Standard Summary Project Fiche
Project number: TR 05 02.05

1. Basic information

Title: Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme

Sector: Economic and Social Cohesion

Geographical Location: The Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme will finance projects for the following NUTS III regions on the Turkish side: Edirne, Çanakkale, Balıkesir, İzmir, Aydın and Muğla as well as adjacent NUTS III regions in Greece

Duration: The whole Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme will cover 3 consecutive programming years, beginning from 2004. This fiche is prepared for the 2005 programming year.

2. Objectives:

2.1. Overall Objective

To improve cooperation at local level between the two countries and to support the further development of the economic potential of the eligible regions. In the text below, “regional” cooperation refers to cooperation between institutions in eligible NUTS III regions of Turkey and of Greece.

2.2. Purpose of the Project

The purpose of the Programme is to strengthen economic activity and to encourage initiatives for addressing unemployment; to upgrade quality of life of citizens, to improve environmental management and management of cultural resources and to improve accessibility and communication.

2.3. Accession Partnership and NPAA Priority

The Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme plays a useful role in the process of preparation of Turkey for accession, in particular through the improvement of the administrative capacity of local/regional actors. According to the 2003 Accession Partnership, the short-term priorities in the field of regional policy include strengthening the administrative structures for managing regional development. In addition to this, the programme also complies with the NPAA priority of establishing the administrative framework and necessary mechanisms for programming, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of regional programmes consistent with Community standards.

The programme further contributes to the social and economic cooperation between the eligible regions of Greece as an EU member and Turkey being a candidate country. The
programme also represents an important element in Turkey’s preparation for the adoption of the Structural Funds acquis, considering that economic cooperation activities will be implemented in line with Structural Funds instruments and methodologies.

2.4. Contribution to Preliminary National Development Plan

In the Preliminary National Development Plan, medium-term Regional Development Strategy at national level has the following priority areas:

- Strengthening human resources and, particularly, increasing self-employment potential,
- Supporting existing SMEs and SMEs to be established and increasing their competitiveness by increasing their cooperation-partnership potential in the form of network style organisations,
- Supporting physical and social infrastructure, which are important for the new investments and the quality of urban life,
- Ensuring diversified economic activities in rural areas,
- Strengthening institutional structure by new local governance models, which will increase local participation, improve common enterprise areas and regulate collective intervention of local actors to local economic development.

The Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme will contribute to all of these priorities in the context of the programme region and to the extent that the budget of programme allows.

2.5. Cross Border Impact

The Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme will contribute to the removal of existing disparities between eligible regions and thus to the gradual alignment of economic and social development. This is particularly important in view of future integration into the European Union.

The Programme promotes the development of linkages between the communities/organisations/institutions on both sides

3. Description:

3.1 Background and justification

As part of the EU-Turkey Pre-accession Financial Assistance Programme, the European Commission is supporting the establishment of an Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme. The purpose of the Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme is to improve economic and social cooperation in order to tackle with the common problems of eligible regions through joint strategies for sustainable territorial development. The results of the SWOT Analysis carried prior to the programme are included in the Joint Programming Document to provide detailed information on the existing situation.
The whole programme, covering the 2004-2006 programming years, primarily aims at upgrading the infrastructure in the programme area and the development of co-operation in fields such as economic development, quality of life, environment and culture.

Meetings bringing relevant Turkish and Greek counterparts together were held in Brussels, Athens and Ankara (with the participation of the European Commission). As a result of the above-mentioned meetings, the Joint Programming Document (JPD) for the programme was prepared jointly. The JPD was approved by the EC in December 2003, and it was signed by the Greek and Turkish authorities with a ceremony in Brussels on the February 9th, 2004. Moreover two meetings were held sequentially in Athens and Ankara in order to prepare the Programme Complement (PC). The Programme Complement was approved in the 1st Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee (JMSc) meeting held in Chios on 3rd of November 2004. The present project will be implemented in accordance with the JPD and the PC. The Programme’s budget (EU contribution) on the Turkish side is 15 Million Euros for the 2004-2006 period.

3.2. Results

The expected results of the Programme are as follows:

- The projects covered under the economic development and employment priority are expected to support the economic situation of the eligible region by encouraging initiatives for entrepreneurship, cooperation between the institutions of the two countries and addressing unemployment. The tourism industry is one of the areas that an improvement is expected.
- With the projects that fall into the quality of life / environment / culture priority among the others health and environmental problems of the region are expected to be addressed and cultural resources of the eligible region are expected to be protected and better promoted. The projects are also expected to improve the cooperation between educational and research institutions of two countries.
- Technical assistance axis of the programme will increase, both in the region and in the center, the technical and institutional capacity to manage the programme and involved EU procedures and activities.

3.3. Activities

A) In line with the provisions of PRAG there is going to be implemented two grant schemes covering following areas;

**Economic Growth and Employment**

- Strengthening of regional entrepreneurship
- Development of various forms of tourism
- Human resources and promotion of employment

**Quality Of Life / Environment / Culture**

- Protection of health
- Protection, promotion and management of natural environment
- Promotion of cultural and tourist activities
- Cooperation of educational institutions for the promotion of regional cooperation.

The grants will only be made available for projects whose immediate objective is non-commercial and strictly non-profit. Under no circumstances may the grant give rise to profits (i.e. it will be restricted to the amount required to balance income and expenditure for the project).

B) Technical Assistance

The procurement of the Technical Assistance will contribute to the sound management of programme and provide technical support.

Under the Technical Assistance component, the following tasks that are stated in the Programme Complement will be accomplished;

1. Planning, designing, preparing, elaborating, evaluating, managing, monitoring and control of Programme actions co-financed by “Pre-accession financial assistance for Turkey”
2. Service support-related actions concerning the preparation and operation of the Monitoring Committee, Steering Committee and the Technical Secretariat with respect to the preparation, elaboration and implementation of actions co-financed by “Pre-accession financial assistance for Turkey”
3. Procurement of equipment to support SPO, the Monitoring and Steering Committees, Regional and Technical Secretariats and agencies which are preparing, elaborating and implementing actions under the Programme
4. Covering the expenses of programme related activities of R/LTS and the expenses of Monitoring and Steering Committee meetings
5. Audit and site inspection costs relating to Measures and Actions under the Programme (e.g. External auditors to conduct audits, checks etc)
6. Evaluation consultant services
7. Training (mainly for SPO, CFCU, R/LTS)
8. Preparation of required documents in order to bring the projects to the necessary maturity level (feasibility studies, environmental impact assessment, technical specifications etc).
9. Providing assessors for the selection of grant applications
10. Covering audit and site inspection costs relating to Measures and Actions under the Programme (e.g. External auditors to conduct audits, checks etc)
11. Studies (e.g. localizing and refining Programme actions)
12. Elaboration of a Communication Action Plan
   - Determining the main recipients of the Action Plan (target (groups), their grouping in individual categories and specification of their needs
   - Action Plan frequency and duration
   - Communication means (press, electronic mass media, internet)
   - Content (general, specialized, summary, detailed) of the communication policy
13. Implementation of publicity activities
It includes the entire set of actions to be produced by the Communication Action Plan such as:

- Publications in the daily and periodic press (full page articles, inserts etc)
- TV and radio messages, programmes, etc
- Organising of conferences, seminars, information workshops – sensitising final beneficiaries and recipients of actions under the Programme
- Preparing and distributing printed matter (leaflets, newsletters, signs, posters etc)
- Development and utilization of IT systems
- Participation in national and international exhibitions, conferences etc with comprehensive presentations, exhibitions of photographic and other material etc

**Priority areas**

The whole programme has four priorities including technical assistance. One of the priorities of the programme namely the “infrastructure in eligible regions” is left for the 2006 programming year since high level of maturity is required for the relevant projects. The other two priorities that will be included in 2005 programming year are as follows:

**i) Economic Development and Employment**

The strengthening of the entrepreneurship in both sides will create a regional cooperation network between SMEs, aiming to the exchange of expertise, the cooperation in the production, in areas where there are possibilities for complementary actions, as well as promotion of the entrepreneurship and the export orientation of the enterprises by creating a healthy environment for investments.

More specifically, in the tourism area, which includes a wide range of activities in the eligible areas, the development of the entrepreneurship, will be sought, with a focus in the various forms of tourism and the development of cooperation with emphasis in the natural and cultural resources.

The cooperation between the agencies promoting the employment will be strengthened, aiming to the exchange of expertise and the elaboration of projects reducing unemployment in adjacent regions.

Risks that may be involved and prevent the successful implementation of activities under this priority are the discontinuity of the both governments’ commitment to support cooperation between two countries, lack of interest of the local institutions in the programme, lack of co-financing for individual projects and insufficient consultancy and training directed both to the management structure of the programme and the other related stakeholders of the programme for efficient and sound project management. Additionally, lack of joint working history and disparity of funding available on either side may create obstacles to the development of joint projects. These risks are also involved for the other priority.

**ii) Quality of life / Environment / Culture**
The university, research and technological institutions operating in the eligible areas, would be focal points, which will contribute to the creation and the intensification of regional cooperation. The upgrading of the educational standards and the specialised knowledge to individuals seeking to improve their educational level will have a long term positive impact in the entire programme region. The creation of cooperation links among the development agencies of each region will result to the combination of the knowledge with the production in order to address issues of common interest.

The improvement of the health care system of the citizens is achieved through the creation of health centres and stations of hygienic control, beneficial to both sides, aiming to the control, through research and cooperation, of infectious diseases transmitted through persons and animals.

Regarding the sensitive area of the environment, joint projects could be developed for the enhancement of its protection, taking into account the specific conditions in areas of considerable biodiversity with a large number of rare species and bio-systems, water resources, coastal zones as well as to monitor, and reduce specific kinds of pollutants in the land and the sea waters.

The urban waste and the liquid waste from livestock breeding and processing units as well as the pollution from various human activities are the main threat to the sensitive environmental sector.

The development of the rural and urban areas in the eligible region, aims to the establishment of a common economic and natural environment. The regional and spatial analysis may function as a basis for the application of complementary programs and strategies for the wider eligible area.

The area participates actively in the competition for the attraction of tourist flows, which could be enhanced through the upgrading of the quality of the tourist services provided and promotion of common cultural resources and activities.

The activities for tourism development have been developed fast enough in the eligible area, in such a way, that in some areas tourism has been proved one of the most important factors of pressure regarding the natural environment. The tourism activities tend to become competitive with the urban and economic operations such as the agricultural and industrial activities. There must be a compromise between the protection of the environment and the tourism development, in these eligible regions, with a view to developing the economic tourism sector and promotion of various forms of tourism without destroying the environment and taking into consideration the carrying capacity of the regions.

3.4. Linked activities

CBC Programme with Bulgaria

Edirne, which is one of the NUTS III regions included in the programme, is also covered by the Cross-Border Cooperation Programme established between Bulgaria and Turkey. The Programme will be implemented within the framework of a “Joint Programming Document” which includes strategies, priorities and measures for the period 2004-2006.
The contribution of EU to the Programme amounts to 15 Million Euros. Main priority areas in the “Joint Programming Document” are determined as follows:

- SMEs,
- Support to Regional Entrepreneurship,
- Infrastructure.

A pilot project is designed to improve cooperation between eligible regions of both countries and gain experience in CBC. The call for proposals for 2003 JSPF was launched on the 26th of October 2004. Main priority areas stated in the project fiche prepared for the corresponding Joint Small Projects Fund are as follows:

- Increasing Institutional Capacity,
- Economic Development,
- Environment-Tourism,
- Cultural Exchange,
- Planning and Development Studies.

The Greek-Turkish Civic Dialogue Component of the Civil Society Development Programme

The Civil Society Development Programme has come into effect in 2001. The overall objective of the Civil Society Development Programme (CSDP) is to reinforce the role of civil society in Turkish democracy; to develop the capacity for citizen initiative, local and international dialogue and to help establish a more balanced relationship between citizens and states.

The Greek-Turkish Civic Dialogue Component of the CSDP aims to strengthen civil society capacity for dialogue, networking and partnerships with civil society in Greece, stimulate exchange of know-how and implementation of joint projects reflecting a dedication to common sets of goals.

In view of this objective, the Turkey-Greece civic dialogue component of the CSDP has provided grants to NGOs on three levels: supporting grass-roots women initiatives and cooperation between Greek and Turkish women, implemented by WINPEACE (Women’s Initiative for Peace); promoting youth exchanges to stimulate dialogue and understanding between Greek and Turkish youth NGOs, implemented by the European student organisation AEGEE; supporting cooperation within the media between media executives and local and regional media through article exchanges, internships, training, joint reporting and eventually joint programming, implemented by European Centre for Common Ground.

Development of EU-Turkey Business Centres

The European Commission aims at supporting small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) - which represent 99.5% of some 200,000 industrial enterprises, 61.1 % of employed people and 27.4% of total production - through the implementation of the EU-Turkey Business Centers project. The project envisages establishment of three sustainable business centers (BCs) in; Gaziantep, Kocaeli and İzmir. İzmir is also in the scope of the Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme.
The programme aims at, through the three Business Centres:

- supporting SMEs with the improvement of their general business operations through provision of information and training/advisory support in management related topics, like financial management, marketing, access to credit, etc.,
- assisting SMEs in the internationalization process towards the EU and the Mediterranean Partners through existing networks and individual actions initiated by them,
- coordinating EC's SME development activities by acting as focal points for other EC-supported projects,
- encouraging participation of women entrepreneurs in business activities,
- interpreting the built up experience into policy guidelines to be forwarded to appropriate existing channels in order to improve the business climate for SMEs.

3.5. Lessons Learned

There is limited experience in Turkey as regards implementing Interreg Cooperation programmes and grant schemes at NUTS II / NUTS III regional level. Experience from the candidate countries demonstrates the potential of such programmes in promoting cross border cooperation and regional economic development of eligible regions, provided that transparent and efficient selection, implementation and monitoring / evaluation structures are established.

Local and regional partners have very limited capacity to develop and undertake large-scale projects.

For some regions, the disparity of funding available on either side has created obstacles to development of joint projects. Also, the limited budget of the Programme for the Turkish side, can be seen as an obstacle to develop a good number of measures.

4. Institutional Framework

The countries participating in the programme have agreed on the following structures for the management and monitoring of the Interreg III/A Greece – Turkey Programme:

- Joint Monitoring/ Steering Committee
- Managing Authority
- Paying Authority
- Technical Secretariat

**Joint Monitoring/ Steering Committee:**

The Monitoring / Steering Committee is co-chaired: from the Greek side by the Secretary General for Investment and Development of the Ministry of National Economy; from the Turkish side by the Deputy Undersecretary of State Planning Organization. The Committee is constituted from the following members:
Up to 9 representatives per country from central, regional or prefectural Authorities including environmental and socio-economic partners. Representatives from the European Commission with advisory status.

The Joint Monitoring / Steering Committee shall meet at least twice a year\(^1\). Whenever necessary, the countries that participate in the programme are obliged to call an extraordinary meeting of the Monitoring Committee.

The decisions of the Joint Monitoring / Steering Committee are taken by consensus of all participants. These decisions may also be taken with the written procedure, by means of printed or electronic form. No decision can be taken without the agreement of the Co-Chairmen.

 Managing Authority:
The Managing Authority has been established in Greece in the Ministry of Economy and Finance that is entitled as “Managing Authority of the Community Initiative Programme Interreg” and anticipates the responsibility of the Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme.

On the Turkish side, the State Planning Organization (DPT) has the responsibility of management.

 Paying Authority:
For the Greek side, The Paying Authority for this INTERREG programme is established within the Ministry of Economy and Finances in order to draw up, submit claims for payment and receive payments from the EC.

For the Turkish side, the Paying (and Contracting) Authority is the CFCU, which is responsible for the financial monitoring of the programme. It has responsibilities for the entire budget, the tendering, contract award, all aspects of accounting and financial reporting concerning procurement of services, supplies, projects and grants in the framework of EU funded programmes in Turkey.

 Technical Secretariat:
The Joint Technical Secretariat will consist of three parts: The Turkish part, consisting of representatives of Turkish eligible regions, the Greek part, consisting of representatives of Greek eligible regions, and the common part, consisting of representatives from the eligible regions of both countries as well as representatives from State Planning Organisation (SPO) and the Managing Authority of CIP Interreg.

The common part of the Joint Technical Secretariat consists of representatives of both the Greek and the Turkish eligible regions as well as some representatives of the Managing Authority and the State Planning Organisation (SPO), who meet regularly and have an important co-ordinating role in terms of planning, evaluating and supporting and supervising the implementation of the projects.

\(^1\) As stated in 3.1., the 1\(^{st}\) Joint Monitoring and Steering Committee (JMSC) meeting was held in Chios on 3\(^{rd}\) of November 2004
Tasks of the Common Part of the Joint Technical Secretariat:

- Acts as link between the authorities of the programme and the national authorities
- Coordinates the actions for the information and publicity of the programme in cooperation with the Managing Authority and the responsible authorities in every country
- Coordinates the evaluation process between the Managing Authority of the Programme and the respective Turkish authorities (CFCU and SPO) and presents the results of the evaluation of Greek and Turkish proposals to the responsible authorities to the Monitoring and Steering Committee
- Supports Monitoring and Steering Committee by providing administrative support
- Coordinates the monitoring of the progress of the projects and informs regularly both sides about the progress of final beneficiaries who are cooperating for the implementation of a project.
- Facilitates the partner search
- Provides specifications to the evaluators.

The Turkish part of the Technical Secretariat is composed of six Local Technical Secretariats in each NUTS III region covered by the Programme and one Regional Technical Secretariat.

The Local Technical Secretariats are established in the governorships of respective provinces and composed of two staffs. In brief, they are the first contact points for local stakeholders and take an active role in grant management and awareness rising at local level. The tasks of Regional Technical Secretariat are assigned to the Economic Development Foundation of Aegean Region (EGEV). The foundation includes among its members the region’s governorships, NGOs and educational institutions. The Regional technical Secretariat is basically responsible for the coordination of the LTS.

The Interreg III/A Programme will be implemented as much as possible on a decentralized basis. The selection of projects to be supported by the Interreg III/A Programme shall be carried out with ex-ante approval of the EC according to PRAG. The projects shall be implemented with ex-post control of the EC in accordance with the JPD and the PC. The publicity, evaluation/selection of projects, and contracting will be carried out in accordance with PRAG.

5. Budget (in EURO):

The EU budget of Interreg III/A Programme for the year 2005 is €3,509,000 for Turkey. The following two tables give the details of the programme budget for the whole programme period and the programming year of 2005, which this project fiche is prepared for, respectively.
Table 1: The Allocation of Programme Budget to the Priorities for the Period of 2004-2006 on the Turkish Side (Meuro)

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<th>Period 2004-2006</th>
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<td>National Public Funds (*)</td>
<td>Other Sources (**)</td>
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(*) Contributions form National, Regional, Local, Municipal authorities, FIs loans to public entities, funds from public enterprises

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Table 2: The Allocation of Programme Budget to the Priorities for the Programming Year 2005 on the Turkish Side (1000 Euro)

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| Year 2005 Institution Building support          |                                        |              |           |
| Priority Axis 4                                 | 968                                    |              | 968       |
| IB support                                      | 968                                    |              | 968       |

| Total project 2005                              |                                        |              |           |
| 3,509                                           | 846                                   | 846          | 4,355     |

(*) Contributions from National, Regional, Local, Municipal authorities, FIs loans to public entities, funds from public enterprises
(**) Private funds, FIs loans to private entities

1. All investment sub-projects supported by the pre-accession fund must receive co-financing from national public funds. Minimum requirement for co-financing from national public funds is 25% of the combined PHARE and national contributions to the overall investment support.

2. Many Institution building projects will also have a degree of co-financing – this should be quantified and included wherever possible.
3. Expenditure related to equipment (regulatory infrastructure or ESC-related) and to Technical Assistance supporting investment (e.g. pre feasibility study / supervision of works / technical specifications) should be considered as Investment support in the project fiche.

4. All co-financing must be provided on a joint basis. Parallel co-financing will, in principle, not be accepted. Exceptions to this rule have to be agreed with the Commission in advance.

5. All co-financing should be clearly quantified, also the degree of certainty of such co-financing (i.e. for National Public Funds: is it already earmarked in local or national budget, for FIs Loans, private funds: are they already approved/ under appraisal, etc.).

6. Where parallel co-financing is accepted and justified per exception to the normal rule it should be provided in monetary form. If this is not possible there should be clear criteria set out for the valuation of any non-monetary contributions (that should be quantified in the table).

7. If twinning is involved, clearly state the expected budget of the twinning covenant.

8. The financial engineering of the project should be closely monitored against actual delivery during implementation and against the objectives that were set in the project fiche so that corrective actions may be taken where required.

6. Implementation arrangements:

6.1 Implementing Agency

The Implementing Agency will be the Central Finance and Contracts Unit (CFCU), which will retain overall responsibility for the implementation of the programme, including preparation of tender documents, evaluation criteria, evaluation of offers, signature of contracts, authorization of invoices.

6.2 Beneficiary

The Beneficiary will be the State Planning Organization (DPT).

6.3. Non-standard aspects

There are no “non-standards aspects”. The “Practical Guide to EC External Aid Contract Procedures” will strictly be followed.

6.4. Contracts

Grant Contracts will be signed according to the PRAG (Practical Guide to contract procedures financed from the general budget of the EC in the context of external actions).

7. Implementation schedule
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<th>Start of Tendering/call for proposals</th>
<th>1Q/2006²</th>
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<td>Start of project activity</td>
<td>3Q/2006</td>
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<td>Completion of projects (estimated)</td>
<td>4Q/2008</td>
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8. **Equal opportunity:**

Through all the implementation phases specific provisions will be put in place to guarantee equal opportunity of access to activities and benefits accruing from the grant schemes. Gender related indicators will be adopted and monitored when individual projects are selected for funding.

In the whole process of preparation and implementation of the projects no discrimination between men and women will be made.

9. **Environment**

Environmental aspects will be assessed individually for each of the proposed projects.

10. **Rates of return**

N/A

11. **Investment Criteria**

11.1. **Catalytic effect:**

The programme will have a significant positive effect on the capacity of national and local institutions to manage regional cooperation programmes in eligible areas.

11.2. **Co-financing**

The EC co-financing contribution to the proposed grant schemes will be maximum 75% of the total.

11.3. **Additionality**

All eligible projects under the grant schemes will respect the additionality principle.

11.4. **Project readiness and size**

Day to day implementation will be carried out by regional and local structures, under the overall supervision, guidance and monitoring of the SPO. Both regional, local and central institutions directly involved at the implementation of the project will be supported by a Technical Assistance team working on a continuous basis with them.

² All of the stated dates depend on the date of signature for the Financing Memorandum, between Turkish Government and EC.
It will be the responsibility of applicants through feasibility studies, business plans or other documentation to demonstrate that their individual projects are in compliance with EU norms and standards, are financially sustainable and have no adverse effects on the environment.

11.5. Sustainability

The sustainability of individual projects and of project applicants will be among the selection criteria in all the grant scheme.

11.6. Compliance with state aids provisions

Support provided under the grant scheme respects state aid provisions. The project is in accordance with Article 92(3) (a) of the treaty of Rome with respect to regional aid in the EU.

12. Conditionality and sequencing

The planned grant scheme activity will depend on the following preconditions;

- Technical and institutional capacity of the regional/local technical secretariats is improved to the level necessary for the implementation of grant scheme.
- The monitoring system is established for the sound management of grant scheme.
- The potential beneficiaries are informed of the programme and the grant application procedures.

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1. Logical framework matrix
2. Detailed implementation chart
3. Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter
4. Reference to feasibility/pre-feasibility studies
5. List of Relevant Laws and Regulations
6. Reference list of relevant strategic plans and studies
**ANNEX-1: LOGFRAME**

### Programme Name: Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme

- **Programme No:**
- **Contracting Period Expires:** 30/11/2007
- **Country:** Turkey
- **Disbursement Period expires:** 30/11/2008
- **Total Budget:** 4.355 MEURO
- **EU Contribution:** 3.509 MEURO

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<td>- Increase in percentage of joint ventures and co-operation agreements</td>
<td>- EC Regular Report on Turkey</td>
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<td>- Support the further development of the economic potential of the eligible regions</td>
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<td>- Number of <strong>regional</strong> cooperation projects/initiatives for employment development</td>
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<td>- Increase in number of cooperative Research and Technology Development projects</td>
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material losses arising from emergency incidents
- Decrease in illegal discharges and pollution in environmental resources of the region such as water resources
- Achievement of genuine common management of programme (decisions taken by the two sides working together at all stages of the management process)

Results

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| - Increase in the volume of trade between two countries  
  - Number of new jobs created  
  - Number of SMEs (including start ups) supported that are involved in regional cooperation projects  
  - Number of co-operation structures established between tourism offices  
  - Number of joint promotion campaigns held  
  - Number of regional cooperation structures like networks, forums established  
  - Increase in the number of tourists visiting the eligible regions |
| - Monitoring and assessment reports  
  - Programme evaluation and progress reports  
  - Regional / local secretariat reports  
  - Universities and other educational institutions  
  - Statistics maintained by Undersecretariats of Foreign Trade and Treasury  
  - Statistics compiled by local chambers of Commerce and Industry  
  - Statistics maintained by tourism, environment and social policies |
| - Strong capacity and commitment of local actors (public, private and non-profit organizations) for regional partnership  
  - Fully fletched Regional / Local Technical Secretariats in all NUTS III regions established |

- Economic activity and encouraging initiatives for addressing unemployment strengthened
- Quality of life and management of environmental and cultural resources improved
- Technical and institutional capacity at the regional and central level improved
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| - EU Grants given for the projects for the following priorities and measures;| - In order to carry out the activities call for proposals will be launched.  
- To assist the implementing organizations both in the region and in the center in terms of technical capacity and provide them with the necessary equipment technical assistance budget of 0.97 million Euro for 2005 will be | - Sustained interest of local institutions in the programme  
- Sound project proposals (i.e. well prepared projects incl. all requested technical documentation) addressing the measures selected for support  
- Beneficiaries' co-financing for individual projects                                                |
<p>| Economic Growth And Employment                                            |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                          |
| - Strengthening of entrepreneurship in eligible regions                  |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                          |
| - Development of various forms of tourism                                 |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                          |
| - Human resources and promotion of employment                            |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                          |</p>
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<td>- Protection, promotion and management of natural environment</td>
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<td>- Efficient project management at the national/ regional/local level during implementation is established and training provided on financial flows, monitoring, reporting etc.</td>
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<td>- Promotion of cultural and tourist activities</td>
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<td>- Cooperation of educational institutions for the promotion of cooperation in eligible regions</td>
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<td>- Good quality consultancy services at the regional level available</td>
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<td>• TA activities such as workshops, information campaigns, study visits, etc. provided.</td>
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mobilized
• Beneficiaries’ co-financing for individual projects available
• Set of clearly defined criteria for selection of projects eligible for the programme
• Required technical documentation for individual projects and scheme sub-projects prepared
• Well developed working relationship between DPT (Central Level) and Regional / Local Technical Secretariats (Regional Level) secured
• TA operational
### Annex 2 – Detailed implementation chart

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T: Tendering  
C: Contracting  
I: Implementation  
D: Disbursement
Annex 3 – Detailed contracting and disbursement schedule
Project title: Interreg III/A Greece-Turkey Programme

### Cumulative contracting schedule by quarter in Meuro (planned)

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Annex 5: List of Relevant Laws Regulations

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(PHARE Regulation)

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