ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS 2015

Central Financing and Contracting Department (CFCD) of the Ministry of Finance

Component I - Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component – TAIB

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 Programme for IPA 2013 Transition Assistance and Institutional Building – Component I entered into force on 19 December 2014.

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2015 and expected results

a. Grant Scheme "Enhancing socio economic development" – Beneficiary Institution: Cabinet of Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Economic Affairs

The grant scheme "Enhancing socio economic development" will support building the links between civil actions and the National strategy for Competitiveness and promoting policy-making in the area such as innovation, research and development and technology transfer. Furthermore, it will contribute to enhancing the economic policy research, diversification of exports and trade and to improving the information sharing, cooperation and alliance building, amongst relevant stakeholders.

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

- Building links between civil actions and the National strategy for Competitiveness,
- Promoting policy-making in the area of innovation, research and development and technology transfer,
- Economic policy research, diversification of exports, trade in services and environment,
- Improved information sharing, cooperation and alliance building, capacity, expertise and strategic-thinking amongst relevant stakeholders to carry out advocacy on trade, FDI, corporate governance and poverty related policy issues.

b. Direct Grant to UNDP – Beneficiary Institution: Ministry of Local Selfgovernment

The direct grant will contribute to consolidation of the local self-government system through ensuring a firm link between the decentralization and inclusive local sustainable development processes with the two supporting processes, the fiscal decentralization and the balanced regional development. It also aims at ensuring

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006

that the policy focus will shift on providing equitable access to better local services for all citizens through creation of enabling legal and institutional environment.

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

- Consolidation and effective implementation of the transferred competencies and resources
- Facilitation of the transfer of the additional competencies and resources aimed at ensuring smart, comprehensive and sustainable local development
- Continuation of the fiscal decentralization
- Ensuring balanced regional development of the country

3. Eligibility conditions

a) Grant Schemes

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

b) Direct Grant to UNDP

The actions will be implemented by way of "Direct Grant" to the UNDP without call for proposal in accordance with point 6.4.2 of the Practical Guide to Contract Procedures for EU External Actions.

The contractual arrangements have been already determined in the approved Project Fiche that is annexed to the signed Financing Agreement concerning the National Program for IPA 2013 Transition Assistance and Institution Building – Component I that entered into force on 19 December 2014.

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 Grant Scheme "Enhancing socio economic development" – Beneficiary Institution: Cabinet of Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Economic Affairs

The EU contribution rate (including national public co-financing) will be up to 90% of the total eligible costs of the action.

b. Direct Grant to UNDP - Beneficiary Institution: Ministry of Local Selfgovernment The EU contribution rate will be up to 85% of the total eligible costs of the action. The rest will be provided by national funds and UNDP.

6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals

a) Grant Scheme "Enhancing socio economic development" will be launched in the fourth quarter of 2015. The duration of an action may not be lower than 12 months nor exceed 24 months.

b) Direct Grant to National Conservation Centre

The award of the direct grant is scheduled for the third quarter of 2015.

The duration will be 24 months.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

a) Grant Scheme "Enhancing socio economic development" - The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposal is EUR 1.350.000 (this allocation consists of EUR 1.147.500 from IPA funds and EUR 202.500 from national contribution).

b) Direct Grant to UNDP

The overall indicative amount made available is EUR 2.352.941,17 (this allocation consists of EUR 2.000.000 from IPA funds, EUR 252.941,17 from national contribution and EUR 100.000 from UNDP).