1. Basic Information

1.1 Country: Republic of Turkey
1.2 Title: Participation in Community programmes and agencies

2. Description

On the basis of Association Council decisions or Framework Agreements, candidate countries may participate in certain European Community programmes and agencies.

Pre-accession financial assistance can be used to help a candidate country to meet part of the costs of participation in those programmes and agencies, on the basis of an increasing contribution from the Candidate Country. A maximum of 10% of the Community assistance may be used to co-finance participation in Community programmes and Agencies, other than the Research and Development Framework Programme. Participation in the R&D Programme does not count towards the 10% limit.

The Framework Agreement between Turkey and the European Community on the General Principles for the Participation of Turkey in Community Programmes was signed on 26 February 2002 and entered into force on 5 September 2002. Thus, Turkey’s participation in a number of programmes are being materialized through separate Memoranda of Understanding.

normally, the Community’s grant assistance will be made available each year for Turkey so as to co-finance the financial contribution to be paid by Turkey to participate in the programmes and agencies in the following year. However, the Community contributions for most of the programmes that Turkey has applied for have been “front-loaded” in 2001 and 2002, given the smaller budget available for Turkey in comparison with other candidates and the intention of using the 10% availability in the 2003 programme to begin participation in the expensive education programmes.

Therefore, this project fiche for the 2003 Financing Memorandum shows Community support for Turkey’s participation, inter alia, in the 6th Framework Programme on Research and Development, and the three education and youth programmes (i.e. “Leonardo da Vinci”, “Socrates”, “Youth”).

Concerning “Leonardo da Vinci”, “Socrates” and “Youth”, Turkey's participation fee has not been fixed yet. The preparatory measures are underway to allow for Turkey’s full participation as of 2004. Turkey and the Commission plan to start in autumn 2003 their discussions on the Memoranda of Understanding, which will specify, inter alia, the participation fee for the three programmes. Therefore, the figure below is an indicative estimate of the maximum lump-sum amount for Community contribution that can be used in 2004 and/or 2005. This figure may need to be revised and
allocated between the three programmes after the signature of the Memoranda of Understanding.

3. Detailed Budget

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Total(1): 11.600.000 14.400.000 26.000.000

6th Framework Programme on research and technological development


Total(2): 45.781.000 12.919.000 58.700.000

Total 1+2 57.381.000 27.319.000 84.700.000

* Turkey’s national contribution and the total cost of participation given above for the three education and youth programmes are indicative estimates provided by the Commission services, which are subject to finalisation through the Memoranda of Understanding to be agreed between Turkey and the Commission.

** Similarly, the figure given above for the Community’s contribution to the three education and youth programmes is an indicative estimate of the maximum lump-sum amount that can be used in 2004 and/or 2005. It may need to be revised and allocated between the three programmes after the signature of the relevant Memoranda of Understanding between Turkey and the Commission.

The contribution from the national budget covers the difference between the total financial contribution of Turkey to the programme to be indicated in the Memorandum of Understanding establishing the terms and conditions for participation in the Community Programme concerned, and the Community financial support.

4. Implementation Arrangements

4.1 The National Fund is responsible for the Community share of the financial contribution to be paid by the country to participate in Community programmes and agencies.

4.2 Upon signature of the Financing Agreement, the National Fund will request from the Commission the transfer of the full amount\(^1\) of the Community support indicated in section 3 above. These funds must be used to pay the Community share of the

\(^{1}\) Subject to section 6)ec)cc) of the Financing Proposal.
financial contribution to be paid by Turkey to participate in Community programmes and agencies.

Turkey shall pay its national contribution indicated in section 3 above as stipulated in the relevant Memorandum of Understanding signed between Turkey and the Commission. In this context, Turkey’s national contribution shall be paid in accordance with the call for funds request no later than three months after the date of the call.

4.3 The various Commission services responsible for the different programmes or agencies will send to the Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the EU a request for the total financial contribution for the participation in a given programme or agency ("call for funds"). The National Fund should check the amount to be financed from Community funds and then transfer that amount as per the call for funds to the Commission service responsible. When making the payment for each programme, the National Fund should quote the reference number indicated in the call for funds for the programme concerned, and send simultaneously a copy of the payment order to the relevant Commission service.