PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES AND AGENCIES

Project number: TR 0406.02

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. In that sense, the Community contributions for most of the programmes that Turkey has applied for have been “front-loaded” in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Therefore, this project fiche for the 2004 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” a Memorandum of Understanding specifying inter alia the participation fees for the years 2004 to 2006 as well as the indicative Community co-financing for each of these years was signed on 15 April 2004 and is now in force. Amounts allocated under the 2003 financing proposal will be entirely used for co-financing participation fees for the year 2004. The current financing proposal concerns thus the co-financing for the year 2005.

Concerning the 6th Framework Program, the Commission has recently decided to apply a rebate to the candidate countries for the years 2005 and 2006. On the other hand, an increase in the participation fees is expected to incur as a result of the overall
increase in the Community research budget following the enlargement on May 1st. Therefore, Turkey’s participation fee for 2005 is yet to be finalised at the time of drafting of this project fiche. In that sense, the figure below is given as an indicative estimate of the maximum lump-sum amount for the Community contribution that can be used in 2005 and/or 2006.

3. Detailed Budget

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<td>59,122,220</td>
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* The figures are calculated on the basis that Turkey will start benefiting from the programmes in 2004. They may need to be revised and re-allocated between the three programmes, depending on the fulfillment of the calendar of Turkey’s actual participation.

** The figure is an indicative estimation taking into account a rebate of 25 percent, as well as the pro rata increase in the Community research budget. It has not been finalised and officially conveyed to Turkey at the time of drafting of this project fiche, and it therefore tentative.

The contribution from the national budget covers the difference between the total financial contribution of Turkey to the programme as 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

\(^1\) Subject to section 6(e)cc) of the Financing Proposal.
in section 3 above. These funds must be used to pay the Community share of the 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.

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.