1. Basic information

1.1 Project Title: Joint Small Projects Fund

1.2 Désirée number: PL01.09.03

1.3 Sector: all

1.4 Project Location

Border districts: Liberec, Jablonec n.N., Semily, Trutnov, Nachod, Rychnov n.K., Usti n.O., Sumperk, Jesenik, Bruntal, Opava, Karvina, Frydek-Mistek, City of Ostrava

Poland: Towns and communes constituting the following Polish-Czech Euroregions: Nysa, Glacensis, Pradziad, Silesia, Slask Cieszynski

2. Project Objectives

2.1 General Objectives

The Joint Small Projects Fund (JSPF) supports the key objectives of the Polish-Czech CBC Programme, namely to help the border regions to overcome specific development problems resulting from their relative isolation in the framework of national economics; the JSPF also supports the establishment and development of co-operative networks on both sides of the border and the creation of linkages between these networks and wider European Union networks. The JSPF aims:

• to support the further development of the economic potential of the border regions by strengthening existing structures, in particular through the utilisation of the tourism potential;
• to reduce the peripheral character of these areas, thereby improving the quality of life and creating a co-operative network on both sides of the border;
• to contribute to the development and strengthening of an effective implementation structure for the programme.

In pursuing these objectives, the JSPF 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 Specific Objectives

The projects shall support local and regional development across the border through small-scale activities in the fields mentioned in Article 5.1 a) to n) of the Commission Regulation No. 2760/98 of 18 December 1998. Special attention will be given to measures with a strong cross-border co-operation character which are planned in close co-operation between the regional and local authorities in the border areas and which include the establishment or development of shared management structures intended to widen and deepen cross-border co-operation between public and para-public agencies as well as non-profit organisations. Across the various fields eligible for support, the JSPF will seek to:

• support and increase the number of cross border meetings of various groups of the population, especially of youth;
• support educational activities for institutions and individuals involved in local/regional development, in local government and in organisations of public interest;
• raise the level of public awareness and information on cross-border co-operation affairs and on the process of European integration.
• encourage local involvement in the Phare CBC Programme and to support small-scale actions which may form the basis for larger cross-border co-operation projects;

• build and develop the specialist resources of local and regional institutions involved in regional development, groundwork and implementation of cross-border projects in line with EU practice;

• stimulate and support the creation of permanent structures among the local and regional organisations in the border region in question, particularly organisations with membership for both sides of the border;

• develop and enhance co-operation between the communities on either side of the border with a view to joint improvement of economic development, living conditions and ongoing contact.

2.3 Relationship to EU Integration

The JSPF plays a key part in the process of preparation of the Czech Republic and Poland for accession, in particular through the capacity building dimension of local/regional actors. These funds are part of a process of creating "integration-minded" border regions. The project represents thus an important element in the preparation of Poland and the Czech Republic for the adoption of Structural Funds. In addition, the project supports the social and economic integration between the border regions of candidate countries.

3. Cross-border Impact of the Project

The Programme will contribute to the removal of existing disparities between regions on both sides of the border and thus to the gradual alignment of economic and social development. This is particularly important in view of future integration into the European Union. Full membership will require the approximation of levels of economic activity and living standards in particular in border regions in order to avoid undue problems connected to the removal of borders and the introduction of the principle of free movement.

The JSPF emphasises projects with a cross-border impact and encourages the development of linkages between the communities/organisations/institutions on either side of the border. In relation local economic development including tourism and improvement of local small infrastructure, the cross-border element is particularly significant and this is an important dimension of actions to be supported under the JSPF. In general, the 'people-to-people' character of the individual projects and the general direction of the fund guarantee a high degree of cross-border relevance of the scheme.

The Regional Steering Committee will be composed of representatives of the relevant Polish and Czech border regions.

4. Project Description

4.1 Project Background

The inclusion of the JSPF in the 1999 and 2000 Czech-Polish CBC Programmes reflected the evolution in the overall Phare CBC Programme in Poland and the Czech Republic from an exclusively project–by-project approach to the gradual inclusion of flexible funding mechanisms, beginning with Small Projects Fund in 1995 in Poland and in 1996 in the Czech Republic. The success of the mechanism in addressing identified local needs, popularity with local/regional actors and relatively quick implementation record prompted the inclusion of more funds in the next Phare CBC Programmes (Small Projects Fund, Baltic Small Project Facility, Reforestation Fund, Fund for Renewal of Rural Areas). The revisions of past Phare CBC Programmes in the aftermath of the severe floods of 1997 led to the formulation of the Flood Area Reconstruction Programme, which again adopted a fund approach and was implemented also in Czech-Polish border regions. Thus, there is now a considerable body of
experience in Poland and the Czech Republic, and significantly in the border regions, of the mechanics of Fund operation. Past experience has demonstrated that the fund approach is an efficient mechanism to address small-scale intervention in both “soft” (Small Project Fund) and “hard” spheres (infrastructure – the Flood Area Reconstruction Programme).

The fund model closely mirrors the INTERREG approach to programming with indicative allocations identified across broad priority areas for intervention and projects decided later by committees of local/regional actors. This approach is particularly useful in the context of pre-accession and the preparation of local/regional administrations for access to the Structural Funds through providing the latter with a framework that more closely mirrors those of their EU counterparts. Moreover funds are seen as ideal mechanisms for the “maturing” of cross-border co-operation through allowing greater possibilities for the definition and preparation of joint projects.

To summarise, the inclusion of the JSPF into the programme is a logical step forward in the overall context of the Czech Republic’s and Poland’s future accession to the EU, and in the specific context of the development of cross-border co-operation and evolution of the Phare CBC Programme in the pre-accession context.

4.2 Project Content

4.2.1 General Criteria for Eligibility

In general terms the eligible actions should meet the following conditions:

• have a strong and evident cross-border aspect (joint projects, especially where co-financed jointly by Czech and Polish project partners, will be particularly prioritised)

• be financially assessed realistically and transparently

• be ready for implementation

• contribute to institution and capacity building

• be supportive to, but under no circumstances be in contradiction with the long-term development plans of the municipality or the region (projects that are part of an overall strategy/plan for the development of the region/town/municipality will be prioritised)

• contain innovative approaches (e.g. pilot projects).

Eligible actions to be supported under the JSPF are defined in more detail below. On this basis, the Implementing Authority will develop more detailed operational guidelines in consultation with the appointed Regional Steering Committee.

4.2.2 Eligible Areas for Small-Scale Projects

The general aim of the sub-programme is to support small-scale projects to enhance cross-border economic and social development. The purpose of these projects is to broaden the field of activity of the CBC Programme, to enable the development and implementation of a great variety of local cross-border initiatives, to encourage local involvement and to facilitate the implementation of small-scale actions that constitute the basis for larger cross-border co-operation projects.

The JSPF will provide financial support to small-scale actions within the eligible areas for the CBC programme as defined in Article 5.1 a) to n) of the Commission Regulation No. 2760/98 of 18 December 1998. Thereby, the Fund will continue to pay particular attention to the support of small-scale actions that bring people and institutions together in their joint efforts to develop the cross-border area. Actions will be supported in particular across the following priority areas:

Cultural Exchanges: those cultural exchanges (including media and sports) that already exist and that are being newly established between local groups on both sides of the border region; meetings and exchanges among youth; artistic and supporting activities; folk events and similar actions; emphasis will
be on supporting exchanges and co-operation in their start-up phase with a view to generating lasting co-operation and employment, subject of support will be mainly the organisational part of the events.

**Local Democracy**: actions will be supported that help create and intensify the skills of organisational structures in local and regional public administration and other elements of a democratic society (chambers of commerce, trade associations, trade unions, NGOs); relevant training courses and information will be provided supporting exchange visits, project preparation and procedural matters; joint projects may also involve the elaboration of materials for distance learning and so forth; exchange of know-how and experience in education at various levels will also be supported.

**Human Resources**: projects relating to human resources and training can focus on a wide variety of participant groups; projects encouraging co-operation in vocational training; cross-border employment promotion measures; cross-border social integration; projects that utilise training, educational, research, technology establishments on both sides of the border, including for example twinning projects between such centres and joint awareness raising activities (e.g. regional history or development issues); projects can also include formal training provision, short courses and events and then use of distance-learning materials; this might also include provision for language training, including applied language courses that could facilitate cross-border development and co-operation.

**Planning and development studies**: analysis of the cross-border area, preparation of guidelines and joint planning for management of the area including the cross-border area as an integrated geographical unit, promotion of multi-sectoral frameworks for land use; projects can be supported that create the preconditions for joint planning in a border region, for framing joint research programmes, for drawing up joint strategies for regional development in a border area with the aim to jointly define the development priorities; development of project applications and feasibility studies are also included.

**Economic Development**: support for small projects enhancing the economic base of the border region, planning for cross-border industrial areas; marketing initiatives, markets, exhibitions and advertising events, promotion of business co-operation, enterprise development, financial co-operation; the creation of cross-border co-operation structures and partnerships among supporting organisations such as chambers of commerce, business-related research, technology and development centres; transfer of management skills; support for the development of SMEs through investment aid.

**Environment**: projects focusing on specific problems of the environment of the region, such as the drafting of studies, assessment of problems, environmental training, actions aimed at increasing public environmental awareness and so forth.

**Tourism**: the JSPF will provide funding for a range of actions for tourism development - studies, planning, institutional strengthening measures, development of quality and environmentally friendly tourism (including farm tourism), design and introduction of new tourist products creating sustainable jobs, specific SME training and related HRD programmes, small-scale tourism infrastructure including the renovation and development of historic urban centres using a joint cross-border strategy.

### 4.3 Procedures

The JSPF will operate under the Practical Guide for the Phare, ISPA, SAPARD Contract Procedures (Grants System) and detailed guidelines developed respectively for SPF in Poland and in the Czech Republic, which will be submitted for approval to the Commission. In addition, the Czech and Polish Implementing Authorities have concluded, endorsed by the Commission, an Agreement on the establishment of a Joint Small Projects Fund for the Czech-Polish border region concerning the 1999 CBC programme; this Agreement will be extended to cover also the JSPF under the present programme.

The maximum individual grant per project is 50,000 EUR. The minimum co-financing contribution by the recipient is 25% of the total project cost.
5. Institutional Framework

5.1 Division of responsibilities

The project will be implemented under the overall responsibility of the Implementing Agency: the Ministry for Regional Development in conjunction with its Centre for Regional Development in the Czech Republic (MRD-CRD) and the Implementing Agency for the Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration in Poland (the IA CBC Phare). The joint responsibilities and procedures will be laid down in the Agreement mentioned above (point 4.3).

The IA CBC Phare and the MRD-CRD are finally responsible for the management of the funds allocated to their specific parts of the JSPF and reserves therefore certain rights with respect to approving individual regional JSPFs and reserves the right to supervise them: issuing of guidelines; definition of the responsibilities of institutions involved in the JSPF; approval of the institutional set-up; specification of the rules for financial management and for regular submission of reports; the IA CBC Phare and MRD-CRD have the right of veto over certain projects that have been approved in contravention of the established rules; and finally the IA CBC Phare and MRD-CRD are responsible for the provision of on-going support to institutions in the regions in the form of training or consultation through experts chosen by the IA CBC Phare. Specifically the IA CBC Phare and MRD-CRD will manage the implementation of horizontal actions in support of institutional development.

5.2 Involvement of Local and Regional Authorities

Due to the decentralised nature of the JSPF, local/regional authorities will be directly involved in project selection and responsible for the management of the Fund and for the preparation and implementation of the projects.

Moreover local and regional authorities through their participation in the Evaluation Committee will need to integrate the actions funded through the JSPF with those supported through other programmes.

5.3 Institutional Assessment

Representatives of the Czech-Polish border region have acquired some experience of the operations of Steering Committees and the associated project selection and evaluation processes within the framework of the CREDO Programme, of the Small Projects Fund (Nisa) and the Infrastructure Fund of the Floods Programme (North Moravia). In addition, the regional stakeholders will become familiar with the full agenda of the JSPF through the start-up phase of the 1999 JSPF during summer 2000. There is a strong commitment on the part of region/local public administration and other actors in this type of funding mechanism and enthusiasm for their active involvement in an EU Programme.

In terms of the expert panels there is a pool of know-how on the defined themes which the JSPF will address. Experts from regional/local level should be involved in the preliminary project evaluation exercise. This will help ensure that information on good practice experiences from elsewhere in Poland and the Czech Republic and other possible funding sources can be available to each committee.

5.4 Assumptions and Risks

The following assumptions are made:

- Continued commitment of the Government towards the priorities of the Phare CBC Programme and the economic development of the border region;
- continued commitment of regional and local actors;
- sufficient technical capacity of the Secretariat to administer the JSPF;
- availability of qualified staff from all involved institutions;
• well-functioning co-operation between the IA Phare CBC, the MRD-CRD, the Evaluation Committee, and the Secretariat;
• well-functioning co-operation between the regional representatives on both sides of the border.

The possible risk of funds mismanagement will be minimised through the establishment of detailed guidelines concerning financial management and reporting requirements (regular financial reports) and the presence of representatives of the IA CBC Phare in the border regions as well as through requiring independent audits by professional auditors.

Actions supported through the JSPF need to be integrated with development actions supported through Phare and other programmes for this border region. It is the responsibility of the Evaluation Committee, as the project selection and approval structure, to ensure that the range of actions supported through the different Sub-Programmes of the overall 2001 Phare CBC Programme, complement each other and constitute an integrated package of measures for the defined priority area.

6. Budget (MEUR)

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* CZ: 0.50MEUR, PL: 0.50 MEUR. The respective authorities have assured that the public co-financing is available either through the reserve budget foreseen specifically by the Ministry of Finance for this purpose each year, or directly through the budget of the relevant Ministry.

7. Implementation Arrangements

The project will be managed by 2 Implementing agencies in accordance with the Practical Guide for PHARE, ISPA, SAPARD and under the overall supervision of the National Fund (NF). The Ministry for Regional Development in conjunction with its Centre for Regional Development on the Czech side and the Implementing Agency for the Phare CBC Programme at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration on the Polish side will be the Implementing Agency (IA) for the project. The NF will transfer funds to the IA in accordance with the Financing Agreement signed between the NF and the IA.

The IA for the respective parts of the project will be headed by a Programme Authorising Officer (PAO) nominated by the responsible Minister and appointed by the National Authorising Officer in accordance with the FA. The PAO will be responsible for all the operations carried out by the IA.

In addition, detailed guidelines developed respectively for JSPF in the Czech Republic and in Poland, endorsed by the Commission, will be applied for the JSPF.

8. Implementation Schedule

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9. **Equal Opportunity**

Equal opportunity principles and practices in ensuring equitable gender participation in the project will be guaranteed.

10. **Environmental Impact**

Concerns of the environment will be taken into consideration in all regional/local and sectoral development studies to be funded under the JSPF. Small investment projects, including tourism projects will respect the need to protect the environment and natural heritage.
**LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR PROJECT (CBC Czech Republic - Poland)**

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**Immediate Objectives**
- To support the transformation process and to facilitate the process of integrating both countries into the EU;
- to reduce the peripheral character of these areas, thereby improving the quality of life and creating a co-operative network on both sides of the border;
- strengthening of local cooperation across the border and stimulation and support to creation of permanent structures among the local and regional organisations in the border regions;
- building and developing specialist resources of local and regional institutions involved in regional development;
- contribute to the social and economic development, in particular of tourism, in the region;
- contribute to the development and strengthening of an effective implementation structure.

**Indicators of Achievement**
- Intensity of cross-border links, number of cross-border actions;
- increase in regional / local capacities to design and implement development programmes and projects;
- regional economic development;
- growth of tourism sector in border regions.

**Sources of Information**
- Statistics of the Ministry for Regional Development in the Czech Republic and of the IA in Poland;
- reports and statistics from Euroregions;
- monitoring and assessment reports;
- reports of the IAs.

**Assumptions and Risks**
- Efficient programme management (implementation, monitoring assessment);
- continued commitment of the Government towards the priorities of the programme and regional development;
- continued commitment of regional and local actors;
- availability of qualified staff and institutional support;
- functioning co-operation between all relevant partners;
- functioning co-ordination between CBC-CZ and CBC-PL;
- sustained interest of the border region population in development and co-operation.
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<td>• Establishment of Joint Small Projects Fund;</td>
<td>• SPFs in operation and used;</td>
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<td>• Availability of qualified experts and contractors;</td>
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<td>• cross border links between people, organisations and institutions, in particular</td>
<td>• Regional (Development) authorities’ personnel trained, regional institutions qualified;</td>
<td>• project completion reports;</td>
<td>• well functioning co-operation and co-ordination between IA, Evaluation Committee,</td>
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<td>local governments and NGOs, increased and intensified;</td>
<td>• number of people-to-people actions carried out;</td>
<td>• TA progress reports;</td>
<td>Secretariat, beneficiaries and other involved parties;</td>
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<td>• institution-building in border regions, qualification in regional development</td>
<td>• construction works tendered, contracted and completed on schedule;</td>
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<td>• conduction of tourism promotion activities;</td>
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**Inputs:** Co-financing funds from CBC Phare (0.975 MEUR) and from Czech and Polish sides (0.170 + 0.16 MEUR, respectively); qualified technical expertise.
## Implementation Time Chart

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Past Phare assistance

The Joint Small Projects Fund has been established under the 1999 CBC programme for the first time for the Czech-Polish border region (Phare CBC contribution: 0.8 MEUR). An agreement between the Czech and Polish side was signed in June 2000 and the JSPF was put into operation subsequently. The Regional Steering Committee has its first meeting in December 2000. Later on the call for project proposals was issued. Independent experts in each of the relevant Euroregions have evaluated project proposals. The final decision on the projects to be financed within the Phare CBC 1999 Programme will be taken during the second meeting of the Regional Steering Committee in April 2001.

Relevant Phare assistance projects under previous programmes are:

1. **The CREDO programme under the multi-country facility of Phare**

   The CREDO programme supported (1) the institutional development in the Czech-Polish border region, in particular through setting up a Regional Border Committee which will become the basis for the formation of the Steering Committee for the Fund. (2) Further, CREDO assisted in identifying a range of small-scale projects. Some of them will be implemented still with funding from the CREDO facility, but most identified projects will need alternative financial sources. Thus, there is a considerable body of concrete project proposals already available for the utilisation of the JSPF.

2. **Small-scale Infrastructure Fund**

   Under the Floods Area Reconstruction Programme, a Small-Scale Infrastructure Fund was set up in the Central and North Moravia regions covering also part of the Czech-Polish border region (and in two other regions not belonging to the Czech-Polish border regions). The total amount 9,15 MEUR (out of which 4,5 MEUR for the Central and North Moravia) has been contracted; all reconstruction projects have been completed by September 1999. The realisation of this Fund introduced the co-operation under Phare funding mechanisms into the region and made some of the regional actors already familiar with this type of co-financing activities.

3. **Trilateral Polish-Czech-German CBC Programme**

   Within the Trilateral CBC Programmes 1995 and 1996 the amount of 970,000 EUR was earmarked on the Czech side for small projects within the trilateral border region of Poland, Czech Republic and Germany. The projects selected within this framework referred to the regional and economic development, culture, science, youth exchange, music, sports, and tourism. All the projects selected have been successfully contracted and completed.