COMMISSION DECISION

C/2005/2919 of 02/08/2005
on the financial contribution of Transition Facility for strengthening institutional capacity to SLOVENIA

(Only the Slovene text is authentic)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession 2003, in particular Article 34 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 34 of the Act of Accession provides the possibility of granting a temporary financial assistance, the Transition Facility, to the new Member States to address the continued need for strengthening institutional capacity in certain areas through actions which cannot be financed by the Structural Funds.

(2) The actions funded by this Decision in the areas of administrative and control structures in agriculture, statistics and financial control, internal market, justice and home affairs and nuclear safety are eligible for funding according to Article 34(2) of the Act of Accession. In addition, several needs have been identified in the Commission’s comprehensive monitoring report, which are not covered by the Structural Funds. The actions funded by this Decision in relation to those needs, in the areas of social policy and employment, as well as administrative capacity, are therefore also eligible for funding under Article 34(2) of the Act of Accession.

(3) Pursuant to Article 34(4) of the Act of Accession, the Transition Facility is implemented in accordance with Article 53(1)(b) of Council Regulation 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

(4) An Implementing Agency should be designated complying with the criteria set out in Article 164 of the Financial Regulation and having adequate staff resources. The Commission has satisfied itself in the context of preparation for conferral of management of aid provided under Phare, as well as through a number of other checks, that those criteria are fulfilled by the Central Finance and Contracts Unit.

(5) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Aid for Economic Restructuring in certain countries in Central and Eastern Europe, rendered on 07 July 2005,
HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Commission approves a financial contribution of € 5,096,000 as Transition Facility to the Republic of Slovenia to finance projects set out in point 4 of the Annex.

Article 2

1. This Decision shall be implemented on a decentralised basis, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding on the Implementation of the Transition Facility, signed with the Republic of Slovenia on 22 September 2004.

2. The Central Finance and Contracts Unit shall be Implementing Agency for the Programme.

Article 3

1. Contracts covered by the financial contribution shall be signed no later than 15 December 2007.

2. The deadline for execution of contracts shall be 15 December 2008.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Slovenia.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission
1. **IDENTIFICATION**

Beneficiary: **SLOVENIA**

Programme: **Transition Facility National Programme 2005**

CRIS-Number: **2005/017-462**

Year: **2005**

Cost: **€ 5.096.000**

Implementing Authority: **Central Finance and Contracts Unit (CFCU)**

Expiry Date: Contracting: **15 December 2007**  
Execution of contracts: **15 December 2008**

Sector Codes (DAC):

- **Objective 1**: Agriculture 31110  
  Food crop production 31161  
  Livestock research 31184  
  Livestock/Veterinary Services 31195

- **Objective 2**: Statistics 16362  
  Financial control 15020

- **Objective 3**: Internal Market 16310  
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- **Objective 4**: Social services 15063

- **Objective 5**: Justice and Home Affairs 15030

- **Objective 6**: Nuclear Safety 23010

- **Objective 7**: Administrative capacity 15040

Budget Line: **220301**

Commission Task Manager: A. Castello, DG Enlargement
2. SUMMARY

Art 34 of the Act of Accession established the Transition Facility for the period 2004-2006 in order to fund certain Institution Building actions in the new Member States.

The present Financing Proposal represents the 2005 Transition Facility National Programme for Slovenia.

The Transition Facility is mainly providing support to Institution Building through technical assistance, twinning, twinning light and investment to implement the acquis.

The 2005 Transition Facility National Programme for Slovenia will focus on the following areas:

**Agriculture**

The Transition Facility support will contribute to strengthening the food safety in primary production and the inspection of quality control of fruits and vegetables.

In addition, assistance will focus on strengthening the disease notification and control system and the monitoring of zoonoses, zoonotic agents and antimicrobial in Slovenia as well as the alignment of new hygiene regulations for food of animal origin.

Assistance will support specific rules on the hygiene of feed and official feed control, the actions addressed to inform and promote the agricultural products on the internal market and in the third countries and the implementation of common standards of good farming practices. Finally, further assistance will be continued to reinforce the administrative capacity and to prepare laboratories in the field of food and feed safety.

**Statistics and financial control**

Regarding Statistics, the Transition Facility will provide assistance for the setting up of the information system for integrated statistical processing for business statistics.

In the area of financial control, support will be provided in order to strengthen the institutional capacity in the Court of Audit in Slovenia in the areas of strategic importance 2005-2006.

**Internal Market**

In the area of internal market the 2005 Transition Facility will contribute to heightening the level of consumer protection by implementing and enforcing consumer protection legislation and to further reinforce the Post and Electronic Communications Agency of Slovenia.

**Social services**

In this area, the Transition Facility will contribute to strengthening the national institution structure for the fight against discrimination.

**Justice and Home Affairs**

In the area of Justice and Home Affairs, the programme will also contribute to the substantial improvement of land market functioning and for enabling a secure and up-to-dated support for property valuation and taxation with a better protection of ownership rights.

**Nuclear Safety**
In the sector of Nuclear Safety, support will be provided to improve the management of institutional radioactive waste in Slovenia.

Administrative Capacity

In order to provide further assistance to the process of strengthening the administrative capacity for the full application of the *acquis* through ad hoc Institution Building actions, the Transition Facility includes an unallocated envelope that will finance Institution Building measures as they emerge between programming exercises.

3. STRATEGY

The Transition Facility provides further support to consolidate the functioning of administrative structures identified in a number of areas where further action is still needed in relation to the adoption, implementation and enforcement of the *acquis*.

The 2003 Comprehensive Monitoring Report for Slovenia and the continuous monitoring process by the Commission on the Slovenian preparation for accession constitute the main sources of information to identify the institutional weaknesses that still need to be addressed. On the basis of the priorities outlined in the above-mentioned documents, and in line with the Transition Facility Planning Document 2004-2006, the Slovenian authorities submitted a number of project proposals for funding. These proposals were transmitted for consultation and discussed in detail with the relevant Commission Services. The final selection of projects for this Financing Proposal was based on the overall quality of the individual proposals.

The evaluation and result of past projects were taken into account when designing the Transition Facility programming. Lessons learned are usually drawn on a case by case basis, building on relevant experience acquired during the implementation of previous projects in a specific area. Relevant information on lessons learnt and on the supporting background documentation is provided in each project fiche.

Attention was also paid to avoiding overlaps with other EU assistance instruments that will come into force in 2005, in particular the technical assistance provided for in the Single Programming Document (SPD) of the Structural and Cohesion Funds as well as the Schengen Facility. Maximum synergies between all sources of financing were considered.

4. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

The 2005 Transition Facility National Programme for Slovenia will focus on the following areas:

**Objective 1 Agriculture**

**Project 2005/017-462.01.01 - Strengthening food safety in primary production**

The Section for Safety and Quality of Food (SSQF) (within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food) is responsible in Slovenia for regulating the food safety policy in primary production. As the reorganisation has been taken place recently, the SSQF has insufficient trained staff in this domain.

The project has the purpose to reinforce the capacity of SSQF in order to assess the guidelines of good hygiene practice in primary production and report them to the European Union as well as to assess the dossier for additives in animal nutrition.
The project aims also to strengthen the knowledge among civil servants, agricultural advisors and inspectors of food hygiene practice in primary production. The training programmes are intended to train trainers from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, the Advisory service as well as other relevant institutions involved in this field through a twinning project.

**Project 2005/017-462.01.02 – Inspection of quality control of fruit and vegetables**

The accession of Slovenia to the EU has brought some changes in standards for fresh fruit and vegetable and in method and frequency of performed controls. In order to carry out successful control of quality of agricultural products and foodstuffs on the market, there is a need for additional practice and strengthening of the control in the field. The most effective way is to watch and experience the methods used by similar institutions in partner countries.

The aim of this project is to strengthen the capacity of the Inspectorate for Agriculture, Forestry and Food, responsible for control of quality of agricultural products and foodstuffs during the production process and also in the phase of marketing and inspection, to perform the checks on conformity to the marketing standards.

The project will be implemented through a twinning light and its expected results include training of staff within Inspectorate for Agriculture, Forestry and Food trained for quality assessment of fruits and vegetables and preparation of guidelines for inspection procedures.

**Project 2005/017-462.01.03- Strengthening the disease notification and control system in Slovenia**

Slovenia has aligned the system of the control of animal contagious diseases with the systems valid at present in the EU member states. Slovenia has submitted contingency plans for FMD (foot mouth disease), CSF, Avian influenza and Newcastle disease and the EC Commission has approved these plans. However, during the past years Slovenia was not able to prepare an effective up-dated computerized system for tracing and managing of contagious diseases.

New computerized reporting system has to be introduced as well as the utilisation of the GIS (geographical information system) and GPS (global positioning system) system for better control over the spread of disease and to support disease control measures. According to the EC legislation disease outbreaks have to be investigated and reported in space and time. A prerequisite is the recording of the exact position of all farms and at least on municipality level by wildlife diseases using GIS. Existing systems has to be validated and improved.

The existing disease control and reporting system in Slovenia is rather old. It is still based on old operation system which is not compatible with the central registers mentioned above which represent the basis for decision making process in the case of the outbreak of the disease. In general it does not support the modern way of handling the data or the spatial analysis of it.

The project will be implemented through a twinning light with the aim to strengthen the reporting, control and notification of animal contagious diseases. It will contribute to introducing the GIS technologies with the aim to support the spatial analysis, development and comparison of models for the introduction.

The project will encompass the purchase of technical equipment as well as training to Slovenian staff (veterinarians). Altogether an efficient computerised programme to monitor and control of contagious diseases system will be established.

**Project 2005/017-462.01.04 – Strengthening zoonoses, zoonotic agents and antimicrobial resistance monitoring in Republic of Slovenia**
Slovenia is aligning the system of the monitoring and control of zoonoses, zoonotic agents and antimicrobial resistance with the systems valid at present in the EU member states. Slovenia at the moment does not have the harmonized system of the data collection. Sampling plans, laboratory methods and results interpretation are not detailed. Reference methods are not specified, reference laboratories have not implemented all necessary methods yet.

Slovenia has a relevant increase of certain notified zoonoses in humans in past two years. In order to get a better overview about the real situation of zoonoses in the country in animals and humans, a harmonized and stringent surveillance system, monitoring and control of the diseases have to be established.

In addition, according to Official Feed and Food Control Regulation EC No 882/2004 the need for training of the staff in the field of official laboratories carrying out analysis for monitoring and control of zoonoses and zoonotic agents is essential.

The project aims at strengthening the monitoring of zoonoses, zoonotic agents and antimicrobial resistance in Slovenia in compliance with the EU recommendations. The expected results include training to the key staff on sampling procedures, on laboratory testing and reporting and on the implementation of the national programme. The project will be implemented through a Twinning light.

Project 2005/017-462.01.05 - New hygiene Regulations for food of animal origin

At the end of April 2004, the European Parliament and the Council adopted some Regulations in the field of hygiene of foodstuffs after 2006. The principal objective of the new hygiene rules is to ensure a high level of consumer protection with regard to food safety. Those rules constitute a common basis for the hygienic production of all food, including products of animal origin. The correct introduction of these rules and their uniform interpretation should be ensured. Misinterpretation of rules could lead to insufficient level of consumer protection on one hand or to unnecessary additional costs for business operators on the other.

The competency over the implementation of the veterinary legislation in Slovenia lies with the Veterinary Administration of the Republic of Slovenia (VARS), which is the body inside the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food.

The project will contribute to upgrading the control system in accordance with the new legal provisions and training the official veterinarians of VARS on the new “hygiene package”. Food business operators and NGOs will be acquainted with the new regulations. The project will be implemented through a twinning light.

Project 2005/017-462.01.06 – Specific rules on the hygiene of feed and official feed control

The two main pieces of legislation that will bring major changes in the field of feed production and official controls are Regulation (EC) 882/2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules and Regulation 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene. They will enter into force on 1 January 2006.

The main task for Slovenia is to take all necessary measures to ensure that feed business operators comply with the obligations laid down in these two Regulations.

One of the scopes of the project is also to acknowledge the official veterinarians, feed business operators, and other persons involved in the feed chain. Therefore the project will contribute to upgrading the control system and programme for official control in accordance with the new legal provisions; upgrading the procedures for the approval and registration of feed producing establishments; preparing the manual for registration and approval procedure for the supervision of feed business
operators. Training to official veterinarians and inspectors for quality of feed, representatives of producers and stakeholders will be delivered.

The project will have two components: a twinning light, and an investment support consisting of the purchase of the basic software for official veterinarians.

**Project 2005/017-462.01.07 – Actions of informing and promotion of agricultural products on the internal market and in third countries**

The project’s aim is to strengthen the Agency for Agricultural Markets and Rural Development (AAMRD), for the precise and correct implementation of information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market and in third countries and for the execution of payments from the EAGGF fund for the mentioned measures.

Further results of the project will include qualified staff at the paying agency (AAMRD) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, a qualified implementation body for on-the-spot control, educated expert groups for the evaluation of the quality of project proposals, qualified staff for the performance of tenders, for the execution of evaluation and for monitoring and checking the applications. Guidelines and manuals of procedure will also be prepared.

The project will be implemented through a twinning light.

**Project 2005/017-462.01.08 – Increasing networking and upgrading administrative capacity in the management of food and feed safety**

Slovenia has transposed all different parts of the EU framework of Food Safety, but must implement EC Regulation 178/2002 and 882/2004 in the field of food and feed safety and all regulations proceeded from this. More contaminants survey and more and precise methods have been and will be developed and reference and official laboratories should further refine those methods.

The competencies on safety and food quality are distributed among the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. A Governmental decree regulates the co-ordination between Ministries and bodies with responsibility on the assessment, management and communication of health risk on food and feed safety.

Following the request of the Commission, a previous Feasibility study has been foreseen in order to assess the state of equipment of Slovene laboratories in the area of management of food and feed safety. The study has been a precondition for the acceptance of this present project. The Feasibility study will show the state of the art of the laboratories to be appointed for the different food and feed safety purposes to be financed under this present project.

This project is a continuation of the project foresaw under the 2004 Transition Facility, the objectives and the goal remain the same. It will focus on networking information system on food safety and on the upgrading of official laboratories involved in conformity assessment and accreditation for detection of contaminants in food, food additives and genetically modified food commodities. It will be implemented through a twinning light with a supply component in order to purchase the needed laboratories equipment previously determined following the Feasibility study project.

**Objective 2 - Statistics and financial control**

**Project 2005/017-462.02.01 – Setting up the Information System for Integrated Statistical Processing for Business Statistics**

The project will enable the Statistical Office of Republic of Slovenia (SORS) to improve the statistical data and to increase the capacity to respond to emerging statistical demand from the Government of Slovenia and EU.
The project will help to set up an integrated information system for processing both survey data and administrative data for the selection of the statistical domain in order to improve the reporting mechanisms and decrease the burden laid down on the enterprises which have to respond to various business survey.

The project will also contribute to setting up a framework for a metadata-driven production of business statistics to enable effective statistical production and easier use of data for analyses in the business domain.

The project will provide the technical assistance to prepare an interim report describing the requirements, architecture and interoperability standards, to develop the software for all the phases of the business statistics data and to train staff for the operation of the integrated system.

**Project 2005/017-462.02.02 – Strengthening the institutional capacity in the Court of Audit of the Republic of Slovenia in the area of strategic importance 2005-2006**

Slovenia’s accession to EU requires that the Court of Audit, the Slovenian Supreme Audit Institution, should reform its institutional capabilities. While past technical assistance provided by the Phare programme was dedicated to build the overall organisational structure and the institution development of the Court, the current project is dealing with development of specific skills in discrete audit technical areas, the development of efficient management and communication practices as well as recruitment and performance evaluation aspects were not devoted adequate attention.

The project will support the re-development of the strategic plan of the Court of Audit enabling it to better respond to the challenges facing the public sector. It will also strengthen the performance audit and results based budgeting audit to enable the Court to better carry out its role in order to assess the effectiveness of the business operators of public sector institutions.

The results of the project which will be implemented through a twinning light scheme, will be clear established guidelines on the field of the strategic planning, performance and results based budgeting, risk focused audit approach to the state budget and annual reporting. In addition, the auditors from the Court of Audit will be duly trained to undertake performance audits, results based budgeting audits and risk based financial audits.

**Objective 3 – Internal Market**

**Project 2005/017-462.03.01- Consumer protection**

The Market Inspectorate of Republic of Slovenia received the majority of pre-accession assistance focusing on assistance in the field of New Approach Directives, covering technical legislation.

The assistance of the 2005 Transition Facility project will be used now in the area which has lately become outstandingly important on the market of Republic of Slovenia, as well as on internal market throughout EU. Consumers have become fully aware of their rights and demand full cooperation of the competent authorities. The exchange of experience and knowledge, also into the separate directives in consumer protection area, would be of utmost advantage in carrying out efficient surveillance of execution of consumer protection legislation.

Therefore the project aims at achieving the implementation and the enforcement of the consumer protection legislation by providing training to inspectors, who carry out surveillance of consumer protection legislation, preparing guidelines for the execution of market surveillance in the area of consumer protection. It will also provide assistance to consumers with exercising their rights, either by giving advice on possibilities of exercising their rights, or by taking measures for solving a dispute, when such measures are within the scope of inspectors’ work.
The project will be implemented through a twinning scheme.
**Project 2005/017-462.03.02 – Further reinforcement of the Post and Electronic Communication Agency of the Republic of Slovenia**

Under the new regulatory framework of the telecommunications sector, the markets to be regulated are defined in accordance with the principles of the European competition law. According to the Guidelines, the Post and Electronic Communications Agency RS (PECA) is required to conduct an analysis of the effective competitiveness of the relevant markets. The Agency must identify the undertakings with Significant Market Power (SMP) on that market and impose on such undertakings appropriate specific regulatory obligations or maintain obligations where they already exist. The three-stage process, market definition, analysis and remedies imposition is not a single process but must be carried out on a regular basis.

The objective of this project is to reinforce the Independent National Regulatory Authority in the field of electronic market regulation and managing and optimizing the use of radio spectrum.

The project will help to gain knowledge with regard to market analysis, SMP determination and remedies imposition and to increase efficiency of the use of the radio spectrum in Slovenia. The project is divided into different components.

The institutional building component covers market analysis, SMP designation and remedy imposition as well as the radio spectrum management. Through the last component, radio spectrum management, PECA will gain the needed knowledge from the National Regulatory Authorities. The Agency and the twinning partner will analyse the available software tools and a feasibility revision taking into account integration with existing database will be performed. The project will also contribute to the purchase of three software modules. The modules include software tools for analysis, planning and coordination of broadcasting, fixed service and land mobile service. The project will be implemented through a twinning light.

**Objective 4 – Social service**

**Project 2005/017-462.04.01 – Strengthening the national institutional structure for the fight against discrimination**

The national institutional structure to implement the requirements of Directive 2000/43/EC for the promotion of equal treatment of all persons without discrimination on grounds of racial or ethnic origin is in place in Slovenia, but its personnel lacks experience and expertise in the field.

Under the aegis of the Slovenian Government, several government offices have been set up, but a deficiency in the absence of systematic (horizontal) handling of the phenomena of discrimination has been identified. A lack of sufficient knowledge on working methods, which would provide for systematic research on, and address of all forms of discrimination has also been identified.

The existing national institutional structure is insufficiently empowered to deal systematically with the issue of discrimination and respect of human rights. This is due to the lack of practical experiences and inadequate level of knowledge.

The project will provide adequate training of the experts involved in the antidiscrimination department of the Human Rights Ombudsman and other key persons in the national institutional structure. Proper training program will assure effective transfer of knowledge of working methods and best practices of hearing complaints, research, promotion and education in the area of the systemic battle against all forms of discrimination, particularly racial and ethnic, prevention of xenophobia and ensuring the principle of equal treatment.

The project will also contribute to strengthening the general awareness of the importance of non-discrimination, human rights and fundamental freedoms as basic principles of EU law. It will thereby contribute towards respecting these principles in the application of EU law on the part of national bodies of authority. It will be implemented through a twinning light.
Objective 5 - Justice and Home Affairs

Project 2005/017-462.05.01 – Real estate records management

The project will contribute to improving the management of the land property, of the land market functioning and to enable a secure and up-to-date support for property valuation and taxation. The results will be a better protection of ownership rights reducing the time of registration and of the backlogs in land cadastre, buildings cadastre and land registry. The necessary new actual fields defining the cooperation between Surveying and Mapping Authority of the Republic of Slovenia (SMCA) and Supreme Court (SC) will also be identified.

The project aims at establishing good governance principles with significant reduction and then gradual elimination of currently duplicated tasks between Surveying and Mapping Authority of the Republic of Slovenia and Supreme Court. New conditions will be established that will ensure that land registry, land cadastre and building cadastre complement each other on the data level instead of duplicating each other’s data entities.

The expected results for both SMCA and SC as beneficiaries are rational workflow organisation, thus offering a substantially improved up-to-date service to their users and removal of obstacles for implementing the proper modern organisational and technological improvements at all levels of operation and business aspects.

The project will be implemented through a twinning light

Objective 6 - Nuclear Safety

Project 2005/017-462.06.01 Improvement of the management of institutional radioactive waste in Slovenia

In 1999, by Government decree, the Slovenian National Agency for Radwaste Management (ARAO) was assigned to perform the public service of radioactive waste management from small producers. By this decree the ARAO became also the operator of the Central Interim Storage Facility intended for storage of radioactive waste arising from medical, industrial and research applications including sealed sources. The facility is located at the Reactor Centre in Brinje near Ljubljana.

The key objective of this project is to improve Slovenian public service for radioactive waste management. Slovenia has to meet EU principles and practices concerning the capability of public service regarding the organisation, equipment and other sorts of technical capabilities. The implementation of the project will enable Slovenia to be in line with the Council Directive 2003/22/EURATOM which requires that disused sealed radioactive sources (which are part of the waste inventory currently in store in the CISF) are stored in recognised installations.

The results of the project will be:

- Completion of the characterisation, repacking and rearrangement of the institutional waste in the CISF;
- Repackaged radioactive waste into new packages;
- Updated ARAO database on institutional radioactive waste
- Increased expertise of ARAO personnel
- Decreased volume of stored waste and conversely increasing of the storage capacity of the CISF
- Licensing of the CISF for full use as storage facility
**Objective 7 – Administrative capacity**

**Project 2005/017-462.07.01- Other Institution Building Actions**

The project consists of an envelope for yet unspecified Institution Building projects to provide assistance through twinning, twinning light and other form of technical assistance to specific urgent and unforeseen needs. The facility will help to assist to complete the adoption and implementation of *acquis* in particular areas where assistance is still necessary and to strengthen the institutional and operational capacity of public administration bodies. Once this envelope is allocated, care shall be taken for those actions of ‘strengthening the operational capacity of public administration bodies’ shall not coincide with actions under the technical assistance in the Single Programming Document of the Structural funds.

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Co-financing for Institution Building projects is provided by the beneficiary who bears certain infrastructure and operational implementation costs, through financing the human and other resources, required for effective and efficient absorption of the Transition Facility assistance.

Investments in small equipment must receive co-financing from national public funds. The Community contribution may amount to up to 75% of the total eligible public expenditure.

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6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

In the event that agreed commitments are not met for reasons which are within the control of the Government of Slovenia, the Commission may review the programme with a view, at the Commission's discretion, to cancelling all or part of it and/or to reallocate unused funds for other purposes consistent with the objectives of the Transition Facility.