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NCP Meeting 2008

Putting the network first



On 22-23 May the annual meeting of the National Contact points for Twinning and TAIEX took place in Brussels. On the programme presentations and discussions on present and future challenges for Twinning in the changed Enlargement context and in the European Neighbourhood. National Contact Points from Member States as well as Beneficiary Countries shared in lively presentations their Twinning experience with their colleagues. Finally, the outcome of some recent evaluations of the Twinning instrument was presented to the around 150 participants.



Programming *Upcoming Circulations*

Below you will find a list of upcoming Twinning projects in the Enlargement countries. Please note that this list is provisional, not extensive and that it will be updated on a regular basis. Following the request of National Contact Points of the Member States, it contains an indication as to the likely date of circulation, however this date is purely indicative and can be subject to change depending on the situation on the ground, the progress of linked activities and other circumstances.

Albania

Title	Provisional budget	Provisional circulation
Support for the General Directorate of Tax of Albania	€ 2.2 million	End 2008

Bosnia Herzegovina

Title	Provisional budget	Provisional circulation
Joint training of the SIPA financial Intelligence Unit and Crime Investigation Unit, Prosecutors, financial regulatory agencies and institutions	€ 400,000	September / October 2008
Strengthening Human Resources Management System	€ 500,000	September / October 2008

Technical assistance to the Ministry of Communication and Transport in implementation of projects under IPA regulation	€ 700,000	September / October 2008
Assistance to the Ministry of Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other competent authorities in effectively managing migration	€ 750,000	September / October 2008
Sustainable Capacity Building of the Insurance Agency of BiH and the Federation and Republika Srpska Insurance Supervisory Agencies	€ 800,000	September / October 2008

Croatia

Title	Beneficiary institution	Provisional circulation
Development of Customs Laboratory in Croatia	Ministry of Finance	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009
Capacity Building of the Croatian Agency for Protection of Personal Data	Croatian Agency for Protection of Personal Data	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009
Strengthening Capacities of USKOK	USKOK / Ministry of Justice	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009
Strengthening Capacities of Ministry of the Interior to combat Drugs Trafficking and Drugs Abuse	Ministry of the Interior	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009
Strengthening Anti-Corruption Inter-Agency Cooperation	State Attorney Office / Ministry of Justice	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009
Development of Regulatory Impact Assessment	HITROrez, Government of the RoC	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009
Establishment of effective and financially sound management system and control of use of	Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Rural Development	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009

agricultural funds in line with the EU requirements and international auditing standards		
Methodology for Energy Administrative data management related to EU regulations	Ministry of Economy, Labour and Enterprise	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009
Chemical Safety-Strengthening Legal Framework and Institutional Infrastructure for protection from the Dangerous Chemicals	Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009
Strengthening the Administrative Capacity of the Institutions related to work and safety at work	Ministry of Economy, Labour and Enterprise	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009
Implementation Croatian Competition and State Aid Policies	Croatian Competition Agency	1 st or 2 nd quarter 2009

former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Title	Provisional budget	Provisional circulation
Twinning to Energy Regulatory Commission		Autumn 2008
Supporting the process of fiscal decentralization through strengthening the capacities for internal financial control on local and central level		First or second quarter 2009
Democracy and Fundamental Rights		First or second quarter 2009
Support to the Public Procurement System		First or second quarter 2009
Strengthening the central and local level administrative capacities, with particular reference to air quality		First or second quarter 2009

Serbia

Title	Provisional budget	Provisional circulation
Support to the Supreme Audit Institution	€ 1,5 million	Autumn 2008
Police Reform - Internal Affairs, Ministry of Interior	€ 1 million	
Support to the Establishment of the Ombudsman Office	€ 1 million	Autumn 2008
Improving Border Control Standards, Ministry of Interior	€ 500.000	
Administrative capacity building of the Customs Administration for the full implementation of the common EU transit procedure	€1,5 million	End 2008 / first quarter 2009
Strengthening Administrative Capacities to Implement Air Quality Management System, Ministry of Environment	€ 1 million	End 2008 / first quarter 2009
Strengthening Administrative Capacities to protect Natural Areas, Ministry of Environment	€ 1 million	End 2008 / first quarter 2009
Capacity Building to implement Rural Development policies to EU standards	€ 2 million	End 2008 / first quarter 2009

The purpose of the in-house training seminar was to discuss upcoming issues of twinning management, to define guidelines for a harmonised and efficient response to such issues and to provide an opportunity for professional development for newly appointed twinning co-ordinators. It was also an excellent occasion to exchange best practices in twinning management, to provide a think tank for future developments and orientations in twinning management and to reinforce the network idea which lies at the heart of twinning. For this last purpose, this in-house training seminar had been organised the day before the annual meeting of National Contact Points for Twinning and Taiex takes place, in which most participants took part.

Experienced Twinning specialists such as Marc Vanbrabant of the EC Delegation in Sarajevo and Ipek Gecim of the EC Delegation in Ankara and Dieter Thiel of the EC Delegation in Skopje had kindly agreed to talk during the training.



Finally, remember not to hesitate to contact the Twinning and SIGMA Coordination Team for information or questions on both institution building instruments:

In-House Training Seminar

On 21 May, the Twinning co-ordination Team organised a training seminar for colleagues from the Delegations and the Administrative Offices on the Twinning project cycle.



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