06.01 - SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME - PART II

1. BASIC INFORMATION

1.1. CRIS Number: 2003/004-379/06.01
1.2. Title: Participation in the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Community for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration activities (2002-2006) – Part II
1.3. Country: Poland

2. DESCRIPTION

On the basis of the EU-Poland Association Council decision No 1/2002 of the 28 February 2002 adopting the general terms and conditions for the participation of the Republic of Poland in Community programmes, Poland may participate in Community programmes opened to participation of candidate countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

On the basis of the Decision No 2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Community for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities aimed at contributing towards the creation of the European Research Area (2002-2006) (hereinafter called “the EC Framework Programme”) and the said EU-Poland Association Council decision No 1/2002 of the 28 February 2002, the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the Republic of Poland on Poland’s association to the EC Framework Programme establishing the specific terms and conditions, including financial contribution, with regard to participation in the programme shall be signed.

The Phare programme can be used to help a candidate country to meet, on a digressive basis, part of the costs of participating in the EC Framework Programme programme. These funds are made available each year as part of the Phare national programme so as to co-finance the financial contribution to be paid by the country to participate in the Programme in the following year.

3. BUDGET

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<th>Phare 2003 Support</th>
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The figure for the total contribution given above may be indicative. The exact figure shall be determined by the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the Republic of Poland on Poland’s association to the EC Framework Programme.

4. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

? The National Fund is responsible for the Phare part of the financial contribution to be paid by the country to participate in the EC Framework Programme.

? Upon signature of the Financing Memorandum the National Fund will request from the Commission the transfer of the full amount of the Phare Support indicated in section 3 above. These funds must be used to pay the Phare part of the financial contribution to be paid by the country to participate in the EC Framework Programme.

? The Commission services responsible for the EC Framework Programme will send to the Mission of Poland to the EU a request for the total financial contribution for the participation in this programme ("call for funds"). The National Fund should check the amount to be financed from Phare funds and then transfer that amount as per the call for funds to the Commission service. When making the payment for this programme, the National Fund should quote the reference number indicated in the call for funds for the programme concerned, and send simultaneously a copy of the payment order to the relevant Commission service.