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1.3. Sector: Agriculture and Rural Development

1.4. Location: Romania

1.5. Duration: 21 months

2. Objectives

2.1. Overall Objective(s):

Preparation of Romanian agriculture for EU Accession in regards to administrative and management capacity, inspection and monitoring skills as well as provisions fulfilled as required in the context of the Common Agricultural Policy and the Rural and Agricultural funds particularly in rural Development and Economic and Market Analysis, preparation for for European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and Veterinary and Phytosanitary issues.

2.2. Project purpose:

For priority 1: Rural Development and Economic and Market Analysis

- To have Managing Authority and relevant bodies staff duly trained for EU RDF and FIFG
- To have a Managing Authority equipped will all the needed Management Information System for an efficient operation
- To ensure the proper absorption of RDF and FIFG and to increase the number of mature project proposals
- To set-up adequate structures assuring the absorption of EU funds following accession
- To create a fully functional and EU-compliant Agency for Agricultural Advice

For priority 2: Preparing for European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

- To have an efficient AIS system based on necessary IT and communications equipment at national and regional level and trained staff
- To have an efficient FADN system at national and regional level endowed with needed equipment. The project will also train staff in equipment use
- To have a consolidated IACS by provision of IT, monitoring and communication equipment

For priority 3: Development of the Food Safety System

- Veterinary sector aligned to EU requirements and operating efficiently
Romanian phytosanitary administration fully aligned with the EU requirements in the sector, in terms of legal harmonisation, staff training, equipment

In the area of veterinary issues, further supply of equipment for

- development of RSVFSA as regards RASFF, TRACES,
- epidemiology, surveillance, prevention and control of transmissible diseases and zoonoses, eco-toxicology, detection of GMOs and genotyping of ovine breeds
- ecologic incinerators for the veterinary laboratories; setting-up a national system for the management of laboratory samples;
- setting-up of 42 county working units included in the monitoring system of the Central Epidemiological Unit located at IDAH

In the area of Phytosanitary issues further supply of equipment for

- endowment of an ecotoxicology lab, a cold-store for long-term keeping of reference seed stocks;
- endowment of a greenhouse for the performance of DUS tests for varieties of vegetables and flowers (for testing the resistance to diseases)

2.3 Accession Partnership (AP) and NPAA priority
All the projects are related to the findings of negotiations on Chapter 7 – Agriculture and Chapter 8 – Fisheries

2.4 Contribution to National Development Plan
Some of the projects (the ones for the Managing Authority and SAPARD) are related to the priority included in Axe 4 – Support for agriculture and rural development in the National Development Plan.

2.5 Cross Border Impact
"Not applicable".

3. Description

3.1. Background and justification:
All projects (except for task 10 bis a, 10 bis b and task 37) represent a continuation of previous projects included in the 2005 and 2004 Phare Fiche, as indicated in the “related programmes” chapter. Therefore, the justification and background for this projects is already outlined in the 2005 and 2005 sector fiche.

Task 10 bis a – “Strengthen the institutional capacity of Paying Agency for implementing the post-accession rural development Programme” is not a continuation of previous projects and was generated by the fulfilment of the political criteria for EU membership. The first recommendation for improvement in the Commission 2005 Report on Romania’s preparation for accession refers to Public Administration. The Report states that “further efforts are still needed to continue to reform the public administration, in particular the further professionalisation of the civil service and the adequate staffing and funding of the
administrations required to apply and enforce EU rules. The Report also identifies “a number of areas of serious concern requiring immediate action from Romania so that it may reap the benefit from EU accession, but also in order to preserve the balance of the Union. These areas include the structures and mechanisms for participation in European structural funds.” (p. 4).

According to the Report, the Acquis Chapter 7 – Agriculture – “covers a large number of binding rules, many of which directly applicable. The proper application of these rules and their effective enforcement by an efficient public administration are essential for the functioning of the Common Agricultural Policy. This includes the setting up of management systems such as a paying agency, and also the capacity to implement rural development actions.” In the post-accession period, ”, the future paying agencies (built around the SAPARD Agency) will be responsible for the implementation of the post-accession rural development Programme, and needs to be further strengthened for this purpose. Task 10 bis a will specifically see to the achievement of this objective.

Task 10 bis b - “Further support for ANCA services” is also a stand alone task. Since its setting up by GD 676/1998, modified by no 676/1999, the ANCA has gone for years through a continuous restructuring process until reaching its present status. Now, the Agency is a legal public institution in the direct subordination of the MAFRD. As indicated in the Report of the EU Phare Project 2002 – “Technical Assistance for Strengthening Information and Support to SAPARD-Applicants through ANCA”, previous support provided to ANCA in the past mainly concerned the training of ANCA and OJCA staff in the support of potential applicants, especially small and medium farmers in the preparation and implementation of Measures 3.1 and 3.4 under SAPARD. New support is needed for ANCA in the view of the new SAPARD measures to be opened in the second half of 2005, as ANCA will be involved in the following three measures: Measure 3.2 - Setting up producers groups; Measure 3.3 -Agricultural production methods designed to protect the environment and maintain the countryside; Measure 3.5 – Forestry. This support that must be provided by ANCA staff consists in: collection, processing and dissemination of information regarding agricultural policies for farmers support, including SAPARD; Granting support to agricultural producers in the elaboration of documents necessary to access the SAPARD program fund. The conclusion of the Phare 2002 Project is that: “Only well trained and qualified consultants are efficient in developing successful applications and projects, unqualified personnel will be of no help to the farming community. “Support should be also provided for the activities as: Business planning; Agricultural Production; Marketing; Conversion to organic agriculture and the protection of areas with special bio-diversity and maintain or improve the rural landscape and natural environment; Complement technical know how with institutes, universities and private consultants; Arrange with certification companies and NGO for organic farming; Arrange for biodiversity strategy and issues with MAFW

The ECOTEC Report R/RO/AGR/0525 indicates that “...there is yet limited coordination of activities between the ANCA central offices and the county branches. ....capacity to provide effective support for SAPARD applicants remains uncertain”. The Report recommends as follows: “Senior management of ANCA should review their need for IB support following the recent change of their status. If appropriate, a justified request under Phare 2005-2006 should be prepared”, leading to “more effective advisory and support services provided for rural businesses in Romania”.

Task 10 bis b is specifically designed for this purpose, i.e. to strengthen the capacity of ANCA staff to effectively assure the farmers access to EU funds and to support the
development of economic competitive farms in Romania – based on technical advice and application on new and modern farming technologies

Task 37 - “Supply of equipment for epidemiology, surveillance, prevention and control of transmissible diseases and zoonoses, eco-toxicology, detection of GMOs and genotyping of ovine breeds’ is as well a task that does not represent a direct continuation of the 04 or 05 projects, being based on the findings of the 2005 comprehensive report that indicates a set of areas where ‘gaps’ need to be filled in: the staff resources of the authority and logistic facilities at the central levels should be further strengthened; TSE testing is not yet sufficient and therefore the TSE epidemic-surveillance can not be considered fully in line with the EU rule; Romania does not yet have appropriate rendering collection and treatment facilities for high risk material; efficiency of animal nutrition controls according to a risk based inspection and sampling which cover all stages of the food chain requires improvement; Romania still needs to join the Animal Disease Notification System; further efforts are still needed as regards control on veterinary medicinal products availability and distribution, control of residues in particular, in the field of equipment and labs, capacity of analysis and sampling. Some of these gaps are covered by the tasks initially included in the MAP, but the rest are specifically covered by the new task 37, that focuses on bringing the Romanian veterinary sector in compliance with the EU norms and regulation for epidemiology, surveillance, prevention and control of transmissible diseases and zoonoses, eco-toxicology, detection of GMOs and genotyping of ovine breeds.

3.2. Sectoral rationale

In the period of preparation of the 2006 Programme Fiche, the EU Comprehensive Monitoring Report on Romania’s progress towards accession was issued. While identifying progress in different areas, the report also underlines the fields where additional support is needed for filling-in the “gaps” for EU accession. All the projects, either a continuation or not of the previous Phare assistance, are directly targeted to filling-in the “gaps” identified in the EU report.

3.2.1 Identification of projects

The projects included in the 2006 Sector Sheet are structured along three priorities, as follows:

Priority 1 –Rural development and Economic and Market Analysis
Priority 2-Preparing for EAGGF
Priority 3-Development of the food safety system

PROJECTS/TASKS UNDER PRIORITY 1 - RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC AND MARKET ANALYSIS

Task 2 - “Training of staff of the Managing Authority an for the bodies involved in the programming process and the setting-up of the implementation system”

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The purpose of Task 2 is to have Managing Authority and relevant bodies staff duly trained for EU RDF and FIFG. The Technical Assistance project objectives are to fully train the Romanian administration in programming, implementation, monitoring, evaluation of EU RDF and FIFG, as a necessary condition for correct and effective procedures in compliance with the EU Regulations and to create a long-term capacity able to provide a full development of the sector.

**Task 4- “Supply of equipment for the efficient management and implementation of the Rural Development Fund”**

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The purpose of this investment project is to have a Managing Authority equipped with all the needed Management Information System for an efficient operation. The projects objective is to develop a Management Information System able to address the needs for all management levels (intermediate bodies, managing authorities, payment authorities, implementing agents, including the European Commission) and through all stages (programming, tendering, contracting, monitoring, evaluation, audit and control, based on an operating hardware and software.

**Task 5 – “Training at regional and local level for increasing the absorption of RDF and FIFG and to ensure submission of mature project proposals for rural development, for all “stakeholders”**

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The purpose of this project is to ensure the proper absorption of RDF and FIFG and to increase the number of mature project proposals. All stakeholders will be trained on the concept, implementation and monitoring of RDF and FFG. The project activities will be based on an efficient communication and information strategy and a detailed and wide training and awareness programme; to create conditions for ensuring the correct and sound absorption of the RDF and FIFG, by providing sound project proposals and a management and sustainability of projects proposed; to create awareness amongst the potential beneficiaries as regards the funding possibilities opened through the RDF and FIFG measures, the eligibility conditions and selection criteria.

**Task 10 bis a - “Strengthen the institutional capacity of Paying Agency for implementing the post-accession rural development Programme”**

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The overall objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Paying Agency for implementing the post-accession Rural Development Programme through: reinforcing the
institutional structure of the Paying Agency, as well as the staff professional capacity in implementing relevant tasks based on procedure manuals; training the Agency HQ staff concerning the main tasks relevant for implementing the Sectorial Operational Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development financed by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), after accession; reinforcing the institutional structure concerning tasks and responsibilities in the activity of the regional level by Paying Agency; training the Agency Paying staff at regional level into the relevant units: evaluation-selecting-contracting, monitoring and payment, financial control, management and coordination; training staff on the opportunities provided by development programmes in the context of the Common Agricultural Policy and Rural Development.

**Task 10 bis b - “Further support for ANCA services “**

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The purpose of the Project is to provide advisory, extension, information and professional training for setting-up competitive economic holdings, in compliance with the ownership rights and with the criterion related to the accessibility to advanced technologies, with the purpose of achieving a quick and efficient capitalisation by preparing the farmers to enter the European market of agro-food products, with real chances of success.

The purpose will be achieved through: provision of support for strengthening the administrative structure of ANCA at national and regional level; support for the elaboration and implementation of a sustainable and coordinated strategy at national level, for advisory services to farmers and farming communities in compliance with the EU requirements; training activities related to the implementation of SAPARD Measures and other EU funds (collection, processing and dissemination of information regarding agricultural policies for farmers support, including SAPARD; Granting support to agricultural producers in the elaboration of documents necessary to access the EU funds); support to assure farmers’ knowledge and access to advanced technologies and modern farming techniques; training of ANCA consultants for business planning, marketing, conversion to organic agriculture and the protection of areas with special bio-diversity and maintain or improve the rural landscape and natural environment, organic farming, alternative activities and income; promotion of innovative rural development utilizing LEADER approach of community-based development; preparation of appropriate information, promotional and educational materials; farm demonstrations and dissemination of positive examples as regards farm businesses management and off-farm activities.

**PROJECTS UNDER PRIORITY 2 – PREPARING FOR EAGGF**

**Task 14 - “Supply of equipment for the efficient operation of an operational AIS at national and regional level”**

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The purpose of this project is to have an efficient AIS system based on necessary IT and communications equipment at national and regional level and trained staff.
Task 16 - “Supply of equipment for establishing and efficient operation of a FADN system”

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The purpose of this project is to have an efficient FADN system at national and regional level endowed with needed equipment. The project will also train staff in equipment use.

Task 19 - “Supply of equipment for efficient operation of IACS at central and regional level”

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The purpose of this project is to have a consolidated IACS by provision of IT, monitoring and communication equipment. The equipment will increase the work efficiency and will ensure an IT system that is consolidated and operates in compliance with the EU standards.

PROJECTS UNDER PRIORITY 3 – DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM

Task 30 - “Supply of IT and communication equipment for development and strengthening the Romanian Veterinary and Food Safety Agency for RAS and TRACES”

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The purpose of this project is to ensure an efficient veterinary system, based on purchase of needed EU-compliant equipment for RASFF, TRACES. The project will ensure proper veterinary control at external borders; will support the implementation of EU TRACES system as soon as possible; will improve the communication between the central agency and the local offices and EU institutions; will improve the IT endowment of the Agency at central and regional levels as regards the efficient implementation of the TRACES and similar systems.

Task 33 - "Supply of equipment for further strengthening the vet sector”

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The project aims to reinforce the compatibility of the Romanian veterinary sector in compliance with the EU requirements, based on the following Modules

Module A – Ecologic incinerators for the veterinary laboratories

The equipment purchased under this Module will achieve the alignment to the European standards (Directive no. 96/62/EC, Directive no. 75/144/CEE and Directive no. 91/688/CEE), it is needed to endow the veterinary laboratory with incinerators, allowing the ecological incineration and in safe conditions of the epidemiological dangerous wastes generated by the laboratories activities. This will guarantee the compliance with the norms related to the limitation of the emissions of dusts, toxic gases and other polluting substances resulted from the incineration of solid wastes.

Module B – Setting-up a national system for the management of laboratory samples

The equipment purchased under this Module will assure the achievement of a correct and coherent traceability of samples collected, in compliance with the EU Regulations as well as the setting-up of a national network for the management of samples for laboratory tests, through: setting-up of a monitoring system for the transfer of the samples collected on the filed to the IDSA and to the diagnosis veterinary laboratories; setting-up of a national network for the assurance of a more efficient linkage between the official veterinarian that collects the samples on the field and the diagnosis veterinary laboratories that perform specific tests.

Module C – “Equipments for the setting-up of 42 county working units included in the monitoring system of the Central Epidemiological Unit located at IDAH”

The equipments included in this module aim to assure a better operation of the Central Epidemiological that was recently set-up within IDAH, it is needed to set up at the level of each DSVSA an epidemiological surveillance unit that will keep a permanent link for the creation of the national disease surveillance network.

Task 35 - “Supply of equipment for the phytosanitary services”

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The purpose of this project is to assure an efficient phytosanitary and seed sector that is endowed with needed equipment. The project aims to equip a eco-toxicological laboratory, to procure verification equipment for the phytosanitary treatments application; to equip the facilities for testing the new varieties in laboratory and in the experimental field; to equip a greenhouse for artificial infection with harmful organisms, for testing the resistance to diseases under controlled artificial infections of the new varieties to be registered; to endow a cold-store for long-term keeping of reference seed stocks; to procure IT equipment for he database for the varieties tested and registered by SIVTR according to the EU requirements and to train staff in the use of equipment.

Task 36 - “Further supply of ETS kits”

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The purpose of the project to assure an efficient sanitary–veterinary sector by continuing the purchase of TSE Kits (Biorad and Prionics) – as a continuation of the 2005 INV project.

Task 37 - “Supply of equipment for epidemiology, surveillance, prevention and control of transmissible animal diseases and zoonoses, eco-toxicology, detection of GMOs and genotyping of ovine breeds”

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The project aims to fully align the veterinary services to the EU requirements, as follows:

- Purchase of equipment for the Epidemiology unit: purchase so that this unit be able to organise disease surveillance programme; to gather, process and submit information; to perform prognosis and risk analysis; to participate in simulation exercises in case of disease outbreaks. All these activities imply the existence of adequate equipment, logistics and specialised software – compatible with the ones used in the European Union. The equipment
- Purchase of equipment for genotyping the sheep breeds in Romania, for performance of genotyping analysis for all sheep breeds in Romania and to identify the sheep genotypes susceptible to the prionic protein (STE), for reporting the results of analysis in compliance with the reporting system used in Europe.
- Purchase of equipment for anti-bio-resistance to investigate the bacteria that are resistant to anti-microbial agents
- Purchase of equipment for GMOs, so as to allow the alignment of capacities and methodologies used for control and traceability of foodstuffs and animal feeding obtained through GMOs, by endowing the central and regional labs with equipment for detection and quantification of GMOs
- Purchase of equipment for eco-toxicology to monitor the health of animals in relation with the toxic factor
- Purchase of equipment for trans-border diseases in order to improve the technical capacities and capabilities for surveillance and detection of the most contagious diseases in animals and transmission of these diseases from animals to humans.

3.2.2 Sequencing

The projects that represent a continuation of the previous 2004 and 2005 projects are outlined in the section “related programmes”

3.3. Results

PRIORITY 1 - RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC AND MARKET ANALYSIS

3.3.1 Task 2 – “Training for the staff of the Managing Authority and for the bodies involved in the programming process and the setting up of the implementation system”

3.3.1.1 Purpose
- To have Managing Authority and relevant bodies staff duly trained for EU RDF and FIFG

3.3.1.2 Results:
- The civil servants involved in the management and implementation of RDF and FIFG duly trained on regular basis, on issues regarding programming, implementation, monitoring, evaluation of EU RDF and FIFG
- A training package ready and implemented on a permanent basis for the new comers in the system with basic information about the different funds, the community Structural Funds (CSF), the RDPs, the MA, FIFG, and PA and the main mechanisms
- Procedures manuals completed for administration and implementation of the Rural Development Programme and staff from all institutions involved at national, regional and local level fully trained, ensuring and efficient management and implementation of the Rural Development Fund and FIFG
- Romanian trainers trained based on the training of trainers (ToT) Programme
- Long-term training capacity created and sustainable
- Number of trainers at national and regional level

3.3.2 Task 4 – “Supply of equipment for the management and implementation of the Rural Development Fund”

3.3.2.1. Purpose
- To have a Managing Authority equipped will all the needed Management Information System for an efficient operation

3.3.2.2. Results
- IT equipment installed and operational
- Managing Authority fully strengthened in terms of equipment (equipment supplied, delivered, installed, and staff trained in its use), leading to an increased efficiency
- MIS system in place and operating efficiently
- Communication system improved, including e-communication
- Web site created
- Staff trained in use of equipment

3.3.3 Task 5 –“Training at regional and local level for increasing the absorption of the Rural Development Fund and FIFG and to ensure submission of mature project proposals for rural development for all stakeholders”

3.3.3.1 Purpose
- To ensure the proper absorption of RDF and FIFG and to increase the number of mature project proposals

3.3.3.2 Results
- Staff and all stakeholders trained in the institutions in charge for project preparations
- Romanian trainers trained based on the ToT approach
- Submission of high quality project proposals in a number that would allow a proper absorption of the RDF and FIFG
- Information, publicity and communication strategy effectively implemented
- Wide awareness created
- Absorption of Rural Development Fund and FIFG, based on mature project proposals
- Efficient structures and competencies in place for provision of assistance as to the qualification of rural areas and individuals under the new rural development programmes
- Efficient system in place for identification, registration and development of eligible projects

3.3.4 Task 10 bis a –“Further support for the Paying Agency for Rural Development for the implementation of post-accession funds”

3.3.4.1. Purpose
- To set-up adequate structures assuring the absorption of EU funds following accession

3.3.4.2 Results
- The institutional capacity of the Paying Agency strengthened and its operational framework improved in terms of legislation and staff capabilities;
- Staff at national and regional level will be fully trained of operational manuals;
- Paying Agency staff will be trained in line with the Common Agricultural policy and rural development strategy
- The types and profiles of the experts needed are outlined in the project fiche.

3.3.5. Task 10 bis b – “Further support for ANCA services”

3.3.5.1 Purpose
- To create a fully functional and EU-compliant Agency for Agricultural Advice

3.3.5.2 Results
- ANCA administrative structure strengthened and efficiently operating
- Adequate strategy in place for advisory services
- ANCA staff duly trained in issues related to SAPARD applications and able to provide advice to farmers
- Farmers are aware of benefits of using advanced technologies and farming techniques and starting to use them
- ANCA staff able to provide reliable advice on business planning and correlated methods for improving farming communities
- Advisory services are in full line with the Rural Development Policy
- Programme elaborated including measures for the improvement and diversification of competitiveness in agriculture
- Farmers aware of LEADER-type projects by ANCA staff
- Farmers and farming community properly informed on agricultural development issues based on the information, promotion and education materials issued
- Farmers practically trained in efficient farm businesses based on farm demonstration event presented by ANCA
- ANCA staff able to demonstrate the benefits of agricultural diversification activities, alternative income and off-farm activities – more efficient and competitive farms
- Collaboration protocols concluded with specialised agricultural institutes and ONGs
The types and profiles of the experts needed are outlined in the project fiche

**PRIORITY 2 - PREPARING FOR EAGGF**

3.3.6 Task 14 – “Supply of equipment for the efficient operation of an operational AIS at national and regional level”
3.3.6.1 Purpose
- To have an efficient AIS system based on necessary IT and communications equipment at national and regional level and trained staff
- AIS (central and regional) endowed with EU compliant IT equipment leading to efficient performance of corresponding duties
- Database operational and usable for both DG Agri and EUROSTAT data submission activities

3.3.6.2. Results
- AIS (central and regional) endowed with EU compliant IT equipment leading to efficient performance of corresponding duties
- Database operational and usable for both DG Agri and EUROSTAT data submission activities
- Staff trained in the use of equipment

3.3.7 Task 16 – “Supply of equipment for establishment and efficient operation of FADN”
3.3.7.1 Purpose
- To have an efficient FADN system at national and regional level endowed with needed equipment. The project will also train staff in equipment use

3.3.7.2. Results
- FADN system (national and regional- 41 counties) endowed with EU compliant IT system and operating efficiently
- Database operational and staff trained in equipment purchased

3.3.8 Task 19 – “Supply of equipment for the efficient operation of IACS at national and regional level”
3.3.8.1. Purpose
- To have a consolidated IACS by provision of IT, monitoring and communication equipment
3.3.8.2. Results
- IACS system fully endowed with IT, Monitoring and communication systems, EU compliant
- Staff trained in efficient use of purchased equipment

**PRIORITY 3- DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM**

3.3.9 Task 30 – “Supply of IT and communication equipment for development and strengthening of ANSVSA for RAS and TRACES”
3.3.9.1 Purpose
- Veterinary sector aligned to EU requirements and operating efficiently
3.3.9.2. Results
- IT and communication equipment purchased and installed, leading to efficient communication and data transmission as regards TRACES and RASFF
- Efficient implementation at national and regional level of the TRACES system
- Possibility to inter-correlate with the EU information system on Risk Assessment and Communication and Rapid Alert System

3.3.10 Task 33 – “Supply of equipment for further strengthening and development of the sanitary veterinary service in compliance with the EU legislation”

3.3.10.1 Purpose
- Veterinary sector aligned to EU requirements and operating efficiently

3.3.10.2 Results
- EU compliance assured with the norms for the limitation of emissions of dusts, toxic gases and other polluting substances resulted from the incineration of solid wastes, through the ecologic incinerators purchased (compliance with Directive 96/92/CE, 75.144/CE)
- Correct and coherent traceability of sampled collected and national network for the management of samples collected established in compliance with EC regulations,
- Better operation of the central epidemiology unit recently set-up within IDAH and establishment of a permanent link for the creation of the national disease surveillance network through equipment for setting up 42 county working units for epidemiology

3.3.11 Task 35 – “Supply of equipment for the phytosanitary services”
3.3.11.1 Purpose
- Romanian phyto-sanitary administration fully aligned with the EU requirements in the sector, in terms of legal harmonisation, staff training equipment

3.3.11.2 Results
- Eco-toxicology lab at central level equipped to EU standards and operational
- Phytosanitary treatments application with increased efficiency based on equipment purchased
- The SIVTR properly equipped in order to test, in laboratory and in the field, the new varieties according to the EU requirements
- The greenhouse properly equipped to perform artificial infections with harmful organisms; DUS tests efficiently performed
- The IT system for the database for the varieties tested and registered by SIVTR according to the EU requests is purchased and functional
- Cold-store equipped for long-term keeping of reference seed stocks
- Laboratory staff trained to efficiently use the purchased equipment

3.3.12 Task 36- Further supply of Kits (BioRad, TSE and Prionics Western)
3.3.12.1 Purpose
Veterinary sector aligned to EU requirements and operating efficiently

3.3.12.2 Results
- TSE surveillance fully in line with the EU aquis. The current surveillance network extended in the whole Romanian territory and for all the concerned species.
- Fast tests carried over in order to achieve an early, specific and fast TSE diagnosis
- Traceability assured for live animals in relation to their products, as regarding TSE
- Specific measures implemented on animal health protection against TSE, concerning the ruminants feeding, rendering and processing of the carcasses, collecting and processing of animals waste;
- Measures regarding public health protection implemented by setting up a labelling system for beef and veal meat, by eliminating specific risk materials, by eliminating the risk bovine offal, by prohibiting the mechanic recovery of bovine meat

3.3.12 Task 37 – “Supply of equipment for epidemiology, surveillance, prevention and control of transmissible diseases and zoonoses, eco-toxicology, detection of GMOs and genotyping of ovine breeds

3.3.12.1 Purpose
Veterinary sector aligned to EU requirements and operating efficiently

3.3.12.2 Results
Module A- Epidemiological unit
- Improved methods for surveillance and control of animal diseases, zoonoses and environment monitoring according to the methods used in the EU
- Possibility to elaborate national programmes for active and passive surveillance of animal diseases
- Possibility to implement epidemiological programmes for the Romanian territory for the OIE List A diseases for the promotion of eradication plans;
- zoonoses eradication plans elaborated and implemented
- epidemiological surveys implemented in the fields
- improved epidemiological activity at central and regional level assuring compliance with the harmonized legislation
- improved monitoring and surveillance system in compliance with EU requirements
- Increased efficiency due to the use of specific software

Module B - Genotyping of ovine breeds and molecular epidemiology studies for determination of susceptibility to prionic diseases (TSE)
- Strategies for elimination of susceptible breeds through efficient eradication programmes in compliance with EU requirements
- safeguarding human consumption by the use of solely non-contaminated sources so as to protect public health
- Ovine breeds susceptible to the prion protein identified
- Romania able to joint the other EU countries as regards the monitoring of prionic diseases

Module C – Anti-bio-resistance – investigation of bacteria resistant to anti-microbial agents
- Effective use of antibiotics for animal therapies and reduced use as growth stimulate
- reduced incidence of transfer to human of bacteria strains resistant to anti-microbes

Module D – GMOs
- Efficient detection-identification-quantification by central and regional labs of GMOs
- improved analytical methods and analysis
- Improved qualitative and quantitative standards
- improved validation technology for molecular events and reference materials
- improved capacity to design an alternative method
- improved capacity of central and regional labs to apply and comply with an improved system of surveillance for products containing GMOs

Module E – Eco-toxicology
- Improved capacity to determine the toxic compound involved in the occurrence of chronic or acute intoxication for all animal species
- capacity to monitor the bee populations in polluted areas of Romania – as an indicator of environment preservation
- increased capacity to determine the contaminants in water and fodder samples and prevention of toxic events for animals

Module F – Cross-border diseases
- Improved capabilities and technical abilities to supervise and detect the most contagious animal diseases and their transmission from animal to humans

For all results, the logframe indicates indicators of achievement that, when possible, are quantified, verifiable and time-bound.

3.4 Activities

PRIORITY 1 - RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC AND MARKET ANALYSIS

Task 2 - Training for the staff of the Managing Authority and for the bodies involved in the programming process and the setting up of the implementation system
- Provision of support and assistance, based on a training needs analysis, for the elaboration of a training curricula and training programme for the new comers into the systems, including progressive degrees of knowledge
- Provision of support for elaboration of training curricula prepared for the staff of the bodies involved in the management and implementation of the RDF and FIFG and the Managing Authority, trained to act as trainers
- Organisation of training of the staff of the MA and the bodies involved in the management and implementation of the RDF and FIFG on specific issues of programming, implementation, assessment, monitoring and financial management.
- Organisation of the train-the-trainers programme, leading to a ‘cascade’ training
- Provision of on-the –job training for all relevant aspects
- Organisation of training for relevant staff in charge with the application of the manuals elaborated
- Organisation of training at national level in efficient transfer from management of Phare funds to management of RDF and FIFG by on the job guidance
- Organisation of MA staff training for all relevant issues leading to the efficient and EU compliant operation of the MA
- Organisation of specific workshops and seminars and a limited number of training visits at management authorities in EU MS; the visits in MS will lead to knowledge of
participants as regards the roles, responsibilities, functions, workflows and coordination mechanisms

- Provision of support for elaboration of a continuous training plan leading to the creation of a long-term in-house capacity

Task 2 is implemented as a 2006 Technical Assistance contract with a total budget of 500,000 Euro, Phare budget. The detailed STEs input will be specified in the ToR/Contract (the project is a continuation of the 2004 and 2005 TA project)

**Task 4 - Supply of equipment for the efficient management and implementation of Rural Development Fund**

- Supply of IT equipment for operating MIS for the Managing Authority for RDP ADRF and Intermediate Bodies.
- Provision of support for development of the web site
- Organisation of staff training in use of equipment

Task 4 is implemented as a supply contract with a total budget of 4,000,000 Euro, out of which 3,000,000 Euro Phare funds and 1,000,000 Euro national contribution. (it continues the 2005 INV project)

**Task 5 - Training at regional and local level for increasing the absorption of the Rural Development Fund and FIFG and to ensure submission of mature projects proposals for rural development, for all “stakeholders”**

- Provision of support on orientations needed for the preparation of competitive rural development activities (based on RDP priorities and measures);
- Provision of support for elaboration of check lists for the projects to be funded from RDF and FIFG;
- Organisation of training regarding proper identification of eligible projects selection and eligibility criteria
- Organisation of advanced training of staff in the institutions in charge for projects preparations at national and regional level
- Organisation of ToT for provided advanced training and generating ‘cascade’ learning
- Provision of expert support for the elaboration of a communication strategy at national and regional level
- Provision of support to all stakeholders for development of eligible projects to be funded from RDF and FIFG. The support will lead to mature project proposals for the future funding from RDF, including a number of concrete project preparation studies.
- Provision of support for designing a system for identification, registration and development of projects that would answer the requirements included in the development strategies for sector development and funding requirements.
- Organisation of training for the potential project beneficiaries, development of project documentation in compliance with the funding requirements applicable to RDF and FIFG.

Task 5 is implemented as a Technical Assistance contract with a total value of 2,000,000 euro. The exact expert input to be detailed in the ToR. (the project is a continuation of the 2005 training project)
Task 10 bis a - Strengthen the institutional capacity of Paying Agency for implementing the post-accession rural development Programme (TW)

- Technical assistance for reinforcing the institutional structure of the paying agencies, as well as the staff professional capacity in implementing relevant tasks based on procedure manuals.
- Training provided to Agency HQ staff concerning the main tasks relevant for the Paying Agency for implementing the Rural Development Programme financed by the EAFRD.
- Technical assistance for reinforcing the institutional structure and training the staff of the Paying Agency at regional level for implementing the Rural Development Programme.
- Training the Agency Paying staff at regional level into the relevant units: evaluation-selecting-contracting, monitoring and payment, financial control, management and coordination;
- Training provided to Agency staff concerning the Common Agricultural Policy and Rural Development

Task 10 bis a will be implemented as a TW Project with a total budget of 750,000 Euro, out of which 700,000 Euro Phare funds and 50,000 Euro national contribution

Task 10 bis b- Further support for ANCA services (TW)

- Provision of support for strengthening the administrative structure of ANCA at national and regional level
- Provision of support for the elaboration and implementation of a sustainable and coordinated strategy at national level, for advisory services to farmers and farming communities in compliance with the EU requirements
- Organization of training activities related to the implementation of SAPARD Measures and other EU funds (collection, processing and dissemination of information regarding agricultural policies for farmers support, including SAPARD; Granting support to agricultural producers in the elaboration of documents necessary to access the EU funds)
- Provision of support to assure farmers’ knowledge and access to advanced technologies and modern farming techniques
- Intensive training of ANCA consultants for business planning, marketing, Conversion to organic agriculture and the protection of areas with special bio-diversity and maintain or improve the rural landscape and natural environment, organic farming, alternative activities and income
- Provision of local and EU assistance to further strengthen the advisory services in conformity with Romania’s evolving rural development policy,
- Support for elaborating a programme for improving the diversity and competitiveness of agriculture
- Promotion of innovative rural development utilizing LEADER approach of community-based development
- Support for the preparation of appropriate information, promotional and educational materials
- Support for farm demonstrations and dissemination of positive examples as regards farm businesses management and off-farm activities, as a means to achieve the economic development of farms and farming communities
- Provision of support for establishment of collaborations with specialised agricultural research institutes, agriculture ONGs
Task 10 bis b will be implemented as a TW project with a total budget of 540,000 Euro, out of which 500,000 Phare funds and 40,000 national contribution

**PRIORITY 2- PREPARING FOR EAGGF**

**Task 14 - Supply of equipment for efficient operation of an operational AIS at national and regional level**
- Supply of IT equipment for AIS (central and regional level) in compliance with EU requirements, allowing efficient operation of the AIS system
- Supply of equipment needed to establish the database required (for both DG Agri and EUROSTAT data submission)
- Organisation of staff training in the efficient use of equipment
Task 14 will be implemented as a supply contract with a 2006 value of 734,000 Euro, out of which 550,000 Euro Phare funds and 184,000 Euro national contribution

**Task 16 - Supply of equipment for establishment and efficient operation of a Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)**
- Supply of IT equipment for the efficient operation of the FADN (central and regional level – 41 counties)
- Development of database based on purchased equipment and training of staff in the use of equipment
Task 16 will be implemented as a supply contract with a total 2006 budget of 668,000 Euro, out of which 500,000 Phare funds and 168,000 Euro national contribution

**Task 19 - Supply of equipment for efficient operation of IACS at central and regional level**
- Supply of IT, monitoring and communication equipment for national and regional level of IACS
- Training of staff in efficiently using the equipment purchased
Task 19 will be implemented as a supply contract with a 2006 total budget of 2,668,000 Euro, out of which 2,000,000 Phare funds and 668,000 Euro national contribution.

**PRIORITY 3 - DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM**

**Task 30 - Supply of IT and communication equipment for development and strengthening of the Romanian Veterinary and Food Safety Agency for RAS and TRACES**
- Acquisition, installation of IT and communication equipment for effective implementation and operation of the Rapid Alert System
- Supply of equipment for efficient implementation of the TRACES system and staff trained in its use
- Equipment purchased allowing inter-correlation with EU information system on risk assessment and rapid alert system and TRACES
Task 30 will be implemented as a supply contract with a total budget of 2,000,000 Euro, out of which 1,500,000 Phare funds and 500,000 Euro national contribution

**Task 33 – Supply of equipment for further strengthening and development of the sanitary veterinary service**
- Supply of ecologic incinerators for the veterinary laboratories for achieving compliance with the European standards (Directive 96/92/CE, 75.144/CE), guaranteeing compliance with the norms related to emissions of dusts, toxic gases and other polluting substances resulted from incineration of solid wastes
- Supply of laboratory equipment (LMIS) for setting-up a national system for the management of laboratory samples – achieving thus a coherent traceability of samples in compliance with the EC regulations.
- Supply of Equipment for setting-up 42 working units included in the monitoring system of the central epidemiological unit located at IDAH in compliance with EC requirements

Task 33 will be implemented as a supply contract with a total budget of 12,000,000 Euro, out of which 9,000,000 Euro Phare funds and 3,000,000 Euro national contribution

Task 35 - Supply of equipment for the phytosanitary services
- Supply of equipment for an eco-toxicology laboratory
- Supply of equipment for verification of phytosanitary treatments application
- Supply of equipment for SIVTR in order to test, in laboratory and in the field, the new varieties in compliance with EU requirements
- Equipping the greenhouse to perform artificial infections with harmful organisms, for testing the resistance to diseases under controlled artificial infections of new varieties to be registered (performance of DUS tests)
- Supply of the IT system for the database for the varieties tested and registered by CIVTR according to EU requirements
- Supply of equipment for endowing a cold-store for long-term keeping of reference seed stocks
- Training of staff for using the equipment purchased

Task 35 will be implemented as a supply contract with a total value of 2,150,000 Euro out of which 1,600,000 Euro Phare funds and 550,000 Euro national contribution

Task 36 - Further supply of ETS kits
- Supply of TSE KITS (Biorad and Prionics)

Task 36 will be implemented as a supply contract with a total budget of 2,200,000, out of which 1,100,000 Euro Phare funds and 1,100,000 Euro national contribution

Task 37 - Supply of equipment for epidemiology, surveillance, prevention and control of transmissible diseases and zoonoses, eco-toxicology, detection of GMOs and genotyping of ovine breeds
- Purchase of equipment as follows:

MODULE A - Epidemiological unit
MODULE B – Geno-typing of Romanian ovine breeds and performance of molecular epidemiology tests for the determination of susceptibility to prionic diseases (TSE)
MODULE C – Anti-bio-resistance – Investigation of bacteria resistant to anti-microbien agents
MODULE D – GMOs
MODULE E – Eco-Toxicology
MODULE F – Trans-border diseases

Task 37 will be implemented as a supply contract with a total budget of 4,650,000, out of which 3,450,000 Euro Phare funds and 1,200,000 Euro national contribution
3.5 Linked Activities:

Related projects before the 2004-2006 Programming:

- PHARE Project 2003/005-551.04.01 – “Designing of an integrated administration and control system (IACS) in Romania and support for elaboration of a policy aiming at strengthening agricultural farms”.
- Twinning Project RO00/IB/AG/01-02 – “Agricultural and rural policy at national and regional level”
- Twinning Project RO00/IB/AG/01-02 – “Agricultural statistics to meet policy needs in Romania”
- Phare Project RO 0106.07 – “Strengthening Romania’s institutional capacity to apply the Measures stipulated in the NPARD”
- Phare Project RO 0006.13-04 01-02 – “Definition and implementation of methodologies for farm structural surveys”.
- Twinning Project RO 2000/IB/AG/-04 - “Harmonisation of legislation and strengthening the capacity to manage the acquis on wine”
- RO 0006.090-“Reinforcement of agri-food quality control systems”
- RO 0006.10 - “Strengthening and developing the capacity to enforce the phytosanitary acquis regarding protection against injurious micro-organisms”
- RO 0006.11 – “Strengthening the Romanian veterinarian administration capacity at central and regional level for harmonisation of the veterinary norms with the EU ones”
- Ro 0107.07 – “Strengthening the phytosanitary administration capacity to adopt and implement the acquis”
- RO 0107.08 – “Developing and implementing the nation-wide bovine animals identification and registration systems”
- RO 2002/000-586.04.06 – “Surveillance, diagnosis and control of animal diseases and alignment with the acquis in the animal nutrition field”

Related projects included in the MAP 2004-2005

Priority 1: Rural Development and Economic and Market Analysis

TW 2004 –“Building the institutional capacity of the Managing Authority for the Rural Development Programme for Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries”

TA 2004 and 2005 – “Training for the staff of the Managing Authority and for the bodies involved in the programming process and the setting up of the implementation system”

2005 TA -Technical assistance for the ex ante evaluation of the Rural Development Programme

INV 2005 – “Supply of equipment for the efficient management and implementation of Rural Development Fund”

2005 TA – “Training at regional and local level for increasing the absorption of the Rural Development Fund and FIFG and to ensure submission of mature projects proposals for rural development, for all “stakeholders””

TW 2004 - Support for strengthening the policy-making capacity of the MAFRD
TW 2004 - Support for further strengthening the market in fishery and aquaculture products

INV 2004 and 2005 – “Supply of equipment for the strengthening of the fisheries and aquaculture sector”

TWL 2004 - “Support to adopting and implementing the acquis in the forestry sector”

TW 2004 – “Further support to strengthen institutional capacity at central and regional level for development and implementation of the SAPARD Agency”

Priority 2: - Preparing for EAGGF

TW 2004 – “Building up the institutional capacity of a new Payment Agency for EAGGF-Guarantee measures

INV 2004 and 2005 – “Supply of equipment for efficient operation of the new Payment Agency for EAGGF-Guarantee measures”

TW 2004 – “Support to set up and manage an Agriculture Information System (AIS)”

INV 2005 – “Supply of equipment for efficient operation of an operational AIS at national and regional level

TW 2004 - Support to set up a Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)

INV 2004 and 2005 – “Supply of equipment for establishment and efficient operation of a Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)

TW 2004 – “Further support for the full implementation of the IACS system”

TA 2004 – “Training of IACS staff”

INV 2005 – “Supply of equipment for efficient operation of IACS at central and regional level”

TA 2004 - Support for elaboration of Technical Specifications for all IT and communication projects in MAP

Priority 3: Development of the Food Safety System

TW 2004 – “Development and strengthening of the Romanian Veterinary and Food Safety Agency”

INV 2005 – “Supply of IT and communication equipment for development and strengthening of the Romanian Veterinary and Food Safety Agency for RAS and TRACES”

TA 2004 – “Provision of support for the elaboration of Technical Specifications for veterinary and phytosanitary laboratory equipments”

TW 2005 – “Further strengthening and development of the sanitary and veterinarian service in compliance with the EU requirements”

INV 2005 – “Supply of equipment for further strengthening and development of the sanitary and veterinarian service in compliance with the EU legislation”

TW 2004 - Continue the harmonization and implementation of legislation regarding the certification, commercialisation and use of Phytosanitary products

INV 2005 – “Supply of equipment for the phytosanitary services”
INV 2005 - Supply of equipment for the veterinary services (BIPs and waste residues)
INV 2005 - Investments for further consolidation of phytosanitary services
INV 2005 - Further supply of Kits (BioRad, TSE and Prionics Western)

3.6 Lessons learned:

See Annex 7

4. Institutional Framework

The Twinning and TA projects will be fully integrated in the structures of the EU Integration Department and/or other relevant MAFRD Departments and Institutions (for example the Paying and Intervention Agency for Agriculture, Paying Agency for Rural Development and Fisheries, Managing Authority for Rural Development and Fisheries, National Agency for Agricultural Advice (ANCA), National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Agency). The Pre Accession Advisors and the TA Advisors will be based at the relevant Directorate level and will, within the Department, be answerable to the Secretary of State for EU Integration or other senior officers. In case of Twinning, the PAA will also report to the Project Leader based in the MS.

For the day-to-day implementation of the respective activities, close collaboration will be established with the directly concerned departments or institutes. The harmonisation of the national legislation with EU Regulations will be coordinated with the Director for the relevant Department and/or Institution and their legal adviser(s). Close co-operation will also be established with the Phare Implementation Unit (PIU) of the MAFRD.

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*contributions from National, Regional, Local, Municipal authorities, FIs loans to public entities, funds from public enterprises*
**Parallel co-financing**

6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1. Implementing Agency

The implementing agencies are:

MAFRD, through the Phare Programme Implementing Unit (PIU) / MAFRD
Contact person: Mrs. Marisanda Pirianu, PIU Co-ordinator
Bd. Carol I, nr. 17, sector 3
Bucharest, Romania
Tel: +40 21 3024 400 / Mobile: +40 723 46 36 94
Fax: +40 21 3054 890
E-mail: piuagr@maa.ro

The PIU/MAFRD will co-ordinate and administer the implementation of the proposed Phares project in Romania, except for the projects in the sanitary-veterinary sector, for which the Implementing Agency is:

National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, through its own PIU
Contact person: Ion Agafitei, President of NSVFSA
Str. Negustori no. 1B, Sector 2, Bucuresti
Tel: 315.78.75
Fax: Fax 021-3124967
Email: ion.agafitei@ansv.ro

The CFCU will be the tendering and contracting authority and supervise the financial implementation of the entire project.
Contact person: Mrs. Carmen Rosu, PAO – General Director
Mircea Voda Street, no. 44, sector 3
Bucharest, Romania
Tel: 326.55.55

PAO: Mugur Craciun, Secretary of State
Contacts: no 24 Carol I Blvd, sector 3, Bucharest
Tel: 3072.347
Fax: 3072.348
Email: mugur.craciun@maa.ro

6.2. Twinning

Task 10 bis a – “Strengthen the institutional capacity of Paying Agency for implementing the post-accession rural development Programme” (EU budget = 700,000 Euro, national co-financing = 50,000 Euro)
Beneficiary institution: current SAPARD Agency
Contact person: Victoria Suleap
Stirbei Voda 43
Tel: 402.27.87
The RTA should comply with the following requirements:

- University education at least up to Masters Degree in agrarian economics/agronomy/agricultural engineering/finance;
- Fluent in English and computer literacy;
- Minimum 10 years professional experience in the implementation, preparation or analysis/evaluation of SAPARD-funded programmes, of schemes under the rural development and fisheries programme that will be implemented by the SAPARD Agency.

The RTA will be responsible for the overall management of the project, ensuring the proper organization, implementation, control and monitoring of all the project components. He/she will be responsible for the management of the project risks, planning and reporting. He/she will ensure and take part in the timely and effective implementation of the project in accordance with the Twinning contract and with the time schedule identified therein. He/she will establish and maintain links with the Contracting Authority, the beneficiaries, and all the players involved in the implementation of the project, and with other related projects.

Task 10 bis b – “Further support for ANCA services” (EU budget 500,000 Euro, national co-financing = 40,000Euro)  
Beneficiary institution: National Agency for Agricultural Advice (ANCA)  
Contact person: Viorel Morarescu  
Bucuresti, Str. Doamnei nr. 17-19, et.6, sector 3  
Tel: 315.86.96  
Fax: 312.46.43  
Email: agentiaagricola@anca-maap.ro

The RTA should comply with the following requirements:

- University education at least up to Masters Degree in agrarian economics/agronomy/advisory services/agricultural engineering/finance;
- Fluent in English and computer literacy;
- Minimum 10 years professional experience in the implementation, preparation or analysis/evaluation of agriculture extension services.

The RTA will be responsible for the overall management of the project, ensuring the proper organization, implementation, control and monitoring of all the project components. He/she will be responsible for the management of the project risks, planning and reporting. He/she will ensure and take part in the timely and effective implementation of the project in accordance with the Twinning contract and with the time schedule identified therein. He/she will establish and maintain links with the Contracting Authority, the beneficiaries, and all the players involved in the implementation of the project, and with other related projects.

The RTA will be responsible for the provision of specific advice as regards the extension services in agriculture. The RTA is responsible for bringing in adequate expertise for the specific needs of the project.
6.3. Non-standard aspects

PRAG\(^{1}\) will be strictly followed.

6.4. Contracts

One contract for each task, with the budget indicated in the budgetary section above, as follows:
- Task 2 – 1 technical assistance/training contract
- Task 4 – 1 Investment contract
- Task 5 – 1 Technical Assistance/training contract
- Task 10 bis a – 1 Twinning contract
- Task 10 bis b – 1 Twinning contract
- Task 14 – 1 Investment contract
- Task 16 – 1 Investment contract
- Task 19 – 1 Investment contract
- Task 30 – 1 Investment contract
- Task 33 – 1 Investment contract
- Task 35 – 1 Investment contract
- Task 36 – 1 Investment contract
- Task 37 – 1 Investment contract

7. Implementation Schedule

7.1. Start of tendering/call for proposals

For the projects included in the budgetary year 2006, the Project Terms of References and Technical Specifications will be ready by end 2006. The tendering procedure (TA and supply contracts) and call for proposals (twinning projects) can thus be launched by the end of the 1\(^{st}\) quarter 2007 at the latest

7.2. Start of project activity

As soon as the Financing Agreement is signed

7.3 Project completion

November 2009

8. Equal Opportunity

Equal participation of men and women will be ensured, without opportunity disparities between the two sexes.

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9. Environment

NA

10. Rates of return

NA

11. Investment criteria

11.1. Catalytic effect

All projects are focusing in EU support measures facilitating the smooth accession of Romania to EU.

11.2. Co-financing

As indicated in the budget table, joint co-financing of at least 25% is ensured for all investment projects and a parallel co-financing is assured for the two twinning projects, as follows:

For tasks 2, 4, 5, 10bis a, 10bis b, 14,16,19,35 – the co-financing is assured through the MAFRD budget. The tentative corresponding co-financing amounts were taken into account by the MAFRD Finance department for devising the national budget.

For tasks 30,33,36,37 - the co-financing is assured by the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food safety Authority (ANSVSA) that is the Implementing Authority for these tasks.

11.3. Additionality

NA

11.4. Project readiness and size

The project readiness will be ensured by adequate ToRs, TS and twinning fiches.

11.5. Sustainability

All investment will be sustainable in the long term and will ensure compliance with EU norms and standards and with the acquis of the sector concerned – as this was a criterion for implementing these projects. They will not have adverse effects on the environment and the Romanian Government assures the national funds needed for an efficient up-keeping of the investments supported by Phare funds.

11.6. Compliance with state aids provisions

The investments respect the state aid provisions of Romania’s Europe Agreement².

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² Europe Agreements can be accessed via [http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/pas/europe_agr.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/pas/europe_agr.htm)
12. Conditionality and sequencing

- On-going Government commitment to accession in line with the acquis communautaire
- Timely meeting of deadlines and milestones
- Romanian Government continues the implementation of the commitments taken during the negotiation process, by timely implementation of relevant policies
- Stability of structures is maintained
- The trained staff is maintained within the organisation
- Institutional positioning is appropriate to allow project to assist/guide policy implementation/institutional development process
- Adequate implementation of the related previous projects

ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE

1. Logframe in standard format for each project
2. Detailed implementation chart
3. Contracting and disbursement schedule, by quarter, for full duration of project (including disbursement period)
4. For all projects: reference list of feasibility/pre-feasibility studies
5. Reference list of relevant laws and regulations
6. Reference list of relevant strategic plans and studies
7. Lessons learnt
8. Sector programme monitoring sheet