SUMMARY PROJECT FICHE

1. BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 CRIS number: 2003/004-381-02 and 2003/004-561-02
1.2 Title: Joint Small Projects Grant Scheme
1.3 Sector: Economic and Social Cohesion
1.4 Geographical location: Pomurje region (NUTS III) in Slovenia and Counties (NUTS III regions) Vas and Zala on the Hungarian-Slovenian border in Hungary

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1. Overall objectives

The overall purpose of the Joint Small Projects Grant Scheme is to support local development activities of a cross-border nature by involving local actors from the border regions. The ultimate objective will be to enhance the capability of local and regional authorities to develop and implement joint projects within the border region. Therefore, the scheme will strongly support concrete cross-border projects, which will promote “people-to-people” communication and enhance understanding.

In pursuing these objectives, the JSPGS provides a flexible approach to funding smaller scale actions, which are defined on the basis of local/regional needs, and which have a cross-border impact.

2.2. Project purpose

Key issues for the JSPGS include:

- encouragement and support for the creation of sustainable co-operation networks between local and regional actors in the border region;
- assistance to the local organisations for the development of capabilities and capacities for developing and implementing projects within the border region;
- development of a common project implementation structure, unifying historically and culturally different regions;

2.3. Accession Partnership and NPAA priority

Slovenia

With reference to the Accession Partnership, this project aims to support the integrated approach by addressing regional disparities in the border region. By strengthening and development of people-to-people initiatives, this project stimulates real cross-border co-operation in the regions, seen as one single unit. The project proposal is also in line with Action Plan, Chapter 21: Regional Policy.

In relation to the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis, the project meets the following objectives and targets that are in connection with the fields 1.2.12.1, 1.2.12.3, (Regional Development):

- strengthen the institutions within the specific programme for the adjustment in the field of structural policy, based on consultancy, education and exchange of experts
• ensure conditions for monitoring the effectiveness of regional policy measures

Hungary
The Small Projects Grant Scheme will play a substantial role in Hungary’s preparation for the accession to the EU and the absorption of Structural Funds support primarily by building up capacities at local and regional level. The SPGS will also contribute to the cultural, social and economic cohesion in the border regions of the two candidate countries.

2.4 Contribution to National Development Plan of Slovenia and Hungary

Slovenia:
The proposed Grant Scheme is in line with the National Development Plan and is consistent with the Structural Funds programming document 2004-2006 currently under preparation. The Grant Scheme aims at supporting the cross border, “people to people” activities and it is well accepted also due to a variety of projects, financed through the Scheme. Due to the mentioned fact, it addresses more than one single priority of the NDP:

4.2.1 National investment priority No.1: Promotion of corporate sector and competitiveness
4.2.2 National investment priority No.2: Knowledge, Human resource development and employment
4.2.3 National investment priority No.3: Information society, infrastructure and Quality of living.
4.2.4 National investment priority No.4: Reconstructing of agriculture and rural development
4.2.5 National investment priority No.5: Promotion of Balanced Regional development

Hungary:
? The project proposal is in line with the priorities identified in the National Development Plan and is consistent with the Structural Funds programming document 2004-2006 currently under preparation.
? This project is geographically located in the counties Vas and Zala, which are located in a NUTS II region identified by the Hungarian Government for Economic and Social Cohesion under the Phare National Programme.

2.5. Cross-border impact of the project
The project is in accordance with the objectives identified in the Joint Programming Document Slovenia – Hungary 2003-2006.

The projects financed by the Joint Small Projects Grant Scheme will increase the contacts amongst the people living in the cross-border region and create sustainable co-operation networks between the CBC actors. These activities will have a positive impact on the reduction of historical and cultural barriers between the inhabitants of the border regions.

The priority fields of the JSPGS, tourism, culture, sport, environment and health related activities are especially relevant elements of cross-border co-operation. The experiences gained during the implementation of previous small projects funds has shown, that this flexible, people-to-people approach has a significant catalytic effect on the co-operation between people on the two sides of the border. The intensification and further promotion of these activities will be a key element in creating a joint economic and life space in the border regions, in order to enable them to function as one single unit after the accession of Hungary and Slovenia to the European Union.
3. DESCRIPTION

3.1. Background and justification

The inclusion of flexible funding mechanisms like Small Project Grant Schemes aiming at small scale intervention and addressing identified local needs is an efficient instrument due to its popularity among local/regional actors and a relatively quick implementation period.

The Phare 2003 Joint Small Projects Grant Scheme follows similar operations carried out under the HU/AU 1995, 1996, 1997 and the HU/SL 1995 Phare CBC programmes in Hungary as well as the Joint SPGS SLO/HU 2000 and 2001. Approximately 50 projects received support each year. Their success has greatly contributed to the positive image of the Phare Programme among the population in the target region. The assessment of the CBC Phare Programmes HU9502, HU9610 and HU9701 carried out by the OMAS Consortium (Report No. R/HU/CBC/98033) states as an overall conclusion on the financed Small Projects that:

“The Small Projects Fund has broadened the field of activity of the CBC Programmes by encouraging local involvement and provided a firm basis for developing larger initiatives.”

The Slovenian projects under the Phare CBC SLO/A/H in 1995 and 1996 programmes attracted 44 applicants during the first year and in next year 72 applicants. However, not only the increased number of projects has to be mentioned, but also the improved quality of the prepared project proposals. The SPGS is in the society in the border region one of the most popular instruments of funding. However, many joint actions have been introduced and resulted in a number of concrete results such as CDs, books, leaflets etc.

This project involves joint actions in the field of economic, cultural and social life of the border area. The positive impact is reflected by a large number of long-term direct links between non-profit, decentralised organisations such as professional and special interest associations in the regions. The SPGS proves to remain a flexible instrument, managed at local level to ensure a maximum level of subsidiarity.

3.2. Linked activities

The SPF forms an integral part of the Phare CBC Programme. It complements other projects of the CBC Programme primarily by creating a flexible mechanism for the support of small-scale activities and in some cases by preparing future large-scale CBC projects. The SPF of the 2003 programme will be based on the experience of the Small Project Funds supported by previous programmes in 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999 and 2000.

3.3. Results

- Improved knowledge of staff of regional and local agencies for the preparation and implementation of projects
- Sustainable co-operation networks between local and regional actors in the border regions (partnership building) guaranteed.
- Some 20 to 30 individual small cross-border co-operation measures in line with the priorities of the Joint Programming Document for the period 2000-2006 completed

The results of the individual funding operations will depend on the outcome of the planned Call for Proposals. It can be expected that the overall structure of results will be similar to those of the previous Small Projects Grant Schemes as well as in line with the priorities set out in the Joint Programming document for the period 2003-2006, namely:

- Sustainable Spatial Development
- Human Resources Development
- Regional Cohesion and Economic Co-operation
The projects are to encourage new forms of cross-border co-operation and strengthen existing ones.

**3.4. Activities**

Joint Small Project Fund Grant Scheme will be implemented in line with the provisions of the PRAG and the Vademecum on Grant Management.

The Joint Small Project Grant Scheme 2003 will be implemented as part of the Cross-Border Co-operation Programme. The Fund will provide Phare grants to projects with a required rate of co-financing of the beneficiaries in the following sectors:

1. Local economic development, including tourism
2. Promotion of co-operation in the field of health, particularly the sharing of resources and facilities on a cross-border basis
3. Development or establishment of facilities and resources to improve the flow of information and communications between border regions, including support for cross-border radio, television, newspapers and other media

**4. Cultural exchange**

**5. Local employment, education and training initiatives**

**6. Environment protection**

The maximum level of project support will be generally 50,000 EUR Phare contribution. A minimum level of project support will be 5,000 EUR Phare contribution. No resources, which have been assisted by Phare or other EU support, may be taken into account as own contribution.

The types of eligible expenditures as well as the list of organisations, which are entitled to apply for JSPGS support will be defined in the Joint Guidelines – in accordance with the rules of PRAG and the Vademecum on Grant Management.

The criteria on the basis of which projects will be assessed and selected for support are set down hereunder. The Joint Small Project Grant Scheme Evaluation Committee shall interpret these in the manner, which best serve transparency, and in line with the overall development policies of the regions under discussion.

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<td>3.3 To what extent are the results of the proposed project sustainable (including CBC partnership): financial (how will the activities be financed after the EC funding ends?) - institutionally (Will structures allowing the activities to continue be in place at the end of the present project? Will there be local “ownership” of project outcomes?) - at the policy level (where applicable) (what will be the structural impact of the project – e.g. will it lead to improved legislation, codes of conduct, methods, etc?)</td>
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### 4. Budget and Cost-effectiveness

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### 5. Management Capacity and Expertise

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**Maximum total score**: 100

Projects without clear CBC impact (less than 28 points in section 1: Relevance) will not be evaluated further.

### 3.5 Lessons Learned:

It is expected, that the proposed Grant Scheme will have positive impact on building the capacity for management the smaller contracts on more decentralized level within the both NARDs and the local beneficiaries (RDAs etc). Currently the CBC SPF SLO/HU 2000 is under implementation. The need for co-ordination (preparation of joint TD and publishing the timely adjusted Call for Proposal, joint evaluation of applications received and Contracting) and supervision of project implementation has been learned. More, the level of cross-border co-operation was raised with the additional selection criteria, which favors the joint or mirror projects. The Joint Implementation of SPF Grant Scheme is therefore a basis upon which the future co-operation between Slovenia and Hungary should be built and remain active upon the accession of both countries to the EU.
4. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

The Joint Programming Document for the period 2000-2006 introduced changes in the decision-making structures and implementation rules of the JSPGS. New Detailed Guidelines are developed based on the JPD and PRAG issued by the Commission in January 2001. Detailed Guidelines are developed jointly by both countries and include a standardised application form, common eligibility and selection criteria and common rules of publicity. All this in line with the PRAG.

The five elements in the Small Project Grant Scheme structure are:

• The National Agency for Regional Development (NARD), acting under the Ministry of Economy in Slovenia and the National Agency for Regional Development in Hungary acting under the Prime Minister’s Office, who have overall responsibility for administrative, technical and financial management of the Fund.

• The Central Finance and Contract Unit (CFCU) of the Ministry of finance – acting as an Implementing Agency with an overall control and final responsibility for the implementation of Small Project Funds.

• A Joint Small Project Grant Scheme Evaluation Committee set up with the approval of the Contacting Authorities. The Committee shall be co-chaired by the two Implementing Agencies. There must be observers from the EC Delegation. The Joint Small Project Grant Scheme Evaluation Committee will oversee the operation of the JSPGS and will take final decisions regarding project selection and funding.

• A Secretariat, which will provide technical and professional support to the Joint Small Project Grant Scheme Evaluation Committee in relation to the operation of the JSPGS. The Secretariat will provide office facilities and expertise to manage the calls for proposals; assist in project preparation, process the projects received, as well as monitoring and other roles.

The tasks of the Secretariat will be carried out on the Hungarian side by the Sopron regional office of the NARD (Hungary). NARD in Slovenia may delegate particular tasks of the Secretariat to the relevant CBC organisations in accordance with PRAG rules.

5. BUDGET (IN MILLION €):

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National co-financing for the JSPGS can be provided in cash and in kind and 0.009 M€ co-financing for the technical assistance costs on both sides. The public grant, which accordingly may not exceed 90% of the project’s cost shall be financed by Phare and national public authorities in such way that the Phare contribution will not exceed 75% of the eligible public grant. No part of the eligible public grant, be it financed by Phare or by the national public authorities, may cover payments towards or be offset against customs duties, import duties, taxes or fiscal charges having equivalent effect. In addition to the National co-financing, at least 10% own contribution should be provided by the beneficiaries.
The project will be jointly co-financed between Phare and government resources. The Phare amount is binding as a maximum amount available for the project. The ratio between the Phare and the national amount is also binding and has to be applied to the final contract price.

Technical assistance costs will be co-financed by NARD in the amount of 0.009 M €. Up to 7% of the total of Slovene and Hungarian Small Project Fund allocation can be used by NARD for technical assistance costs related to the management of the JSPF. The 7% will be used, as a priority, to facilitate the joint selection process including services such as translations, meetings organisations, and publication of the call for proposals and brochures, contracting of assessors etc.

6. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

6.1 Implementing Agency

Hungary

The Implementing Agency for the Small Projects Grant Scheme is the National Agency for Regional Development within the Prime Minister’s Office. The National Agency for Regional Development retains overall responsibility for the implementation of the whole programme. The following are the particulars of the responsible persons involved:

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**Final beneficiaries:**

Eligible organisations in the statistical border region of Pomurje
6.2 Twinning

Not applicable.

6.3 Non-standard aspects

Not applicable.

6.4 Contracts

The JSPGS will be implemented through an open call for project proposals according to the stipulations of the PRAG on Grant Schemes. Tendering and contracting of the required services and supplies will follow the PRAG manual.

7. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

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8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Only such projects will be selected for support by the Joint Small Project Grant Scheme that do not contain discriminatory elements and that are open for women and men on an equal basis.

9. ENVIRONMENT

Only projects without any negative impact on the environment will be selected for funding.

10. RATES OF RETURN

Not applicable.

11. INVESTMENT CRITERIA

11.1 Catalytic effect:

The Phare contribution will help meeting the development needs outlined in the Joint Programming Document (JPD) of the Hungarian–Slovenian border region. Without Phare support, the steps and objectives included in the programme could be implemented only much later and at a much slower speed.

Support to joint co-operation projects will raise the awareness of common concerns and chances across the border region. It will also strengthen the positive attitude towards co-operation in solving common concerns and utilise potentials and thereby catalyse common development efforts.

11.2 Co-financing:

JSPGS:

According to the Programming Guide 2003 the Community Contribution might be up to 90%. The beneficiaries in Hungary (applicants) will have to contribute at least 10% to the single grant and the beneficiaries in Slovenia at least 10%. The contribution of applicants might be in cash and in kind.
Reasons: NGO/NPO can contribute they M/D instead of charging fees for work, which they are doing as volunteers. Therefore is hardly to issue an invoice if in fact there will be no expenditure. Only voluntary work will be accepted as in kind contribution. All taxes, especially VAT, lies with the final beneficiaries and those could not be paid out of the Community contribution.

Service-Slovenia:
The community contribution will be up to 75%. The total public expenditure will be 100%.

11.3 Additionality:
No other financiers will be displaced by the Phare intervention.

11.4 Project readiness and Size:
The institutional structure to be used under the JSPGS is defined in the Joint Programming Document and is in accordance with the provisions of the PRAG and the Vademecum on Grant Management.

Projects will only be financed by if they are ready for contracting and for completion within the period of 12 months. Readiness of projects is one of the criteria, which will be taken into account in the evaluation process.

The maximum amount of Phare support for the single grant will be 50,000 €. The minimum amount of Phare support will be 5,000 €.

11.5 Sustainability:
All beneficiary institutions will be required to prove that they are able to operate their projects effectively in the long run or over a clearly defined period.

11.6 Compliance with state aids provisions:
The grants under this scheme do not fall under the provision of Law on state aid.

11.7 Contribution to National Development Plan

\[ \text{? The project proposal is in line with the priorities identified in the National Development Plan.} \]

\[ \text{? This project is not geographically located in the NUTS II regions identified by the Hungarian Government for Economic and Social Cohesion under the Phare National Programme.} \]

See also point 2.4 of the current document.

12. CONDITIONALITY AND SEQUENCING

On the Slovenian side the National Agency for Regional Development will ensure the necessary human resources for the technical management NARD in Slovenia may delegate particular tasks of the Secretariat to the relevant CBC organisations in accordance with PRAG rules.

The Sopron Phare Regional Office will ensure the necessary human resources for the technical management of the Hungarian projects within the Joint Small Project Grant Scheme. The Office will ensure that the project staff is fully conversant with the target group requirements and with the operation of the Phare Programme. The Office will make certain that the recipients make their financial contributions as planned.

New Specific Guidelines on the implementation of the SPF were elaborated by the CA for the SPF 2000 and approved by the Joint Co-operation Committee as well as by the Commission services in Hungary and Slovenia. The implementation of the JSPGS 2003 shall also follow this document.
Annexes:

1. Logframe planning matrix
2. Detailed implementation chart
3. Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter for full duration of programme (including disbursement period)
4. Reference to Feasibility studies
5. Map of the area eligible for the JSPGS
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<td>• Enhance the capability of the local and regional authorities to develop and implement joint projects within the border region</td>
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<td>Number and types of formally constituted partnerships and other long-term co-operation arrangements across the border increasing</td>
<td>Progress report of Regional Development Agency of Western Trans-danubia Progress reports of Implementation Agencies</td>
<td>Continued political support to cross-border co-operation in Hungary and Slovenia. Continued support to accession policies in Hungary, Slovenia and the European Union</td>
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Some 20 to 30 individual small cross-border co-operation measures in line with the priorities of the Joint Programming Document for the period 2000-2006 completed

- Increased number of the staff of RDA’s, LDA’s to take part in managing EU programmes
- Number of eligible organisations receiving Phare support
- Number and type of projects successfully carried out.

- Progress report of Regional Development Agency of Western Transdanubia
- Progress reports of the Slovene partner agencies
- Progress reports of Implementation Agencies.

- Continued interest in cross-border co-operation among the Hungarian and Slovenian target population
- Sufficient project management skills on the part of the beneficiaries.

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<td>Implementation of the Joint Small Project Grant Scheme programme, in line with the provisions of the PRAG and the Vademecum on Grant Management.</td>
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**ANNEX 2**

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**DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION CHART**

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CONTRACTING AND DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE
(Million €)

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ANNEX 4

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REFERENCE TO FEASIBILITY STUDIES

- TRI-D Strategy and Action Plan
- White Paper on Regional Development in Slovenia (available at the Ministry of Economy)
- Act XXI/1996 on Regional Development and Physical Planning in Hungary
- Regional strategy for Pomurje (Prekmurje and Prlekija), Vas and Zala Counties
- Regional Development Programme Pomurje 2000
ANNEX 5

MAP OF THE AREA ELIGIBLE FOR THE JSPGS
(Slovenia: Pomurje Region, Hungary: counties Zala and Vas)