

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2011 -

**Central Financing and Contracting Department (CFCD) of the Ministry of Finance
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

1. Basic act and Financing source

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre - Accession Assistance (IPA)¹;
- Financing Agreement concerning the National Program for IPA 2009 - Transition Assistance and Institution Building – Component I entered into force on 21 December 2010 .

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2011 and expected results

a) Grant scheme “Support to Enhancement, Sustainability and the Development of an Active Civil Society” – General Secretariat of the Government

The grant scheme “**Support to Enhancement, Sustainability and the Development of an Active Civil Society**” will support the strengthening of the capacity of Civil Society in the fight against corruption and organised crime, in the protection of human rights, and the Civil Society Organization (CSO) management and networking, including joint implementation of community -based activities and social services, resource mobilisation, mobilising voluntary work, institutional cooperation between CSOs and between CSOs and the central and local government.

The following results are to be achieved by the implementation of the above -mentioned actions/projects:

- Improved fight against corruption and organised crime (including fight against trafficking of human beings and fight against illegal substances and support in drug information campaigns on local and national level in primary schools) ;
- Strengthened CSO management and networking, including joint implementation of community based activities and social services, resource mobilisation, mobilising voluntary work, institutional cooperation between CSOs and between CSOs and the central and local government ; and
- Improved level of protection of human rights, with special focus on vulnerable people , support to the victims of family violence, mobilization of the local municipalities for the prevention of HIV/AIDS/STI amongst the most at risk adolescents and supporting the activities within the Decade for Roma inclusion 2005 – 2015 and the National Strategy for Roma.

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006.

b) Direct grant to the Council of Europe for the project “Capacity Building of the Law Enforcement Agencies for Appropriate Treatment of Detained and Sentenced Persons ” - Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Interior Affairs / Ministry of Justice

The direct grant “**Capacity Building of the Law Enforcement Agencies for Appropriate Treatment of Detained and Sentenced Persons**” will support the improvement of respecting human rights by law enforcement agencies and the penitentiary institutions in line with European standards and European prison rules.

The following results are to be achieved by the implementation of the above -mentioned operation:

- Developed capacities for ensuring professionalism of the police service in guaranteeing full observance of fundamental rights through an efficient and reliable regulatory and operational framework, and
- Strengthened organisational and management capacity of the penitentiary system in the country for ensuring full protection of human rights in the treatment of the detained and convicted persons.

c) Direct grant to the National Conservation Center for the project “Conservation and revitalization of the cultural – tourist site St George – Staro Nagorichane” – Beneficiary institution: Ministry of Culture

The direct grant “**Conservation and revitalization of the cultural – tourist site St George – Staro Nagorichane**” will support the conservation and revitalisation of the monastery complex of St. George in Staro Nagorichane.

The following results are to be achieved by the implementation of the above -mentioned operation:

- Conducted necessary preparatory work (required documentation, research est.) for the conservation and revitalization;
- Prepared blueprints and projects design;
- Completed conservation and restoration works on St. George’s church and the surrounding area;
- Implemented promotional activities.

d) Direct grant to the European Central Bank for the project “Review of legal, organizational and resource requirements for the National Bank in the process of European Central Bank (ECB) and European System of Central Banks (ESCB) accession ” – Beneficiary institution: NBRM²

The direct grant “**Review of legal, organizational and resource requirements for the National Bank in the process of European Central Bank (ECB) and European System of Central Banks (ESCB) accession**” will support the strengthening of the NBRM institutional capacity by reviewing the legal, organizational and resource requirements for alignment with the standard institutional and operational framework of the ESCB and ECB.

The following results are to be achieved by the implementation of the above -mentioned operation:

- Adopted specific frame of reference for assessment of the selected central banking activities;
- Prepared report of the legal, organizational and resource requirements in the selected central banking activities; and
- Prepared Synthesis (Needs Assessment) Report and outline of recommendations.

² *National Bank of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*

3. Eligibility conditions

a) Grant scheme

The eligible conditions will be set out in the Guidelines for applicants and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU External Actions.

b) Direct grants to Council of Europe/ National Conservation Center / European Central Bank

The operations will be implemented by way of “direct grants” to the Council of Europe / National Conservation Center / European Central Bank, without calls for proposals in accordance with the point 6.3.2. of the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU External Actions.

The contractual arrangements have been already determined in the approved Project Fishes that are annexed to the signed Financing Agreement concerning the National Program for IPA 2009 - Transition Assistance and Institution Building – Component I, that entered into force on 21 December 2010.

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU External Actions .

5. Maximum rate of European Union financing

a) Grant scheme

The EU contribution rate will be up to 90 % of the total eligible costs of the action.

b) Direct grant to Council of Europe

The EU contribution rate will be up to 85, 7 % of the total eligible costs of the action. The rest will be provided by national and Council of Europe funds

c) Direct grant to National Conservation Center

The EU contribution rate will be up to 75 % of the total eligible costs of the action. The rest will be provided by national funds.

d) Direct grant to European Central Bank

The EU contribution rate will be up to 90 % of the total eligible costs of the action. The rest will be provided by national funds.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

a) Grant scheme

This Call for proposals will most likely be launched in the 3rd quarter of 2011 .

b) Direct grant to Council of Europe

This award of the direct grant is scheduled for the 3rd quarter of 2011.

The duration will be 24 months.

c) Direct grant to National Conservation Center

This award of the direct grant is scheduled for the 3rd quarter of 2011.

The duration will be 24 months.

d) Direct grant to European Central Bank

This award of the direct grant is scheduled for the 3rd quarter of 2011.

The duration will be 9 months.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

a) Grant scheme

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposal is EUR 1.666.666 (this allocation consists of EUR 1.500.000 from IPA funds and EUR 166.666 from private/ grant beneficiaries contribution).

b) Direct grant to Council of Europe

The overall indicative amount made available is EUR 2.100.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 1.800.000 from IPA funds, EUR 200.000 from National co-financing funds and EUR 100.000 from Council of Europe funds).

c) Direct grant to National Conservation Center

The overall indicative amount made available is EUR 424.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 318.000 from IPA funds and EUR 106.000 from National co-financing funds).

d) Direct grant to European Central Bank

The overall indicative amount made available is EUR 450.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 405.000 from IPA funds and EUR 45.000 from National co-financing funds).