

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

of the Central Finance and Contracting Unit

1. Basic act and Financing source

Council Regulation (EEC) no 3906/89 of 18 December 1989, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) 2257/2004 of 20 December 2004

PHARE 2006 Annual Action Programme for Croatia.

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for 2007 and expected results

(a) Enabling the Civil Society Sector for active contribution in the pre-accession process

Enabling participation and active contribution of CSOs¹ in developing, implementing and monitoring public policies and Acquis related policies (at all levels) in Croatia and contributing in raising of awareness of the benefits and challenges of EU accession.

Support CSO projects that contribute to successful accession related reform processes and meeting of political criteria for EU membership in the field of democratization and human rights

(b) Civil society development - Area of Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development

Enabling participation and active contribution of CSOs in developing, implementing and monitoring public policies and Acquis related policies (at all levels) in Croatia and contributing in raising of awareness of the benefits and challenges of EU accession.

Support CSO projects that contribute to successful accession related reform processes, meeting of political criteria for EU membership, implementation of the environmental Acquis in the sub-sector of Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development.

(c) Area of Youth Participation

Enabling participation and active contribution of CSOs in developing, implementing and monitoring public policies and Acquis related policies (at all levels) in Croatia and contributing in raising of awareness of the benefits and challenges of EU accession.

Support CSO projects that contribute to successful accession related reform processes, meeting of political criteria for EU membership and promotion of active youth participation.

(d) SME Pilot Grant Scheme - Support for Increasing the Competitiveness and Exports of SMEs

The objective of this Pilot Grant Scheme is to enhance competitiveness and export of SMEs in order to ensure that Croatian SMEs remain competitive within the Single Market.

¹ CSO – Civil Society Organisations

3. Eligibility conditions

(a) Enabling the Civil Society Sector for active contribution in the pre-accession process

The applicants will be legal non-for-profit and non-governmental organizations that can assure enhancement of local development and citizens' participation, setting up of cross-sectoral partnerships with the aim of enhancing democratisation and human rights processes and practice and supporting intra-sectoral cooperation, partnership and networking of CSOs with the aim of strengthening civil society influence and participation in development, implementation and monitoring of public policies related to democratisation and human rights issues.

(b) Civil society development - Area of Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development

The applicants will be legal non-for-profit and non-governmental organizations that can assure enhancement of local development and citizens' participation, setting up of cross-sectoral partnerships with the aim of dealing with environmental protection and sustainable development issues, supporting intra-sectoral cooperation, partnership and networking of CSOs with the aim of strengthening civil society influence and participation in development, implementation and monitoring of public policies related to environmental protection and sustainable development issues

Border region co-operation grant scheme

(c) Area of Youth Participation

The applicants will be legal non-for-profit and non-governmental organizations or formal networks of non-for-profit and non-governmental organizations that can assure enhancement of local development and citizens' participation, setting up of cross-sectoral partnerships with the aim of supporting active participation of youth in the social and political life of their communities and in development of civil society and Supporting intra-sectoral cooperation, partnership and networking of CSOs with the aim of strengthening civil society where young people can influence and participate in development, implementation and monitoring of public policies, particularly on the issues that affect them directly.

(d) SME Pilot Grant Scheme - Support for Increasing the Competitiveness and Exports of SMEs

The applicants will be export oriented SMEs.

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 EC external actions.

5. Maximum rate of Community financing

(a)– (c) Enabling the Civil Society Sector for active contribution in the pre-accession process/ Civil society development - Area of Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development/ Area of Youth Participation;

The maximum co-financing rate is 80% from the Phare fund. Further 10% is co-financed from the national budget of the Republic of Croatia. Therefore, the Final Beneficiary contributes with minimum 10% of own co-financing.

(d) SME Pilot Grant Scheme - Support for Increasing the Competitiveness and Exports of SMEs

Maximum rate of Community co-financing is 75%.

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

The calls for proposals will most likely be launched for:

- (a) Civil society development (Democracy and Human Rights)
 - in the third quarter of 2007
- (b) Civil society development - Environment grant scheme
 - in the third quarter of 2007
- (c) Youth
 - in the third quarter of 2007
- (d) SME Pilot Grant Scheme - Support for Increasing the Competitiveness and Exports of SMEs
 - in the fourth quarter of 2007

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

- (a) Civil society development (Democracy and Human Rights)
€ 967.500,00
- (b) Civil society development - Environment grant scheme
€ 967.500,00
- (c) Youth
€ 745.000,00
- (d) SME Pilot Grant Scheme - Support for Increasing the Competitiveness and Exports of SMEs
€ 2.700.000,00