Project No: LE9805.04

Title: Capacity Building for Management of Programmes

1. Location

Ministry of Finance, Smilðu Street 1, LV-1919 Rîga Valentîna Andrejeva, State Secretary

2. Project Objectives

General Objective

Enhancement of the efficiency of utilisation and co-ordination with budget resources of Phare programmes, bilateral foreign assistance and pre-structural funds.

Specific Objectives

- Strengthening of the management capacity of the Ministry of Finance, including the establishment of the National Fund.
- Strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Finance in implementation of Phare funds and enhance the capability of the Ministry of Finance in supporting line ministries with the planning and programming.
- Strengthening of the capacity of line ministries in the management and implementation of foreign assistance and structural funds projects.
- In particular the Ministry of Welfare will be strengthened in dealing with international contract and financial audits.
- Establishment of a management structure for the 5th Framework Programme in RTD.

National Programme for European Integration

National Programme for European Integration:

Priority Theme: Improving the Administrative Capacity.

* Sub-priority 1, Measure 1.2 Training and development in the civil service

Accession Partnership:

Short-term (1998) and Medium-term

Reinforcement of institutional and administrative capacity: further structural reform of public administration

3. Description, project components & inputs

Sub-component 1 – Programming and management of external funds

The project will provide support to the Ministry of Finance in the programming and management of external funds. The project will have an emphasis on the co-ordination of external resources with that of the budget. The project will in particular support the Foreign assistance Programme Co-ordination department, the National Fund and the Prestructural Funds Co-ordination Unit.

Sub-component 2 – Planning, design and implementation of projects

The project will provide assistance to line ministries, which need future capacity building for programming, design and implementation of project. It is envisaged (but not exclusively) that institutions in the field on Justice & Home Affairs, Education, and Social Sector will be candidates for further support. The support will focus on creating real capacity in selected ministries for the above mentioned areas.

Sub-component 3 – Financial Audits and Management of International Contracts

This project component will provide specific support to the Ministry of Welfare in the areas of financial audits and management of international contract. The inputs are envisaged to be technical assistance, experts advise and training

Sub-component 4 – Management Structure for 5th Framework

In order for Latvia to be able to benefits form the 5th Framework for RTD, which the Latvian government will sign up for; it is intended that this project should provide support to the establishment of a management structure. The input will be assistance with the preparation of the information materials documentation required for association with the programme. Funds will be made available for the support of a management unit. Initial and necessary research equipment will be provided in Genetic Analysis System, Advanced multimedia technology, and a Helium temperature closed cycle refrigerator.

Expected results and outputs

- Enhanced capacity and skill with Ministry of Finance staff for the planning and programming of external funds.
- Enhanced capacity of the Central Financing and Contracting Unit in the implementation of the Phare decentralised implementation system.
- Enhanced capacity of line ministries in preparing, implementing and monitoring of projects and programmes.

4. Institutional Framework

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for co-ordination of foreign assistance, implementation of the Phare programme and structural funds management. The Foreign Assistance Programme Co-ordination Department and The Central Financing and Contacting Unit are a department and an institution under the Ministry of Finance.

The Foreign Assistance Programme Co-ordination Department is responsible for foreign assistance co-ordination and structural funds co-ordination and management. The

National Fund (to be established in May/June 1998) will be part of the Ministry of Finance. The Structural Funds Co-ordination Unit will be established in May 1998 as part of the Foreign Assistance Programme Co-ordination Department.

The Central Financing and Contracting Unit (established in January 1998) is already responsible for the decentralised implementation of the Phare programme.

5. Budget

	Investment	Institution building	Total Phare (=I+IB)	Recipient* (state budget)	IFI*	TOTAL*
1. Programming and Management of external funds	N/A	400.000	400.000	65.000	N/A	465.000
2. Planning, design and implementation of projects	N/A	350.000	350.000	50.000	N/A	400.000
3. Financial Audits and International Contracts	N/A	100.000	100.000	10.000	N/A	110.000
4. management structure for 5th Framework RTD	137.000	N/A	137.000	70.000	N/A	207.000
TOTAL	137.000	850.000	987.000	195.000	N/A	1.182.000

^{*} In cases of co-financing only

6. Implementation Authority

Technical Implementation:

Foreign Assistance Programme Co-ordination Department, Ministry of Finance

Contractual & Financial Implementation

CFCU, PAO - Valentîna Andrçjeva, State Secretary Ministry of Finance

7. Implementation Schedule

The project is in the planning stage. The expected time frame and implementation schedule after the confirmation, specification and assignment of financing of the project is planned to be the following:

- start of tendering activities in August 1998,
- start of the project activities in January 1999,
- completion of the project implementation in January 2000.

8. Equal Opportunity

The Latvian public administration is an equal opportunity employer.

9. Conditionality and Sequencing

- The Ministry of Finance will establish the National Fund in May/June 1998.
- The Pre-structural Funds Co-ordination Unit will be established in may 1998.
- Continued support to the Central Contracting and Financing Unit is a perquisite for the ongoing activities.
- Line ministries should be committed and set forward own resources for planning and implementation of projects
- Coordination of the above outlined assistance together with line ministries
- Provision of sufficient local staff to work and learn from experts provided under the above outlined project

				Date of drafting: April 1998
LOGFRAME PLANNING Capacity E	Contracting period expires: 31.10.00	Disbursement period expires: 31.10.01		
Project Number LE9805.04			Total Budget:(1,377 MECU)	Phare contribution: (1,187 MECU)
Wider Objective	Indicators of Achievement*	How, When and By Whom Indicators Will Be Measured	Assumptions and R	lisks
 Enhancement of the efficiency of utilisation and co-ordination with budget resources of Phare programmes, bilateral foreign assistance and pre-structural funds 	Well co-ordination budget and external resources proces	Ministry of Finance and line ministries	 Commitment to supp projects and progran Availability of staff fo Trained staff stay wit 	r training
Immediate Objectives	Indicators of Achievement*	How, When and By Whom Indicators Will Be Measured	Assumptions and R	Risks
Strengthening of management, implementation capacity supporting capacity of Ministry of Finance and line ministers	Improved implementation and monitoring of programme Better planning and design of projects and programmes	Ministry of Finance and line ministries	 Commitment to supp projects and progran Availability of staff fo 	
Outputs	Indicators of Achievement*	How, When and By Whom Indicators Will Be Measured	Assumptions and R	lisks
 Enhanced capacity and skills with ministry staff Enhanced skills of line ministry staff Trained staff in ministries 	Staff able to design and implemented programmes without TA Structure in place for management of programmes	Ministry of Finance and line ministries	Commitment to support implementation of projects and programmes Availability of staff for training	
Inputs	Indicators of Achievement*	How, When and By Whom Indicators Will Be Measured	Assumptions and R	lisks
TA & TrainingEquipment	TA & training completed Equipment in place	Ministry of Finance and line ministries	Commitment to supp projects and programAvailability of staff fo	

^{*} Must be **quantified** and **measurable**

ANNEX 2 Detailed Cost Breakdown - LE 9805.04

	1999			2000			Total
Component	Budget	Phare	Other	Budget	Phare	Other	
Institution							
Building							
1. Programming & Management of external funds	65.000	400.000					465.000
2. Planning design and implementation of projects	50.000	350.000					400.000
3. Financial Audits and International Contracts	10.000	100.000					110.000
Investment							
4. Management Structure of 5 th Framework	70.000	137.000					207.000
Total	195.000	987.000					1.182.000

IMPLEMENTATION S	24.04.98							
				Planning Period	31.10.98 – 31.10.00			
Programme Title	General Technical Assistance Facility – Capacity Building for Management of Programmes							
Projects Sub-Projects		Budget Allocation Cost Estimate						
	I Oct 98-Mar 99	II Apr 99-Sep 99	III Oct 99-Mar 00	IV Apr 00-Sep 00				
Programming and Management of external funds	D+C+I	ı	I		400.000			
2. Planning design and implementation of projects	D+C+I	I	1		350.000			
3. Financial Audits and International Contracts	D+C+I	I	I		100.000			
4.Managemetn structure for 5 th Framework RTD	D+C+I	I	I		137.000			
Total Programme					ECU 987.000			

Legend
D =
C =
I = Design of sub-project
Tendering and contracting
Contract implementation and payment

COMMITMENT (CON	Date of Drafting	24.04.98			
	•			Planning Period	Oct. 98 – Sep. 00
Programme Title	General Technical A	ammes			
Projects Sub-Projects		Budget Allocation Cost Estimate			
		PLA	NNED		
	I Oct 98-Mar 99	II Apr 99-Sep 99	III Oct 99-Mar 00	IV Apr 00-Sep 00	
Programming and Management of external funds	400.000	400.000	400.000	400.000	400.000
Planning design and implementation of projects	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	350.000
4. Financial Audits and International Contracts	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
5.Managemetn structure for 5 th Framework RTD	137.000	137.000	137.000	137.000	137.000
Total Programme	987.000	987.000	987.000	987.000	ECU 987.000

DISBURSEMENT (PA	Date of Drafting	24.04.98			
	,			Planning Period	31.10.98 – 31.10.00
Programme Title	General Technical A	ammes			
Projects Sub-Projects		Budget Allocation Cost Estimate			
		PLA	NNED		
	I Oct 98-Mar 99	II Apr 99-Sep 99	III Oct 99-Mar 00	IV Apr 00-Sep 00	
Programming and Management of external funds	160.000	320.000	400.000	400.000	400.000
3. Planning design and implementation of projects	140.000	280.000	350.000	350.000	350.000
4. Financial Audits and International Contracts	50.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000
5.Managemetn structure for 5 th Framework RTD	100.000	137.000	137.000	137.000	137.000
Total Programme	450.000	837.000	987.000	987.000	ECU 987.000

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- Support has been given to relate projects in the areas of technical assistance coordination and implementation of Phare programmes under previous Phare
 programmes from 1991 to 1997. This assistance has in particular focused on
 supporting the Foreign Assistance Programme Co-ordination Department with its key
 functions. In the latter year this assistance has been changed into a more focused
 assistance for strengthening the capacity of the department.
- The Ministry of Welfare has received support in related, however slightly different areas relating to the reform of the Ministry, social security and labour market.
- This is the first time that Phare support is provided in the field of RTD.