (SPO). In the time of Project Fiche State Prosecutor Office informed that this office will decide about their participation on the ground of Covenant and not earlier. Since that time we will know the total number of state prosecutors involved.

Steering Committee of this project consisting of all participants (UOKFK, UZC, USC, SPO) and other relevant parties (International Relation and European Integration Department of MoI, Centre for Foreign Assistance of
MoF, Central Finance and Contracts Unit of the MoF) will co-ordinate selection of themes to protect their overlapping of previous PHARE projects and supervise the implementation of activities. Meetings are supposed to be held each month.

5 Detailed Budget (in €M)

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(*) Co-financing will be parallel provided at the amount of 0,400 MEUR that means UZC 0,300 MEUR and UOKFK 0,100 MEUR. All this money will be co-financed from the state budget, chapter of the Ministry of Interior/Police Presidium (Chapter 314). Out of that, co-financing of 0,300 MEUR is strictly connected with the internet interception, which is thus calculated in the total amount of 1,2 MEUR. The amount of 0,100 MEUR will be used by the UOKFK for example for the purchase of technical equipment, telephone and computer networks including software, for hardware and software update and upgrade, cars etc. for UOKFK during 2006 and 2007, besides the standard budget. All the co-financed items will be related to this project.

6 Implementation Arrangements

6.1. Implementing Agency

The Central Finance and Contracts Unit (CFCU) is the Implementing Agency responsible for administrative and financial implementation of the project (tendering, contracting, payments). The contact person is Mr. Jan Slavíček, Programme Authoring Officer (PAO), Ministry of Finance, Letenská 15, 118 10 Prague 1, Czech Republic, phone +420-2-5704-4551, fax +420-2-5704-4550, e-mail: jan.slavicek@mfcr.cz

The CFA is fully responsible for overall monitoring and evaluation of project implementation. Main contact is Ms. Jana Hendrichová, Director of the CFA, Ministry of Finance, Letenská 15, 118 10 Prague 1, Czech Republic, phone: +420 257 044 559, e-mail: jana.hendrichova@mfcr.cz

The arrangements related to the supply delivery part of the project will be administered by the Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime. For contact details see below under 6.2.

6.2 Twinning

The project will be managed by Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK) but all activities will be delivered to all beneficiaries, i.e. to the Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK), Unit for Special Technical Task (UZC), Unit for Special Task (USC) and to all other involved parties (State Prosecutor Office).

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6.3. Non-standard aspects
N/A

6.4. Contracts
Contract 1 - Twinning  0,900 M€
Contract 2 - Technical Assistance  0,900 M€
Contract 3 – Supply of Equipment  0,100 M€
Contract 4 – Czech co-financing  0,400 M€

7 Implementation Schedule

7.4 Start of tendering:
   Twinning  4Q/2005
   Technical Assistance and Equipment supply  1Q/2006

7.5 Start of project activity
   Twinning  2Q/2006
   Technical assistance and Equipment supply  4Q/2006

7.6 Project Completion  1Q/2008

8 Sustainability
Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime has got a long term experience with running PHARE project (since 1998 up to now) and declares that it has adequate staff and equipment for successful maintaining of all administrative functions. All main beneficiaries also declare that they have adequate financial and technical sources to maintain and up-date all technical equipment when necessary.
Knowledge obtained will be used for designing further internal training activities.
Further training will be provided by the police and ensured by the trainers trained under this project
People trained are supposed to remain in their positions for at least 3 years.
Documents and material used for the training will be distributed to other police staff members.

9 Conditionality and sequencing

- Recommendations by the Phare 2003 "Combating Fraud against EU Financial Interests and Financial Crime" will be thoroughly taken into consideration when preparing the twinning work plan
- Any overlap of the twinning activities and / or purchased equipment in comparison to the previous projects will be avoided

List of used abbreviations:

- UOKFK - Police of the Czech Republic, Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime, Criminal Police and Investigation Service
- UZC - Police of the Czech Republic, Unit for Special Technical Task, Criminal Police and Investigation Service
- USC - Police of the Czech Republic, Unit for Special Task, Criminal Police and Investigation Service
- SPO - State Prosecutor Office
- UCA – Undercover Agent (§ 158e of the Act No 141/1961 Coll. – Criminal Code)

ANNEXES TO THE PROJECT FICHE
1. Logframe planning matrix
2. Detailed implementation chart
3. Contracting and disbursement schedule
4. Needs analysis for the investment part of the project
5. Independent expert’s (RTA’s) statement
## LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX

### Project title:
**Reinforcement of the Czech Police capacity in combating Corruption and Economic Crime**

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| Ability to take on the obligations of membership including adherence to the aims of political, economic and monetary union. Ability to fulfil tasks from Government Programme on Fight against Corruption, Government Decree No. 480 of 19th May 2004 as well as recommendations given by the EU and other international institutions (GRECO etc.) | Acknowledgement by EU bodies, others institutions (GRECO) and NGOs. | EC ex-post evaluation report  
Report GRECO committee, Council of Europe (Group of States Against Corruption).  
Ministerial Report on the Security Situation in the Czech Republic.  
NGOs reports and surveys. | Good co-operation among special police units  
Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK)  
Unit for Special Technical Task (UZC)  
Unit for Special Task (USC)  
and State Prosecutor Office (SPO) |

### Project Purpose

- **To improve number of detected cases and to ensure more effective and successful investigation of corruption and other serious economic crime through the use of operative techniques and means**
- **To increase the number of convictions related to the cases of corruption**

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| Number of detected cases increased 15% up at the end of the project | Country summary evaluation report  
TF interim evaluation reports  
Statistics of Ministry of Justice  
Statistics/reports of Ministry of Interior  
Twinning covenant, quarterly reports | Good co-operation among special police units  
Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK)  
Unit for Special Technical Task (UZC)  
Unit for Special Task (USC)  
and State Prosecutor Office (SPO) |

### Results

- **UZC, UOKFK and USC specialists trained in:**
  - Undercover operations and pretended transfer  
  - Investigation of corruption by using operative means/techniques  
  - Prevention of corruption  
  - Informants handling  
  - Efficient investigations of major cases of economic crime dealing with a large amount of data and

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| At least 200 specialists (80 from UZC, 80 from UOKFK and 40 from USC) trained in using new operative means and techniques at the end of the project  
At least 50 specialists from the UZC trained on technical level at the end of the project  
Approx. 10 per cent of trained specialists used as a trainers for other staff at the end of the project | Implementation Status Report  
Sectoral Monitoring Subcommittee (SMSC) Report for the Home Affairs Sector  
Twinning covenant, quarterly reports | Good co-operation among special police units  
Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK)  
Unit for Special Technical Task (UZC)  
Unit for Special Task (USC)  
and State Prosecutor Office (SPO).  
Adequate staff and equipment for successful maintaining of all twinning administrative functions. |
- Interned crime, prevention and surveillance
- UZC specialists trained in the use of new operative technical equipment to increase the effectiveness of their professional activities and the number of cases detected
- Trained specialists being sustainable and relevant units being able to provide training at the end of the project instead of relying on the outside support
- New possibilities for the use of operative means for detection of corruption and serious financial crime, as well as improvement of working and technical conditions for use the present ones, created
- Technical equipment for interception of internet and other equipment for investigators elaborated and purchased
- Purchased equipment delivered and used by staff of the beneficiary organizations for revealing corruption and other economic crime by the end of the project
- Fulfilled Government Program for Fight against Corruption.

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<td>(a) Training activities (approx. 26 workshops and seminars), each of them prepared for approx. 15-20 participants, will be focused on the following topics: undercover operations and controlled delivery - 4 seminars/workshops</td>
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<td>Training in the use of special technical equipment for operative purposes - 4 seminars/workshops</td>
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<td>1 Resident Twinning Advisor (24 MM, approx. 300 000 €) with approx. 10 years of experience in combating crime, experience also on international level / from international cooperation.</td>
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<td>Approx.30 Short Term Experts (STEs, 12MM) for conducting seminars. STEs must have at least 3 years of experience in the topics of the planned activities (approx. 400 000 €)</td>
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(b) Study visits:
In addition to the training part of the twinning also 9 study trips on the above given topics will be organised as well with the aim to learn the methods and expertise of the MS on the spot. There are 10 participants planned for 6 study visits, and 5 participants are envisaged for 3 study visits.

(c) Each training component / topic should include a fact finding mission and final evaluation by experts. As some of the above-mentioned topics were already partially touched in previous projects (e.g. No 1, 4 a 7), these activities should focus on new details/issues

| Contract 2 – Technical Assistance: | 0,900 M€: see details in Annex 5 |
| a) Software for Internet interception - special SW for selection, recording and monitoring of operations - data stream interception, mail interception and voice over IP interception (for UZC) | approx. 0,820 M€ |
| b) Technical equipment for Internet interception – special HW (approx. 0,080 M€ - UZC) | |

| Contract 3 – Supply of equipment: | 0,100 M€ |
| c) Equipment for police investigators (approx. 0,100 M€ for UOKFK, UZC, USC) | |

| Contract 4 – Czech co-financing: | 0,400 M€ |

Each of them prepared for approx. 15-20 participants (approx. 100,000 €):
- Study visits (9 for approx. 100,000 €)
2. SW package for data interception  
3. SW package for mail interception  
4. SW package for VOIP interception  
5. SW for distribution of reports  
6. Selective probe agents for selecting specific data from internet  
7. HW for recording, processing and distribution of reports (processing data flows from internet)

**Contract 3 – Supply of equipment:**

- 3 portable PC sets for forensic examination of digital traces, ability to work on the places of interest (for UOKFK)
- 3 PC stations for further forensic examinations of digital traces (for UOKFK)
- 2 audio/video documentation sets for processing and storage of evidences (for UOKFK)
- 14 sets for pre-action meetings (UOKFK, UZC, USC)

**Targeted objectives of the requested purchase of equipment:**

- Strengthening of the capabilities of the Czech Law Enforcement Bodies to reveal and prosecute corruption and serious economic crime
- Strengthening and improving of technical conditions for the Czech Special Police Forces for interception of Internet Communication Channels and other related activities
- Further promotion of co-ordinated and multi-agency actions by special police units in combating corruption and financial crime using operative techniques/means
- Staff trained in use of operative technique/means against corruption and financial crime by updating old and providing new technologies, equipment and training of police specialists.

**PRECONDITIONS**
- The Government of the Czech Republic approved the updated *Strategy on Combating Corruption in the Czech Republic*, Government Decree No. 480 of 19th MAY 2004. This version follows the previous versions and describes mainly the current situation in the Czech Republic which is considered as unsatisfying. The Czech Republic is criticised in the Regular Report for unimpressive results in prosecution and small number of detected cases. This situation is also described in GRECO evaluation report (committee of Council of Europe, states against corruption). Similar situation is also on the field of serious economic crime. For significant improvement is recommended to enhanced capacity and effectiveness of involved agencies, more coordinated multi-agency approach and using of power of operative techniques/means as a very effective tool.
- New project will be built up on the grounds of previous projects and will continue in the effort to fight above mentioned crime without any overlapping. There is necessary full completion of previous Phare Project and its evaluation to make full use of its results for the new project.
DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION CHART

Project Title: **Reinforcement of the Czech Police capacity in combating Corruption and Economic Crime**

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ANNEX 3

CONTRACTING AND DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE

Cumulative Quarterly Contracting Schedule (mil. €)

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NEEDS ANALYSIS FOR THE INVESTMENT PART OF THE PROJECT

4.1. Technical equipment

The situation in the Czech Republic is unsatisfactory in the detection and prosecution of corruption and serious economic crime cases. Corruption still remain hidden and widespread phenomenon according to the official figures and NGOs surveys. This situation should be improved and effort of law enforcement agencies should be more efficient and more successful in investigation such cases. It is clear, that use of operative techniques/means is very powerful and effective means how to fight such type of crime and reach reasonable results within certain period but today it is also limited with technical abilities of the Special Police Forces.

New project is designed to improve ability of the Special Police Forces in the field of new technologies and under new conditions to use operative means on sufficient level. Nowadays the most common means for communication besides mobile phones is Internet which is widely used by criminal groups. Interception of Internet is very complicated problem with a lot of very specific technical aspects. According to our State Budget it is very difficult to fully finance this area and gives full support to the Law Enforcement Agencies to gathered information about crime from Internet.

It is the Unit for Special Technical Task of the Criminal Police and Investigation Service which is responsible for the gathering of information from communication channels on request of all parties involved. This unit supports all police units within Czech Police including Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (corruption, serious economic crime), other national wide units dealing with other type of crime (Organized Crime, Drugs, Financing of Terror, Money Laundering etc.). It is not possible to fulfil all the obligations in fighting against such very dangerous crime without the proper equipment, and in the near future it will be impossible. That is why a new investment for Internet interception is requested in amount of 0,900 MEUR for Unit for Special Technical Task (UZC). (Technical assistance part a) and b) of contract 2)

Another requested investment, in total amount 0,100 MEUR, is intended to support police specialists/investigators. It consist of:
- Equipment for forensic data storage examination both on the place of interest and in laboratory for Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK)
- Audio/video equipment for documentation and storage of evidences for Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK)
- Equipment for improving conditions for investigators to deal with big realizations including pre-action meetings for Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK), Unit for Special Technical Task (UZC) and Unit for Special Task (USC). (Supply of Equipment part c) of contract 3)

All above mentioned technical equipment is very important for successful prosecutions of corruption and serious economic crime and at the end it will be also very important (Internet interception) for other police forces on the national level dealing with other types of crime (Organized Crime, Drugs, Financing of Terror, Money Laundering etc.)
### Detailed specification of the investment part of the project:

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1.* Unit Combating Corruption and Financial Crime (UOKFK)  
(estimated costs = 182,000 EUR)

2.** Unit for Special Technical Tasks (UZC)  
(estimated costs = 909,000 EUR)

3.*** Unit for Special Task  
(estimated costs = 9,000 EUR)
Background

Being successful in combating corruption is one of the key tasks for the governments all over the world as corruption undermines social life, trust to public administration and eventually it jeopardizes the stability of the state as a whole.

The biggest challenge of a successful fight against corruption is the revelation of the offences itself. Usually all people involved have committed a serious crime. Thus, nobody is interested in uncovering the offence. There are actually no witnesses which are not somehow involved in the crime. Public administration and law enforcement agencies have therefore to develop effective tools how to reveal the hidden crime. The successful detection of large cases of corruption has also a considerable preventive effect.

An effective fight against economic crime on the other hand forms the basis which vital for a stable, healthy and growing economy. According to crime statistics, economic crime causes approximately half of the damage recorded even if the percentage of offences is considerably small (usually fewer than 5%).

Project Framework in broad outlines

The above-mentioned project fiche was drafted by the Unit for Combating Corruption and Financial Crime of the Criminal Police of the Czech Republic (herein after referred to as ÚOKFK).

It is targeting mainly on strengthening the capabilities of ÚOKFK in the fight against corruption and economic crime. This objective is supposed to be met by various training activities focusing on legislation and the usage of operative methods and means for revealing corruption and economic crime.

Other units from the Czech Police Presidium such as the Unit for Special Technical Tasks (UZC) and the Unit for Special Tasks (USC) will fully participate in the project. The State Prosecution Service of the Czech Republic will participate partially – i.e. as far as appropriate.

The Project Fiche provides for an implementation period of 24 months with the continuous presence of a Resident Twinning Advisor who has at least ten years of experience in combating crime. He / she is also supposed to have experience on an international level and in international cooperation.

A total number of 50 training related activities (such as workshops and seminars) to be conducted in the Czech Republic and study visits abroad are to be implemented during the life of the project by approx. 30 short-term experts devoting approx. 350 working days to the project.
The Twinning part of the Project Fiche is comprised by the purchase of technical equipment: mainly equipment for Internet, e-mail and mobile phone interception – 0,9 MEUR – but also IT / communication equipment and equipment for pre-action meetings – 0,3 MEUR. 0,4 MEUR of the total amount of 1,2 MEUR will be co-financed by the Czech authorities.

Assessment

The project fiche is a consequent and logical follow-up of six preceding Twinning Projects going back to the year 1998 whereof the most recent one is currently still ongoing (CZ 2003/004-338.05.03.02 "Combating Fraud against EU Financial Interests and Financial Crime").

The new project will surely complement the preceding work excellently and close the last remaining gaps identified in recent past. This might on the other hand require a considerable sound knowledge about the preceding project activities by the implementing authority in order to avoid duplications and overlapping and to make the project a real benefit for the Czech Police.

The requirement of further training support dedicated particularly to the field of combating corruption and economic crime by using operative techniques and means is well justified. Such requirements were also identified during the evaluation of two preceding Twinning Projects (CZ01-07-06 and CZ02-07-03). Thus, the Project Fiche follows consequently the recommendations of those projects and even more aims at eliminating the shortcomings highlighted by the European Union and the GRECO\(^1\). The training activities requested will moreover definitely improve the (internal) multi-agency approach between the different police units in combating corruption and economic crime more effectively.

The results mentioned under section 3.3 are realistic and can be easily evaluated. The mandatory results mentioned under section 4 are fully in line with the project purpose and can surely be met within the given framework of the Project Fiche.

The timeframe dedicated for implementation (24 months) is well balanced with the number of seminars and workshops to be conducted in the Czech Republic and the study visits abroad. The budget provision is considered to be appropriate to conduct the project as expected. As far as the size of the project in terms of duration and budget provision is concerned, the Project Fiche is consequently following the shape of the preceding Twinning Project CZ01-07-06 which has proven that best possible results can be achieved through projects lasting between 18 and 24 months. Such projects give moreover the implementing authority more flexibility in reacting on actual changes and demands and in drafting, organising and conducting additional activities.

The equipment selected to be purchased in the value of 1,2 MEUR could appear quite large on first sight. However, taking into account the incredible high costs for equipment required for Internet, e-mail and mobile phone interception, it is fully in line with the project purposes and results. It moreover supports the training related efforts of the project and will surely enhance the impact and the sustainability of the said project. Such an investment is definitely an investment into the future because offenders in the field of corruption and economic crime use more and more often modern communication means such as Internet, email and mobile phones rather than standard phone lines or fax-machines. In particular the communication over the Internet is becoming more and more important and might be predominant already in near future.

Summarising the above-mentioned elements the Project Fiche can be considered as well balanced, precisely oriented and soundly justified.

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\(^1\) Group of States against Corruption