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ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2009

MEMBER STATE:	GREECE
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RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY:	MINISTRY OF INTERIOR/ HELLENIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS/FINANCE DIVISION
YEAR COVERED:	2009

1. GENERAL RULES FOR SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

1.1. INTRODUCTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION METHODS TO BE USED

Due to the exclusive competences of the public bodies in the area of external borders and consular affairs, where the legal monopoly for law enforcement authorities and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs exists, for all the actions proposed in the 2009 annual programme the Responsible Authority will act as an **executing body**. The Responsible Authority will implement actions in association with three competent national authorities, namely the Hellenic Police, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG).

With a view to strengthening the system of management and control and in order to facilitate the tasks of the Responsible Authority concerning the monitoring of the appropriate arrangements, the Responsible Authority will sign **written agreements (memorandum of understanding)**, equivalent to the grant agreement, with the competent representative of each of the three bodies. These agreements will state all the details relating to the performance of the duties and obligations which are being delegated to those services, such as the monitoring and development of the implementing actions via periodical reports (monthly – quarterly) which will be submitted to the R.A. by the responsible Services either they concern supply of equipment or the realisation of educations.

Furthermore, the RA will have access in all files, which kept by the competent Services , concerning the implementation of the actions, in order to allow the RA to implement verifications of provided elements, after controls on the spot in application of article 15 of the Basic Act.

This will facilitate the work of the responsible authority, which will have the final responsibility for the implementation of the annual programme.

1.2. JUSTIFICATION OF THE EXECUTING BODY METHOD

1.2.1. Hellenic Police

Under Law 2800/2000 (Government Gazette I 41/29.02.2000), “Restructuring of departments of the Ministry of Public Order, establishment of the Hellenic Police HQ, and other provisions” and Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001), the **Hellenic Police** is responsible for combating illegal immigration across land borders and at airports and for checking compliance with the provisions relating to the entry, residence and employment of foreign nationals in Greece, except in areas under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard. In addition, the Hellenic Police is responsible for checking passports on board ships and in Greek ports.

1.2.2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Under Article 1 of Law 3566/2007, “Validation of the organisation plan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a code”, the mission of the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** is to exercise the foreign policy of Greece, which encompasses:

- a. issues pertaining to the international relations, international cooperation and international policy of Greece,
- b. the international representation of Greece,
- c. the defence of Greek interests abroad,
- d. the strengthening of international legality.

The exercise of foreign policy includes monitoring, evaluation, planning and implementation.

1.2.3. Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG)

The **Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG)** was established by Law 1753/1917 (Government Gazette I 67). It has a military structure and is under the authority of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy. It has general responsibility for illegal immigration and maritime borders issues. Additionally, pursuant to Article 2 of Legislative Decree 444/70 (Government Gazette I 39), “on the functions of the CG – relations with security forces”, the CG carries out general policing tasks in the sea area encompassing all the marine territory of Greece up to the point of contact between sea and shore, on board ships, on floating craft of all kinds and in ports and their shore areas.

According to the contents of the decision on the External Borders Fund, the entire territory of Greece is an eligible area for financial assistance through the Fund. So the actions, describing in the annual programme will be implemented only by the three competent Ministries, under the surveillance and the guidance of the Responsible Authority. So the **Responsible Authority will implement the projects of the actions of the annual programs jointly (indirectly) with services of the three bodies**, because of the technical expertise, high degree of specialization and administrative powers of the services per category of actions. However, the Responsible Authority has the responsibility of the implemented actions and will be the sole final beneficiary of all annual programs.

1.3. DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE SELECTION PROCEDURES APPLIED

1.3.1. Hellenic Police

The following competent services of the Hellenic Police have been involved both to the drafting of the annual program 2009 and will implement the decided actions:

- **Criminal Investigations Division**
- **Technical Matters Division**
- **Information System Division**
- **Aliens Division**
- **Training Division**
- **Public Security Division**

The process followed by Finance Division of the HPHQ for the selection of the projects, refers to an open call for proposals to the competent services of the HPHQ. This open call is a document, which refers to the eligible actions, the strategic guidelines (priorities – specific priorities) and the Community actions of the External Borders Fund (**article 5, 7, and 20 of the 574/2007/EC of 23 May 2007 Decision**) and prompts the competent services to submit relevant proposals for potential actions. After the response of all competent authorities, was constituted the Council of Staff Planning & Crisis Management, which decided about the selection of the proposed actions, the distribution of the credits among the eight years of the programme’s implementation. The actions which concern the Annual Programs, have been chosen exclusively from the sum of actions that has been described in the M.A.P. of External Border Fund and has already been approved by the above Council.

It is important to be demonstrated that the selection process complies absolutely with the article 16(5) of the basic act and the specific selection criteria were taken into account for the final selection of the projects.

1.3.2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The following competent services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been involved both to the drafting of the annual program 2009 and will implement the decided actions:

- **C4 Directorate of Justice / Home Affairs and Schengen,**
- **ST 2 Directorate of Information Technology and Communications**
- **Inspectorate-General**
- **Diplomatic Academy**

The general rules taken into account in selecting and planning the actions to be financed by the External Borders Fund under the Annual Programme 2009 are the same as those followed in drawing up the Annual Programme 2008. In particular, meetings were arranged, under the supervision of the office of the Special Secretary for the Utilisation of International Programmes, in order to elaborate proposals of the competent services for undertaking new actions and defining relevant details and operational plans.

Emphasis was placed on organisational / operational and administrative aspects in order to create conditions for quick implementation of the projects. These aim at modernising Greek consular services so that effective control on third countries nationals who wish to enter the Schengen Area is exercised and conditions for an integrated border management are established.

The procurement procedures are defined by the national and community legislation and vary according to the total cost of the projects. The types of makeshift competition and open public international competition for the allocation to the lowest tender bids have been chosen until now for the 2 projects of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to be implemented under the 2009 Annual Programme.

1.3.3. Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy/ Hellenic Coast Guard

The following competent services of the Hellenic Coast Guard have been involved both to the drafting of the Annual Program 2009 and will implement the decided actions:

- **Security Division**
- **Safety of Navigation Division**
- **Programming, Organising and Training Division**
- **Operational Means and Special Units Division**
- **Technical Support Division**
- **Informatics and new technologies Division**

A working group was established at the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, in order to contribute to the timely preparation of the Annual Programme 2009 of the External Borders Fund, concerning the eligible actions within the areas of responsibility of the Hellenic Coast Guard (HCG), with respect to the most effective management of maritime borders.

It consisted of representatives of the Financial Services Division and the National Sea Borders Centre (NSBC), as well as the above – mentioned Divisions, due to the nature of the proposed actions.

The group was informed by the Responsible Authority about the legal Act of External Borders Fund, defining the eligible actions under the Fund and its strategic guidelines (priorities) which were taken into consideration for the submission of relevant proposals to the military and political leadership of the Ministry.

The above – mentioned proposals have been approved by the leadership of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and were then submitted to the Responsible Authority.

1.4. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

Regarding to the procurement procedures, will be applied the national legislation about public supplies (Law of 2286/95 Government Gazette 19/A - 1-2-1995 and others), which is consistent with the provisions of article 11 of the implementation rules E(2008) 789, with the reservation for the provisions which they differentiate the amounts according with those that specialize the kinds of the competitions' procedures, such as **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted) or **concise process** (direct entrusting, makeshift or negotiated). According to the above mentioned Law and the relevant ministerial decisions, all the procurement procedures concerning the equipment's supplying for public services of Budget from 45.000 Euros and above, are held by the Ministry of Growth of our country. Nevertheless, the public services are able to ask from the Ministry of Growth the issuing of authorisation with result the above processes to be realised by them and no by the central service of the above mentioned Ministry. Thus, the Responsible Authority, will commit, via the signature of memorandum of understanding, to the services of Supplies of the three Authorities, either the realisation of all procedures concerning procurement procedures and implementation of conventions, provided that is granted relative authorisation from the Ministry of Growth, or the monitoring of the implementation course of the above processes that will be realised by the responsible service of Ministry of Growth.

2. CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS (if appropriate)

n/a

3. ACTIONS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAMME UNDER THE PRIORITIES CHOSEN

3.1. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 1

3.1.1. Organisation and Operation of Structures for Analysis of Criminal Intelligence on Organised Crime concerning Illegal Immigration (Priority 1-Objective 3 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police

3.1.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Criminal organisations, as is well-known, traffic immigrants illegally in an organised way, making large profits, mainly exploiting Greece's extensive sea borders. The response of the investigative authorities is not able to disrupt the aforementioned organisations and one of the main reasons is that arrests/convictions (with seizure of profits) do not normally reach their leadership, primarily due to restrictions on the analysis of information collected by Greece. The information processed and its analysis are today one of the most important tools for police forces to combat crime effectively. All modern police forces are required to record and process a huge volume of information relating to crime, notably organised crime by criminal organizations which facilitate illegally migrants, through the development of analysis departments and specially trained specialist analysts.

The necessary actions concerning the analysis of the criminological information in our country, which will allow to the persecutory authorities to fight effectively the criminal organizations related to the illegal immigration, are the following:

a) The staffing of the persecutory authorities with personnel – analysts.

- b) The continuing education and constitution of personnel.
- c) The purchase of material and technical equipment (Hardware, Software).
- d) The development – improvement of the National System of Criminological Information and
- e) The creation of a national file of analysis about criminological information, with specific target the dislocation of criminological organisations which are activated to the Illegal Immigration.

In order to be established the structures of the analysis of criminological information concerning the illegal immigration, the most necessary actions which have to be implemented are: a) Purchase of use licenses Software packs (software) and b) Purchase of technological equipment (hardware), for the following reasons:

1. The Greek analysts that have been educated on the analysis of criminological information, it is impossible to work without the help of a modern technology. **2.** The analysis of criminological information in our days is supported almost exclusively by the modern technology and the specialised parcels of software. All the Polices and all the organisations which have developed the analysis of criminological information, support the production of their work on the modern technology and the specialised parcels of software analysis.

The development of analysis departments and specified educated and specialised analysts is a characteristic of all modern units which enforce the law and which are responsible for the new and old forms of organised crime concerning the illegal immigration. The analytic work that the departments of analysis and the analysts produce is supported by specialised software, which is specifically drawn to support all the methods of analysis that the analysts use. The effectiveness of software analysis is related with its capacity to handle big volume of information and to provide results of analysis which are impossible to be produced with the traditional methods of analysis.

The Hellenic Police has been provided, until today, with only three analysis software licences, unlike other European countries where the use of analysis software is a prerequisite for the analysis of criminal intelligence. **The immediate supply of specific analysis software packages (user licences) is considered necessary** in order the educated police officers can apply immediately their knowledge. Also the products required by the Hellenic Police for the first stage of provision of its services are the following: **A} iBase designer {data base}, B} analysis notebook, C} text chart reader and D} pattern tracer.**

The following – mentioned actions are in continuation of the actions proposed in the Annual Program 2008 and for the Annual Program of 2009 are proposed the following: **1) The purchase of roughly 14 licenses of use packages of software analysis “Analysis Note Book”, 2) The purchase of roughly 14 use licenses Software packages of analysis iBase and roughly 5 iBase Designer use licenses Software packages of analysis.** The above - mentioned use licences for software of analysis will be disposed as follow:

SERVICES	SOFTWARE LICENSE		
	Analysis NoteBook	iBase User	iBase Designer
HELLENIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS (H.P.H.Q.) / PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION	2	2	2
SECURITY DIVISION OF ATTICA	5	5	1
SECURITY DIVISION OF	4	4	1

THESSALONICA			
ALIENS DIVISION OF ATTICA	1	1	0
ALIENS DIVISION OF THESSALONICA	1	1	0
H.P.H.Q./INFORMATION SYSTEM DIVISION	1	1	1
SUM	14	14	5

The programs of analysis it is necessary to be bought in order to be used by the above - mentioned Services, which have important role to the management – analysis of information concerning the illegal immigration. At those Services it can be function units of analysis of criminological information or analysts, who serve in these Services. The Information Technology Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters, is necessary to purchase the programs of analysis, in order to be able to support the Services, especially when it is been required the operation in a network of the Hellenic Police.

The major benefits that the Hellenic Police will obtain from the purchase and ongoing use of the software are as follows: **1}** better security services will be provided and better cooperation with foreign police forces will be achieved; **2}** from a large volume of information relating to a case it will be possible to extract correlations/linkages between entities (i.e. persons, vehicles, bank accounts, telephone connections, etc.), which cannot be done in any other way. The findings and conclusions from such correlations/linkages are a valuable tool in the efforts of operational units against the activity of criminal organisations; **3}** it will be possible to hold information about a case and to link it to other information that emerges at any time in the future; **4}** information from cases/court papers of different services will be linked and relationships will be identified, something that cannot be done today using national information bases; **5}** visualisation of the correlations using many types of diagram will greatly help police officers in operational services since, from the analysis reports, they will be able to see instances of correlation and to decode relationships, tactics, methods and procedures, with the result that similar action can be mapped; **6}** desk-based services will be able to gain a fuller picture of investigations of complex and serious cases which concern networks of illegal immigration, with the result that they take more strategically rational and complete decisions relating to guidance of personnel and allocation of resources and means; **7}** the effectiveness of the Hellenic Police will be significantly increased in the specific field and the quality of cooperation with police forces in other countries and with international organisations will be improved so that it will be more effective the dislocation of illegal immigration networks.

This action implies a continuation of (3.1.1) action included in annual programme 2008, but the equipments will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Interior.

3.1.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the

project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [article 6 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section, Public Security Division** and the **Information System Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.1.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, will be as follows: 1} direct information will be provided on correlations between persons, objects, telephone conversations, vehicles, bank accounts, documents, events, etc., of one case or among many cases which concern networks of illegal immigration; 2} the results of the correlations will be visualised so they are comprehensible to all; 3} information will be provided immediately on all cases, persons, vehicles, companies, telephone numbers, etc., recorded in a corresponding database; 4} it will serve as a network to be used (search/entry) by many services at the same time, for all data or some of it.

The purchase cost of the analysis software being largely offset by the benefits it offers to the police services (savings in staff and working hours, modernisation of investigation methods, effectiveness, quality, immediacy, etc.).

3.1.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased software licenses for the following applications : **"Analysis Note Book", iBase and iBase Designer.**

Outcome: **a)** Increased ability to recognize patterns, analyse trends and detect suspicious illegal activities and thereby predict risks, **b)** Clearer picture of conditions and activities along the EU external borders, **c)** Enhanced extent of awareness of risks and threats.

Impact: **a)** Enhanced information exchange and co-operation between authorities involved in border control and in the hinterland **b)** Increased border security, **c)** Increased knowledge base for operational decision making.

3.1.1.6. Visibility of EC funding (*Pertinent for all proposed actions in the Annual Programme 2009*)

The annual programme will be published on the official website of the Ministry of Interior as and when it is approved, with a reference to the website of the competent authority and references (with links) to the websites of the jointly responsible agencies (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Mercantile Marine, Aegean and Island Policy).

Publication of the objectives and instruments of the External Borders Fund is designed to:

- inform public opinion in general about the role played by the European Union and the Greek authorities in the programme and the results of its implementation;

- inform the public in general at central and regional level about the objectives, aims, priorities and actions of the Fund and the level of EC co financing through a selection of communication and promotional actions;
- guarantee actions under the programme are visible by providing a full range of information for all social agencies.

Consequently, the aim of valid and prompt information and publication is to achieve transparent and effective management of national and Community resources.

For the purposes of information and publicity measures concerning the Fund, the responsible authority set up under law 3613/07 (Government Gazette 263/1/23.11.2007) will publish, according to the above mentioned procedure, notices of each scheduled competition in the daily Greek press and in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Each communication action will include clear information on the participation of the EU (mainly in the form of a reference to the contribution of the EU and the percentage of assistance for the actions being promoted) and the European emblem/logo will appear alongside every national emblem/logo.

Information plaques or stickers will be attached to all types of equipment for co financed actions, depending on the type of equipment. One part of the plaque or sticker will be used to advertise the EU contribution (and specifically the External Borders Fund) by including a description in words and the Greek flag and the EU emblem/logo, as stipulated in Article 35 of Commission decision no. E (2008) 789/5-3-2008 on the implementation rules for Decision 574/2007/EC establishing the External Borders Fund.

The regulatory framework governing information and publicity of actions under the programme is set out in the above Commission decision (Articles 31-35) and is concerning only the Responsible authority, because **the RA will act only as an executing body**. The visibility guidelines, which the RA will follow, refer to Chapter 5 of the implementing rules, and will be absolutely followed by the competent unit of the Responsible Authority (**Unit 4**). The Monitoring Committee will, among other duties, supervise the implementation of the visibility obligations, according to articles 31-35 of the implementing rules.

In addition, the Responsible Authority already has experience from the application of Community programmes which have been and which are being implemented under which it was/is the grant recipient.

3.1.1.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate (*Pertinent for all proposed actions in the Annual Programme 2009*)

The actions described under the priorities that are planned to be implemented under the Fund, follow on from national action taken for the same reasons at central, regional and local level.

The actions to be implemented complement and follow on from actions taken under National and Community programmes which have been and are being implemented under both the 2nd and 3rd Community Support Frameworks, especially programmes under the INTERREG II and III Community initiatives (in terms of their cross-border aspects), the EQUAL Community initiative and the AGIS, FALKONE, OISIN, STOP, ODYSSEUS and PERIKLIS joint actions. The knowledge and experience gained from implementing operational programmes under the 3rd Community Support Framework, INTERREG II and III, ARGO, the trans-European transport networks and the European Fisheries Programme were also applied.

Particular attention was paid when drafting the multiannual programme to the results of joint European operations, programmed and coordinated by Frontex, as regards national human and operational resources in green borders, the Greek territorial waters and abroad.

Hellenic Police Headquarters has also been implementing various projects co-financed from operational programmes under the 2nd and 3rd Community Support Frameworks since 1995 and particular attention was therefore paid when preparing the multiannual and annual programmes to applying the knowledge and experience gained in order to include the best practices developed when planning the programmes. As such, and given that the application of the provisions of the European External Borders Fund depends on cohesion with projects defined in Objective 3 cross-border cooperation programmes, the strategy developed within the framework of the External Borders Fund is compatible with the objectives of the European Union Structural Funds (European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund), being pursued through sectoral and regional operational programmes in the 2007-2013 financial period.

In addition, to the above mentioned elements, for drafting the multiannual program and the annual programme, Greece took into account the general axes of the approved programs for the Structural Funds to be implemented during the period 2007-2013.

3.1.1.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 131.491,60**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 43.830,53** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to **EUR 175.322,13**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

3.1.2. The purchase of equipment to detect and check if travel documents, papers and other documents are forged / genuine (Priority 1-Objective 2 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police

3.1.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The present-day form of organised cross-border crime relating to illegal immigration is characterised by the opportunity for organised rings of traffickers to produce and supply trafficked illegal immigrants with forged documents of all kinds. The end goal is to deceive the authorities charged with controlling those entering and leaving via Greece's external borders. The supply of appropriate equipment is expected to make it possible to tackle illegal transit across our country's external borders using forged or falsified travel documents, as well as to tackle the provision and distribution of forged securities. The necessary equipment which is expected to cover this action will consist of: **191** devices for reading a full page of travel documents and security documents, **52** devices for live fingerprint detection (2) and **5** high-precision digital cameras. All the above mentioned equipment will be distributed at the counters and at the service officers of the following BCP's:

- Air BCPs: 29

- Maritime BCPs: 55
- Land BCPs with Albania: 4
- Land BCPs with FYROM: 4
- Land BCPs with Bulgaria: 5
- Land BCPs with Turkey: 3

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programme (3.1.2.) 2008 and (3.1.1.) 2007, but the equipments will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.2.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Interior.

3.1.2.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [article 15, 17 and 30 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section, Criminal Investigations Division and the Information System Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.2.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from the development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, are intended to be the tackling of cross-border crime relating, first, to illegal transit across Greece's external borders using forged or falsified travel documents and, second, activity concerning the use of forged securities. For that reason, planned equipment to be supplied will be located in the services of the Hellenic Police that have responsibility for control over those entering and leaving via Greece's external borders.

3.1.2.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased devices for reading a full page of travel documents and security documents, the number of purchased devices for live fingerprint detection (2) and the number of purchased high-precision digital cameras.

Outcome: Increased security at Border's crossing points, with the purchase of the above equipment, aim at reducing significantly the rate of the illegal immigration.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.2.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.2.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.2.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 977.159,64**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 325.719,88** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to **EUR 1.302.879,52**. The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

3.1.3. The purchase of patrol passenger vehicles (colours of Hellenic Police) 1800 cc and more(Priority 1-Objective 4 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Interior/Hellenic Police

3.1.3.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The above – mentioned one hundred (**100**) vehicles will be used for the realisation of patrols aiming to the localization of the illegal immigrants.

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programme (3.1.4.) 2008 and (3.1.3.) 2007, but the equipments will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.3.2. Expected grant recipients (*Pertinent for actions from 3.1.3. until 3.1.6.*)

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Interior.

3.1.3.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body (Pertinent for actions from 3.1.3. until 3.1.6.)

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [article 15 and 16 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Interior/Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section and the Technical Matters Division can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.3.4. Expected quantified results (Pertinent for actions from 3.1.3. until 3.1.6.)

The results expected from developing/implementing this action, as described, will be effective surveillance of land borders, with the increased potential to prevent illegal immigrants from successfully entering the country and, by extension, the EU. Constant and extensive controls within the country will allow a larger number of illegal immigrants to be located and deported and the general climate of increased surveillance at external borders and in the hinterland will discourage smugglers from attempting to bring illegal immigrants to Greece.

3.1.3.5. Indicators to be used (Pertinent for actions from 3.1.3. until 3.1.6.)

Output: the number of purchased patrol passenger vehicles (colours of Hellenic Police) 1800 cc and more, the number of purchased patrol passenger vehicles S/W (any colour) 1600 cc, the number of purchased type jeep vehicles 2000 cc and more and the number of purchased Helicopter.

Outcome: (a) Actual use of means of transport increased.

(b) Number and quality of available means for border guards increased.

(c) Better working conditions for the police personnel and the border guards.

(d) Efficient surveillance at borders and in hinterland increased.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.1.3.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.3.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.3.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 1.875.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 625.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 2.500.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the

Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

3.1.4. The purchase of patrol passenger vehicles S/W (any colour) 1600 cc (Priority 1-Objective 4 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police)

3.1.4.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The above – mentioned forty (**40**) vehicles will be used for the realisation of camouflage patrols aiming to the localization of the illegal immigrants.

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programme (3.1.5.) 2008 and (3.1.4.) 2007, but the equipments will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.4.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 672.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 224.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 896.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

3.1.5. The purchase of type jeep vehicles 2000 cc and more (Priority 1-Objective 4 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police)

3.1.5.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The above – mentioned seventy two (**72**) vehicles will be used for the realisation of patrols aiming to the localization of the illegal immigrants and to the prevention and repression of illegal immigration.

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programme (3.1.6.) 2008 and (3.1.5.) 2007, but the equipments will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.5.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 1.620.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 540.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 2.160.000,00**). The

national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

3.1.6. The purchase of one Helicopter (Priority 1-Objective 4 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police

3.1.6.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The above – mentioned helicopter will be used for the air monitoring of the big Hellenic geographic region and the support of land frontier units in the confrontation of illegal immigration and cross-border criminality.

The new helicopter will be equipped with the following additional systems:

1. F.L.IR system with infrared and visual camera, spotter camera and also with system that gives us a geographical coordinates.
2. GPS with moving map also slave and compatible with F.L.IR system.
3. F.L.IR Video – Audio Downlink system with crypto, compatible with our system that already exists in our helicopters.
4. Searchlight with IR and slave to F.L.IR system.
5. TETRA system compatible with our systems.
6. Analog police tactical radio system.

3.1.6.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 4.500.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 1.500.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 6.000.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

The allocation of the above means, which will be distributed to the Services of the Hellenic Police, is the following:

ACTIONS	KIND OF PURCHASE	QUANTITY	ATTICA REGION	THESSALONICA	EAST MACEDONIA THRACE	CENTRAL MACEDONIA	WEST MACEDONIA	HPEIRO S	THESSALIA	CONTINENTAL GREECE	WEST GREECE	PELOPONNESUS	NORTH AEGEAN	SOUTH AEGEAN	IONIAN SEA ISLANDS	CRETE
3.1.3.	Patrol passenger vehicles (colours of Hellenic Police) 1800 cc and more	100	28	14	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	6
3.1.4.	Patrol passenger vehicles S/W (any colour) 1600 cc	40	18	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
3.1.5.	Type jeep vehicles 2000 cc and more	72	6	4	4	4	5	3	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	10
3.1.6.	Helicopter	1	1													
SUM >>>		213	53	27	10	10	11	9	12	11	11	11	11	10	10	17

Common financial information for actions from 3.1.3. until 3.1.6.

This specific project, which comes under priority 1, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 8.667.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 2.889.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 11.556.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

3.1.7. The upgrading of HCG Central Airplanes Base (Priority 1-Objective 11 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard)

3.1.7.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The HCG Central Airplanes Base is seated at the Air Means Service/Air Squadron of the HCG, placed at the military base of Tatoi in Attica.

The HCG airplanes have to perform an important task as regards control and surveillance of our sea borders, taking account of all aspects, particularly geographical, and their extremely broad area of responsibility (FIR ATHINAI). As a result, their most effective utilisation requires an integrated plan for maintaining their flight capability. A key requirement of this plan is the development/upgrading of the building infrastructure by means of appropriate material-technical equipment.

At this time there is no area to house the HCG airplanes, which are in open-air areas of the Central Base, with the result that they are exposed to prevailing weather conditions (moisture, rainfall, heat wave during the summer period, etc.). It is well-known that airplanes have sensors and technical-electronic systems that are sensitive and require protection from weather conditions.

For the above reasons it is essential to upgrade the HCG Central Airplanes Base by creating a suitable building infrastructure (hangar) to house them.

This action was also included in the EBF Annual Programme 2008 (starting stage) and it will be finalised by the EBF Annual Programme 2009 (final stage).

The approved amount of 1.000.000,00 € for the upgrading of the HCG Central Airplanes Base from the Annual Program of External Borders Fund for the year 2008, includes the study and the construction of hangars, runways and the interconnection of all infrastructure (networks of flows of water, computer network systems, air condition systems etc.). The relevant amounts of 500.000,00 € for the upgrading of the HCG Central Airplanes Base as listed in the Annual Plan proposal of the External Borders Fund for the year 2009 will cover the purchase of the operational and technical equipment for the operation of the HCG Central Airplanes Base.

3.1.7.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.1.7.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999) as well as article 7 of the Presidential Decree 320/2001 (Government Gazette I 217/28.09.2001) which modified the article 31 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Operational Means and Special Units Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.7.4. Expected quantified results

The upgrading of the HCG Central Airplanes Base, by creating a building infrastructure (hangar), is expected to have a decisive contribution to minimising the time required and improving the quality of repair – maintenance of airplanes, improving the performance of all technical personnel and, at the same time, improving their working conditions, as well as protecting them from weather conditions.

3.1.7.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of created/upgraded building infrastructure (hangar) with all appropriate equipment

Outcome: Better management of resources related to HCG Airplanes including better working conditions for the personnel; better reaction capability to illegal immigration incidents at sea;

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.7.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.7.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.7.8. Financial Information

This specific action (upgrading of the HCG Central Airplanes Base) depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 375.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 125.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 500.000,00**.

A part of the budget for this action (**EUR 1.000.000**) was proposed by AP 2008 and the rest of the budget (**EUR 500.000,00**) is proposed by AP 2009, therefore the total funding for this action in Annual Programmes 2008 and 2009 is **EUR 1.500.000,00**.

The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.1.8. The upgrading of HCG Central Helicopters Base (Priority 1-Objective 11 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard

3.1.8.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The HCG Central Helicopters Base is seated at the Hellenic Navy Base at Kotroni Marathon in Attica.

The HCG helicopters have to perform an important task as regards control and surveillance of our sea borders, taking account of all aspects, particularly geographical, and their extremely broad area of responsibility (FIR ATHINAI). As a result, their most effective utilisation requires an integrated plan for maintaining their flight capability. A key requirement of this plan is the development/upgrading of the building infrastructure by means of appropriate material-technical equipment.

At this time, there is no area to house the HCG helicopters, which are in open-air areas of the Central Base, with the result that they are exposed to prevailing weather conditions (moisture, rainfall, heat wave during the summer period, etc.). It is well-known that helicopters have sensors and technical-electronic systems that are sensitive and require protection from weather conditions.

For the above reasons it is essential to upgrade the HCG Central Helicopters Base by creating a suitable building infrastructure (hangar) to house them.

This action was also included in the EBF Annual Programme 2008 (starting stage) and it will be finalised by the EBF Annual Programme 2009 (final stage).

The approved amount of 1.000.000,00 € for the upgrading of the HCG Central Helicopters Base from the Annual Program of External Borders Fund for the year 2008, includes the study and the construction of hangars, runways and the interconnection of all infrastructure (networks of flows of water, computer network systems, air condition systems etc.). The relevant amounts of 500.000,00 € for the upgrading of the HCG Central Helicopters Base as listed in the Annual Plan proposal of the External Borders Fund for the year 2009 will cover the purchase of the operational and technical equipment for the operation of the HCG Central Helicopters Base.

3.1.8.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.1.8.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999) as well as article 7 of the Presidential Decree 320/2001 (Government Gazette I 217/28.09.2001) which modified the article 31 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy/Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Operational Means and Special Units Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.8.4. Expected quantified results

The upgrading of the HCG Central Helicopters Base, by creating a building infrastructure (hangar), is expected to have a decisive contribution to minimising the time required and improving the quality of repair – maintenance of helicopters, improving the performance of all technical personnel and, at the same time, improving their working conditions, as well as protecting them from weather conditions.

3.1.8.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of created/upgraded building infrastructure (hangar) with all appropriate equipment

Outcome: Better management of resources related to HCG Helicopters including better working conditions for the personnel; better reaction capability to illegal immigration incidents at sea;

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.8.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.8.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.8.8. Financial Information

This specific action (upgrading of the HCG Central Helicopters Base) depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 375.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 125.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 500.000,00**.

A part of the budget for this action (**EUR 1.000.000**) was proposed by AP 2008 and the rest of the budget (**EUR 500.000,00**) is proposed by AP 2009, therefore the total funding for this action in Annual Programmes 2008 and 2009 is **EUR 1.500.000,00**.

The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.1.9. The purchase of Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPVs) (Priority 1-Objective 7 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard

3.1.9.1. Purpose and scope of the action

These Coastal Patrol Vessels would:

- be able to navigate even under bad weather conditions
- be approximately 20 metres long
- have a speed of 30 – 40 knots giving them the necessary flexibility to approach the complex configuration of the coastline (small gulfs, etc).

The purchase of four (04) Coastal Patrols Vessels (CPVs) to be disposed to the Port Authorities of Mytilini (Lesvos island), Samos, Leros and Kos islands would contribute to the more effective control and surveillance of the territorial waters (up to 6 nautical miles from the coasts) as well as the surveillance of the adjacent high seas in these areas. The flexibility and speed of the CPVs, their capability to conduct patrols even under bad weather conditions, as well as their cooperation with HCG aircraft in terms of detection, identification and, when necessary, interception of targets at sea gives a significant added value in the more effective management of maritime borders.

The interoperability of these vehicles means that they can also be used in joint European operations abroad. Provision will be made when preparing the technical specifications of the vehicles to ensure they carry appropriate telecommunications equipment which meets international standards, so that they can cooperate with similar resources of other EU Member States.

This action was not included either in the EBF Annual Programme 2007 or in the EBF Annual Programme 2008. In the EBF Annual Programme 2007 is included the purchase of speed boats and special speed boats but there are totally different boats of the coastal patrol vessels' purchase that will be covered under the EBF Annual Programme 2009.

3.1.9.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.1.9.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999) as well as article 7 of the Presidential Decree 320/2001 (Government Gazette I 217/28.09.2001) which modified the article 31 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy/Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Operational Means and Special Units Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.9.4. Expected quantified results

The purchase and deployment of CPVs having the above – mentioned features is expected to enhance significantly the surveillance over the specific maritime areas of the Eastern Aegean Sea, which are subject to intense illegal immigration flows and, also, provide better reaction capability to occurring incidents at these areas in terms of illegal immigration.

3.1.9.5. Indicators to be used

Output: The number of purchased Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPVs) with enhanced operational capabilities for more effective control – surveillance of the maritime borders

Outcome: Enhanced surveillance at sea; increased reaction capability with regard to detection and interception of illegal border crossers and smugglers at sea

Impact: More effective management of the maritime borders.

3.1.9.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.9.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.9.8. Financial Information

This specific action (Coastal Patrol Vessels) depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 6.000.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 2.000.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 8.000.000,00**.

The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.1.10. The purchase of Off-Road Patrol Vehicles (4x4) (Priority 1-Objective 7 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard)

3.1.10.1. Purpose and scope of the action

These vehicles can:

- travel off – road in the aforementioned areas
- carry over 5 persons
- tow H.C.G. boats on a trailer

Thirty (30) Off-road patrol vehicles (4x4) would be dispatched to the following Port Authorities: Alexandroupoli, Samothraki, Myrina (Limnos island), Agios Efstratios, Mytilini (Lesvos island), Mithimna (Lesvos island), Chios, Psara, Samos, Pithagorio (Samos island), Ikaria, Patmos, Leros, Kalymnos, Kos, Simi, Rodos, Megisti, Karpathos, Kasos, Monemvasia, Neapoli Vion, Pylos, Githio, Kithira, Kyparissia, Andros, Tinos, Naxos and Mykonos.

This action implies a continuation of action included in the Annual Programmes (3.1.11.) 2008 and (3.1.14.) 2007, but these vehicles will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.10.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.1.10.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Home Affairs (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co-financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999), as well as article 7 of the Presidential Decree 320/2001 (Government Gazette I 217/28.09.2001) which modified the article 31 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy/Hellenic Coast Guard/Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Operational Means and Special Units Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.10.4. Expected quantified results

These vehicles will be used to gain access to areas of the islands and mainland Greece in difficult terrain (mountainous, hilly, rocky etc.) in which there is illegal immigration by sea and to carry out more reliable controls from the land in order to locate immigrants in these areas following information received or incidents reported.

3.1.10.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased off – road patrol vehicles (4x4) to reach areas close to the coastline, inaccessible by conventional vehicles

Outcome: Enhance the surveillance of coastal areas by land; enhance the reaction capability to illegal immigration incidents in these areas being inaccessible by conventional vehicles;

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.10.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.10.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.10.8. Financial Information

This specific action (off – road patrol vehicles) depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 787.500,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 262.500,00**), which must

be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 1.050.000,00**. The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.1.11. Purchase of Pairs of Encryption Devices (Priority 1-Objective 13 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard

3.1.11.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The immediate (real-time) transmission/receipt of information/documents/ data and voice communication via a secure connection with no risk of interception by “suspicious” recipients or recipients connected with organised crime is very important if the information is to be used at all management levels (strategic, operational, tactical):

- during joint operations or incidents which have occurred or are about to occur at sea;
- for the exchange of maritime information/documents between the H.C.G. and other national authorities or the responsible authorities of other EU Member States;
- for the despatch of classified administrative orders/instructions on maritime border management issues by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy to the H.C.G. District Commands or Port Authorities.

The twenty four (24) pairs of encryption devices would be dispatched to Port Authorities as follows: (a) Port Authorities of East Aegean Sea and Crete island, which face the phenomenon of illegal immigration (b) Port Authorities, which are seated close to the entry/exit Schengen points. The amount of the devices would be twenty four (24) and the possessor would be the Hellenic Coast Guard.

This action implies a continuation of action included in the Annual Programme (3.1.12.) 2007, but these devices will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.11.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.1.11.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co-financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12, 16 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999)], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy**

/Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division as well as the **Security Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.11.4. Expected quantified results

These devices are expected to resolve the problem of the direct transmission/receipt of classified documents via a secure connection between the different departments of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy (central/regional/local) and between the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and other national or foreign authorities. They will guarantee an uninterrupted flow of classified information to the aforementioned recipients twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week (24/7), meaning that they can be used at the right time in order to carry out operations and deal with illegal immigration incidents at sea. The facility for voice communication via a secure connection will provide an even greater advantage in guaranteeing the transmission of classified data by specific users (speakers) in real time. The time needed to send/receive data/documents using the devices will provide a basic requirement for evaluating the immediacy of the devices and the operational readiness of the users.

3.1.11.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased pairs of state – of – the – art devices for the transmission/receive of classified information via secure connection

Outcome: Transmission in real time of classified information related to illegal immigration in text or by voice; significant reduction of time for transmission which is required today;

Impact: Enhanced information exchange and cooperation between national authorities at all management levels (central – regional – tactical), as well as between national and EU Member States' authorities; enhanced flows of information for operational decision making.

3.1.11.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.11.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.11.8. Financial Information

This specific action (pairs of encryption devices) depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 300.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 100.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 400.000,00**. The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.1.12. The purchase of Radio-communications and Electro-Maritime equipment (Priority 1-Objective 15 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard)

3.1.12.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The continuous use of the radio-communications and electro-maritime equipment by HCG vessels and vehicles leads to its physical damage, resulting in the need for frequent maintenance at significant cost and a lack of maximum performance in accordance with its technical specifications and capabilities, thus creating practical and technical problems and difficulties in achieving communications.

The following Table shows in detail the types of radio-communications and electro-maritime equipment that would be disposed to HCG vessels and vehicles belonging to Port Authorities of the Eastern Aegean Sea and Crete island, which are conducting patrols in their areas of responsibility:

Ref. No	TYPE OF RADIO-COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRO-MARITIME EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST (In Euro)
01	VHF TRANSCEIVERS OF SHIPS	20	20.000,00
02	MF AND HF/DSC TRANSCEIVERS OF SHIPS	5	100.000,00
03	VHF TRANSCEIVERS OF AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM – AIS	10	70.000,00
04	GPS RECEIVERS OF SHIPS	30	60.000,00
05	VHF REPEATER STATIONS	35	210.000,00
06	VHF BASE STATIONS ANTENNAE	100	10.000,00
07	INDUCTIONAL VHF ANTENNAE OF VEHICLES	40	2.000,00
08	13.8V/10A OSCILLATING DEVICES	100	10.000,00
09	LOUDSPEAKER DEVICES	10	15.000,00
10	SPEAKERS OF LOUDSPEAKER DEVICES	10	3.000,00
11	TOTAL COST		500.000,00

This action implies a continuation of action included in the Annual Programme (3.1.12.) 2008, but the equipment will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

3.1.12.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.1.12.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999) as well

as article 21 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999, as modified by article 5 of the Presidential Decree 320/2001 (Government Gazette I 217/28.09.2001)], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Safety of Navigation Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.12.4. Expected quantified results

The supply of radio-communications and electro-maritime equipment for HCG vessels and vehicles is expected to offer great added value:

- to the immediacy and speed of communication between vessels, vehicles, vessels and vehicles, vessels and HCG aircraft and also between operational means and HCG Operations centres at central, regional or tactical level, within the framework of routine patrols or dealing with illegal immigration incidents at sea;
- to the direct exchange of information on the position (fix) of 'suspect' targets for their identification/classification and possible interception or of illegal immigrants in danger at sea;
- to the most rational allocation of HCG means when carrying out control/surveillance patrols of the sea borders or in the context of joint operations at national level (cooperation with other national authorities, such as the Navy or Army) or at EU level, coordinated by Frontex;
- to the capability to transmit a bulk of maritime data to other operational means or Operations centres to provide instructions and possibly to provide reinforcement through additional resources, resulting in an improvement to situational awareness at sea borders, so as to strengthen further the capacity to react (respond) to the needs that arise.

A key requirement for the purchase of the equipment concerned in the context of maximum exploitation of its capabilities will be, in particular, its range, in relation to its frequency of use, the features of the geographical areas where it is used, and also the prevailing weather conditions (swell, cloud cover, rainfall, etc.).

3.1.12.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased of radio-communications and electro-maritime equipment for HCG vessels and vehicles

Outcome: Sufficient state – of – the – art equipment provided

Impact: Enhanced exchange of information and co-operation between authorities involved in maritime borders control and surveillance; increased border security.

3.1.12.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.12.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.12.8. Financial Information

This specific action (radio-communications and electro-maritime equipment) depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 375.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 125.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 500.000,00**. The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.1.13. The upgrading of HCG vessels (purchase of main engines – electric engines – gear boxes and propulsion systems) (Priority 1-Objective 12 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard)

3.1.13.1. Purpose and scope of the action

It is noted that, due to continuous use of HCG Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPVs) over and above the usual hours of their patrols, which is directly linked to the nature and extent of illegal immigration incidents, the existing main engines – electric engines – gear boxes and propulsion systems of the HCG vessels have been placed under great strain. This results in a corresponding reduction in their performance and the frequent occurrence of damage, which has a direct impact on their operational readiness.

For that reason it is considered essential to upgrade CPVs under the responsibility of Port Authorities, with the purchase of eight (08) main engines, twenty (20) electric engines, two (02) gear boxes and eleven (11) propulsion systems, as follows:

- Six (06) main engines in respective CPVs of 57 feet length, belonging to the Port Authorities of Samothraki, Mytilini, Samos (2 CPVs), Simi and Sitia
- Two (02) main engines in respective CPVs of 53 feet length, belonging to the Port Authorities of Rodos and Heraklio (Crete island)
- Ten (10) electric engines in respective CPVs of 57 feet length, belonging to the Port Authorities of Myrina (Limnos island), Samos, Patmos, Karpathos, Rodos, Ierissos, Ierapetra, Kyllini, Zakynthos and Lefkada
- Two (02) electric engines in respective CPVs of 87 feet length (Abeking Class), which are seated in Piraeus and are deployed in different maritime areas for certain periods to exercise patrols for the control – surveillance of the maritime borders, according to the arising needs
- Eight (08) electric engines in respective CPVs of 57 feet length, belonging to the Port authorities of Mithimna (Lesvos island), Tilos, Paleochora (Crete island), Piraeus, Zea (Piraeus), Lavrio, Rafina and Patra
- Two (02) gear boxes in respective CPVs of 69 feet length, belonging to the Port authorities of Neapoli Vion and Agia Galini (Crete island)
- Nine (09) propulsion systems (water jet type) in respective CPVs of 57 feet length, belonging to the Port authorities of Samos, Rodos, Karpathos, Sitia, Pylos, Syros, Naxos, Skopelos and Piraeus
- Two (02) propulsion systems (SDS type) in respective CPVs of 57 feet length, belonging to the Port authorities of Mytilini (Lesvos island) and Kalymnos.

This action implies a continuation of action included in the Annual Programme (3.1.13.) 2008, but these engines and systems will not be purchased with the same

competition of bids. Noted that in the Annual Programme 2008 is only included the purchase of main engines and in the annual programme 2009 is proposed the purchase of main engines – electric engines – gear boxes and propulsion systems.

3.1.13.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.1.13.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999) as well as article 8 of the Presidential Decree 320/2001 (Government Gazette I 217/28.09.2001) which modified the article 32 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Technical Support Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.13.4. Expected quantified results

The upgrading of HCG vessels, in particular those that carry out control/surveillance patrols of our external sea borders, by replacement of their main engines – electric engines – gear boxes and propulsion systems is expected to help significantly in improving their readiness and operational capabilities and also minimising their time of immobilisation, which, as is well-known, causes gaps in covering the sea areas under their responsibility or their replacement by other HCG vessels, placing a strain on these in turn, either by covering larger sections of sea areas or by leaving their own areas.

3.1.13.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased new main engines, electric engines, gear boxes and propulsion systems

Outcome: Extension of HCG vessels lifetime and operational capability; enhanced operational capacity for control – surveillance of the maritime borders

Impact: Increased border security

3.1.13.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.13.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.13.8. Financial Information

This specific action (to upgrade HCG vessels by purchasing new main engines, electric engines, gear boxes and propulsion systems) depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 1.331.437,50**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 443.812.50**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 1.775.250,00**. The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.1.14. Establishment of AIS Infrastructure (Priority 1-Objective 8 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard)

3.1.14.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Three (03) Automatic Identification System (AIS) receivers and the appropriate hardware (web server, electronic navigational charts, etc) would be purchased and installed in the north Aegean Sea, namely in selected areas of Alexandroupoli, Samothraki island and Limnos island. These maritime areas face heavy maritime traffic especially in the summer period, therefore the existence of AIS receivers in the respective areas would identify “friendly” targets (vessels – boats) which are obliged to transmit AIS data, minimising the number of “unfriendly” (suspicious) targets at sea, necessitating identification and interception by HCG operational means.

It will be a system of open architecture, capable of being interconnected to other similar systems, for receival/transmission of AIS data, each component of which will be based on all international standards and recommendations for AIS systems. The system will ensure the receival, storage, processing, evaluation and dissemination of AIS data which certain vessels are obliged to transmit, according to EU regulation. All AIS data as well as the combined AIS picture would be depicted on an electronic navigational chart in real time, in the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and be shown to authorized users (Port Authorities) by a web server sated in the premises of the Ministry. It would also have the capability when selected by the operator of showing a picture of movements with the depiction of coordinates (longitude, latitude), received by AIS Data Replay, during previous time periods. Lastly, it would offer the capability of receival, de-codification and management, in parallel, of encrypted AIS data transmitted by the HCG vessels, supporting the respective codification standards used by the above – mentioned transceivers.

3.1.14.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.1.14.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999), as well as article 21 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999, as modified by article 5 of the Presidential Decree 320/2001 (Government Gazette I 217/28.09.2001)], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard/Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Safety of Navigation Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.1.14.4. Expected quantified results

Having in mind the heavy maritime traffic (presence of thousands of targets) in the coastal areas of north Aegean Sea, the added value of the AIS receivers and all appropriate equipment would be significant in terms of identifying “friendly” (co – operative) targets (vessels – boats) at sea obliged to send AIS data, by showing these data over electronic navigational charts in real time, thus minimising the number of “unfriendly” (suspicious) targets over the specific maritime areas that have to be identified and, if needed, intercepted by HCG operational means. Additionally, in this way the workload for the Port authorities would be decreased and the management of their resources in terms of reaction capability would be enhanced.

3.1.14.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased and installed Automatic Identification System (AIS) receivers and other appropriate equipment (web server, electronic navigational charts, etc)

Outcome: Enhanced extent of awareness of risks and threats; increased reaction capability with regard to detection and interception of illegal border crossers

Impact: More effective management of maritime borders; increased border security.

3.1.14.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.14.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.1.14.8. Financial Information

This specific action (to purchase and install three AIS receivers as well as all appropriate equipment) depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 225.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 75.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme.

The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 300.000,00**. The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.2. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 2

3.2.1. The purchase of the appropriate equipments for the operation of the National Coordination Centre and its interoperability (Priority 2-Objective 1-2 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police)

3.2.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The specific action will build on a feasibility study on the establishment of a National Coordination Centre (NCC) which was proposed under the Annual Programme 2008.

The proposed action concerns the **purchase of the appropriate equipment**, which will be necessary for the effective operation of the NCC. Besides assessing the general concept of the NCC establishment, the abovementioned feasibility study will also identify the technical means and equipment necessary for the NCC operation and its interoperability. Given the fact that the final report for the feasibility study will be available only at the end of 2009, at this stage, it is difficult to determine the exact quantity and kind of the required equipment.

However, an indicative list of equipment, needed for the setting up and operation of the NCC and its interoperability with similar centres in other Member States, is the following:

1. Equipment of information technology (hardware and software) for:
 - The access to the internet and the reception - transmission of electronic correspondence.
 - The follow-up of provision (on the map) of the units for borders monitoring (land and maritime) on a 24-hour basis all year.
 - The access to all national reporting, monitoring and controlling systems (eg .AIS, VMS, VTMS etc.), via the Operational Centres of National Authorities, for the holistic knowledge of situation at the external borders on a 24-hour basis all year.
 - The support to regional Services in the research, detection, follow-up and arrest of persons trying to enter illegally in Greece via land and maritime borders. It will be realised with the collection, composition, analysis and distribution of information that will be received by the national surveillance system and its tools (eg . radars, satellite systems of communications, systems of air means, electronic applications etc.).
 - The detection and identification of threats that faced at the borders.
2. Telecommunications equipment for the various forms of communication (conventional –related to satellite).
3. Equipment of telematics for the direct communication with the Regional Coordinative Centres, the two Operational Centres of Hellenic Police (external land borders)

and Hellenic Coast Guard (external maritime borders), as well as the Mobile Coordinative Centres.

4. Wireless communication equipment.
5. External devices for reception and transmission of information at the regional centres.
6. Satellite antennas for reception of messages and information from regional, mobile coordinative centres and radar antennas.
7. Projection systems for presentations (Power point).
8. Teaching tables or flipcharts for off-hand notes and/or presentations in cases of informative visits or even short-term educations on issues of strategic management for illegal immigration.
9. Software for evaluation of Services' activities, based on the statistical data that they present.
10. Installation of wireless microphone equipment and booths for translators in the room of deliberations.

This action implies a continuation, as a thematic unit, of action 3.2.1 included in annual programme 2008.

3.2.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Interior.

3.2.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 8 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Interior/Hellenic Police Headquarters/ Finance Division/ Procurement Section** and the **Aliens Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.2.1.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from the development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, are intended to be the purchase of the necessary equipments and technical means that will be needed for the operation of the National Coordination Centre and its interoperability with similar centres in other Member States

3.2.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the purchase of the technical means and equipments, which are necessary for the operation of the National Coordination Centre for the management of the borders control (checks and surveillance), which supports regional and national decision-making among all involved national services by using surveillance, reporting and intelligence data.

Outcomes: **a)** Increase in information exchange and cooperation at National and Community level, **b)** Creation of a “national border security picture”, **c)** Increase in potential for cooperation with other Member States.

Impact: Increased border security.

3.2.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.2.1.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.2.1.8. Financial information

This specific project, which comes under priority 2, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 600.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 200.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 800.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget) and the procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to our national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **regular procurement procedure** (open or restricted).

3.2.2. Conduct of a feasibility study for the establishment of a surveillance system in north Aegean Sea (Priority 2-Objective 3 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard)

3.2.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

A feasibility study will be conducted for the establishment of a surveillance system in the North Aegean Sea including the purchase and installation of 3 radar stations and appropriate equipment in selected areas in Alexandroupoli, Samothraki island and Limnos island.

This study is a supportive element of the proposal for the Annual Programme 2011 (according to the Multi-Annual Programme) concerning the establishment of a surveillance system in the North Aegean Sea with an estimated cost of 2.000.000 €. This study will identify the necessary technical and financial aspects that should be taken into account for the establishment of the surveillance system in the North Aegean Sea, which will follow.

The A.T.I.C.S. feasibility study implemented by project JLS/ARGO/2004/09 should not be associated with the feasibility study for the establishment of a surveillance system in the North Aegean Sea proposed under the 2009 AP. The objective of the A.T.I.C.S. study is to examine the possibility to expand the functionality of the existing Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) infrastructure situated in Piraeus, Patra, Antirio, Rafina, Lavrio, Corfu island and Igoumenitsa. Furthermore, the aim of the A.T.I.C.S. study is to identify the methods as well as the means needed, in order to upgrade VTS systems to a modern control and surveillance tool. VTS systems have been designed primarily for navigational safety purposes. Note that there is no regional association of these two studies as in the North Aegean Sea, where the feasibility study proposed under the 2009 AP will be implemented, there is no existing monitoring VTS system to be examined by the A.T.I.C.S. study.

3.2.2.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.2.2.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999), as well as article 21 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999, as modified by article 5 of the Presidential Decree 320/2001 (Government Gazette I 217/28.09.2001)], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard/Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Safety of Navigation Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.2.2.4. Expected quantified results

The conduct of the feasibility study for the establishment (purchase and installation) of radar stations and the appropriate equipment in certain areas in the north Aegean Sea is necessary in order all aspects for the proper function of the surveillance system are taken into account. This system would be used complementarily with the above – mentioned AIS infrastructure in selected areas of the north Aegean Sea, for surveillance of maritime borders.

3.2.2.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the conduct of a feasibility study on the number of purchased and installed radar stations for surveillance of maritime borders as well as all appropriate equipment

Outcome: Enhancement of the HCG national Surveillance System; enhanced extent of awareness of risks and threats; increased reaction capability with regard to detection and interception of illegal border crossers

Impact: More effective management of maritime borders; increased border security.

3.2.2.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.2.2.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.2.2.8. Financial information

This specific action (to conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of a surveillance system) depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 75.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 25.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 100.000,00**. The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.3 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 3

3.3.1. The modernisation of the management of consular functions (Priority 3-Objective 2 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

3.3.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The specific action is in continuation of the action proposed in Annual Programme 2008, which concerns the “Modernisation of the management of consular functions”.

Under Priority 3 of the External Borders Fund ‘Support for the issuing of visas and the tackling of illegal immigration, including the detection of false or falsified documents by enhancing the activities organised by the consular and other services of the Member States in third countries’, and also taking account of Articles 3b, 3d, 4(1)(a), (c), (d), (e), (g) and (i) and Article 5(1)(a), (e) and (i) of Decision 574/2007/EC, it is planned for 2009 to finance part of the programme ‘General Inspectorate application’ for 157 authorities of the Foreign Service.

To date, at the level of management of consular operations overall, as well as those relating solely to management of applications and issue of visas to enter Greece, using national financial resources, contract no 271/2005, for an amount of 44 744.00 €, to upgrade the application ‘General Inspectorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ was concluded between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the company Q&R in November 2005. The aim of the software application concerned is a pilot modernisation programme for the management of consular operations, including Schengen visas, management of accounting operations, fixed advance payments, costs and medical charges, register of material and storage of movable securities, including vignettes.

The software was received in December 2007 and was tested in order to fix its final operational parameters at the Consulate-General in London, with encouraging results. After a testing period of 14 months, problems related to the user-friendliness of the programme

have been located and properly managed, so that the final, optimized version will start to be used first at the Consulate General in London during 2009.

Using financial support from the External Borders Fund, we may undergo an extensive upgrade of the software to (a) support adequate synchronous and asynchronous connections with MFA Athens in order to constantly update our database in Athens (b) modernize and improve user friendliness and (c) improve and extend the back office controlling software. Given that we may start expanding the usage of the software for the benefit of all our Consular authorities abroad. The first consular authorities where the software is going to be installed will be the Consular Office in Tirana, Albania, the Consular Office in Skopje, FYROM, the Consular Office in Nicosia, Cyprus, and may be two other non EU consulates to be named later this year. The expected time depth for full deployment of the software to all our offices abroad should be in the region of three to five years.

It is note that Greek Consulates never had any dedicated software to assist their financial administration. The software is designed to work online with the MFA which will help the exchange of information in real time.

3.3.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.

3.3.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [Law 3566/2007, "Validation of the organisation plan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a code"], **only the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** which is responsible for the operation of the Consular Authorities abroad is entitled to implement the above mentioned action and informing accordingly the competent Community institutions.

3.3.1.4. Expected quantified results

The selected action is expected to:

- ✓ promote a quality standard as regards both financial management of the consular authorities and all consular operations, the largest part of which consists of issuing Schengen entry visas for Greece;
- ✓ ensure better quality services that also relate to the visa application procedure, allowing the responsible operators to devote more time (free from bureaucratic parallel tasks) to the essential checking of supporting documents, personal interviews, etc.;
- ✓ give the opportunity to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to directly control the whole spectrum of consular operations in real time.

3.3.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Daily and qualitative checks on the visas issued per Consular Authority

Outcome: Enhanced efficiency and higher speed in visa issuing process, increased managerial capacity of the Consular Authorities, Better working conditions for consular personnel, improvement of cooperation between Central Service and Consular Authorities.

3.3.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.3.1.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

There are no similar actions financed by the EU in this area.

3.3.1.8. Financial Information

The proposed action 'Modernisation of management of consular functions' requires Community co financing at 75%, which is assessed at **(EUR 150.000,00 €)**. The national contribution is 25%, **(EUR 50.000,00 €)**, which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is required to meet through the Public Investment Programme. The total financing for this action is **EUR 200.000,00 €**.

3.4 ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 4

3.4.1. The support for the establishment of NET-VIS IT and Network Systems required for implementation of the Community Legal Instruments in the field of external borders and Visas (Priority 4-Objective 2-3 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

3.4.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

The specific action is in continuation of the action proposed in Annual Programme 2008, which concerns the "Support for the establishment of NET-VIS IT and Network Systems required for implementation of the Community Legal Instruments in the field of external borders and Visas".

The objective of the action is to:

- harmonize the procedures followed and systems used to issue visas with Greece's statutory commitments to the European Union and its obligations as a signatory to the Schengen Convention;
- develop and operate the national visa system (N-VIS) and purchase, install and operate the necessary (IT and biometric) equipment with the operational and technical attributes specified when the central European visa system (C-VIS) was developed;
- coordinate the development of the national system with the requirements and timetable laid down by the European Commission's VIS team.

Because of the nature of this programme (management of Greece's external borders), it is neither permitted as a matter of principle nor feasible to work with the private

sector, for reasons of security, personal data protection etc. Therefore only public-sector departments can qualify as grant recipients. Under a law passed very recently (13.11.07) by the Hellenic Parliament, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Justice, Internal Affairs and Schengen and IT and Telecommunications Division), in liaison with the Ministry of Home Affairs (Finance Division at Hellenic Police Headquarters) and the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, Aegean and Insular Policy, was appointed as the authority responsible for applying European Parliament/Council Decision 574/2007/EC and as the competent authority, certifying authority and audit authority for all four Funds.

The action is composed of two components

- N-VIS project concerns the Greek information system which will implement the new National Visa information system. The contractor has to provide the Ministry Foreign Affairs with the related equipment (PCs, biometric- scanners, printers, routers, etc) and the relevant software.
- NET-VIS project concerns the communication part (network) between Greek Consulate Authorities abroad and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The total budget of the project (N-VIS, NET VIS) is 20.066.000,00 €. Part of the above budget will be covered by all Annual Programs 2008 and 2009 of the External Borders Fund. The rest will be covered by the national resources.

The action was initiated by launching two calls for tender for N-VIS and NET VIS respectively. Both tenders were cancelled in May 2008 and December 2008 respectively. The NET VIS Tender has been re-launched and a new call for tenders for the N-VIS relating to the Information Technology part of VIS will be re-launched soon. It is assumed that the above two projects will be completed, or at least a big part of the implementation, until the end of 2009.

The financing of the action under the 2008 Annual Programme (1.137.036,19 EUR) will be used for the first part of the project's budget relating to the elements completed by the end of 2009. Similarly, the financing of the action under the 2009 Annual Programme (1.311.186,40 EUR) will be used for the second part of the project, for components completed in 2010.

3.4.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.

3.4.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [Law 3566/2007, "Validation of the organisation plan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a code"], **only the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** which is responsible for the operation of the Consular Authorities abroad is entitled to implement the above mentioned action and

informing accordingly the competent Community institutions, the police liaison officers and similar services and organisations in other Member States.

3.4.1.4. Expected quantified results

As a result of this project, the authorities will be able to:

- connect to the C-VIS system to manage and support the Schengen visa application life cycle;
- support the national visa application life cycle;
- ascertain that applicants are bona fide;
- check that visa holders and visa bearers are one and the same person;
- establish the authenticity of visas at external borders;
- identify travellers with no documents;
- determine the state responsible for examining asylum applications;
- identify and register illegal persons with no documents.

3.4.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Number of Consular Authorities that are connected to the VIS system, level of interoperability of the VIS System to other systems and particularly to the SIS system, the data of which should be directly juxtaposed with the ones of the VIS, proportion of visa holders undergoing biometric verification at the external border, number of fingerprint scanners available for use at consular offices, number of passport readers in use at the external borders, rate of integration of the immigration control processes at consulates and borders (i.e speed of communication and transfer of data regarding visa applicants and persons entering external borders among consulates, central authorities and border crossing points).

Outcome: Reduction of visa shopping, identification of persons at the external borders presenting visas that were not issued for them, identification of forged visas at the borders, identification of persons who previously applied for a visa, but tried to enter borders illegally carrying no documents.

3.4.1.6. Visibility of EC Funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.4.1.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

There are no similar actions financed by the EU in this area.

3.4.1.8. Financial information

The proposed actions "Support for the development of IT systems for the operation of National Visa System (N-VIS) "and for the "Network NET-VIS" require for the year 2009 the amount of **1.311.186,40 Euros**.

The Community co-financing is 75%, which is assessed at **983.389,80 Euros** and the national contribution is 25% that is **327.796,60 Euros**, which the annual programme is required to meet through the Public Investment Programme.

The total financing for these actions is **1.311.186,40 Euros**.

3.4.2. Development of the 2nd Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II) – Upgrading of the existing network of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and the purchase of appropriate hardware (desktops and laptops) (Priority 4-Objective 4 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard)

3.4.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

To fulfil the tasks concerning the police checks on persons – crews within the areas of HCG responsibility (on board cargo vessels, pleasure yachts, fishing vessels), as provided for by the SCHENGEN Borders Code, the purchase, instalment and setting up of computerised and networking equipment for the competent Services of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and all Port Authorities, the upgrading of the existing network connections between Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and the Port Authorities, as well as the reinforcement of the security of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy’s internal network (Intranet) is considered of vital importance.

The purchase and installation and adjustment of Routers, Network Switches, one Network Management System, one Firewall System and one Intrusion, Detection and Prevention System as well as appropriate hardware (desk tops, lap tops, scanners and printers) for the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and all HCG Authorities, as described in the following table, will make the 2nd generation of the Schengen Information System (SIS II) fully operational and give access of the system to all HCG Authorities.

The purchase of desk tops and laptops, which will be provided to a significant number of local services of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy (Port Authorities), will contribute to the timely and more effective conduct of the police checks required by HCG personnel according to the Schengen Borders Code, within the framework of implementation of SIS II in the maritime borders of Greece.

This action implies a continuation of actions included in the Annual Programme (3.4.3.) 2008 for the purchase of desktops and (3.4.4.) 2008 for the purchase of laptops, but these equipments will not be purchased with the same competition of bids.

S/N	TYPE OF EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	COST (In Euro)
01	Central Service (Ministry) Routers	4	60.000,00
02	Central Service (Ministry) Network Switches	2	10.000,00
03	Network Management System	1	100.000,00
04	Firewall System	1	40.000,00
05	Intrusion Detection and Prevention System	1	150.000,00
06	Routers for HCG Authorities	229	229.000,00
07	Network Switches for HCG Authorities	229	68.700,00
08	Desk tops	136	176.800,00
09	Lap tops	46	69.000,00
10	Printers	277	83.100,00

11	Scanners	134	13.400,00
12	Provision of services for installation and adjustment of Equipment and communication connections		200.000,00

TOTAL: 1.200.000,00

3.4.2.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.4.2.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 12, 13 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999)], **the Ministry of Growth, the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Informatics and New Technologies Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.4.2.4. Expected quantified results

Making desktops and lap tops available to the above – mentioned Services, based or not in areas where maritime BCPs are existent, will make the required police checks under the responsibility of the HCG more timely and effective, without recourse to the nearest Port or Police authorities.

Specifically, the procurement of lap tops will enable Port Authorities' personnel, alongside physical checks (identity certificate of crew members, checks on areas of ships/craft), also to conduct the prescribed SIS II checks on cargo ships, pleasure craft and fishing vessels that enter ports/marinas away either from the maritime BCPs, or from the premises of the Port Authorities, on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

In this way, a better management of the users' workload in quantitative terms is expected, related to SIS checks as well as the other assigned tasks, especially when checking numerous crew members of cruise ships staying at the port for only a few hours or when checking crew members of different types of vessels (cruise ships, fishing vessels, cargo vessels, pleasure boats) arriving at the port simultaneously or within 2 – 3 hours time.

3.4.2.5. Indicators to be used

Output: the number of purchased, installed and adjusted networking and computerised equipment (Routers, Network Switches, Network Management System, Firewall System, desk tops, lap tops, printers, scanners) for the development of the 2nd Generation of Schengen Information System (SIS II) and the access of all HCG Authorities to the System

Outcome: Rendering SIS II operational; better performance of the system; setting up the necessary components for SIS II; access of HCG authorities to SIS II

Impact: Increased border security; better integration of the immigration control processes at the maritime borders; better management of users' workload.

3.4.2.6. Visibility of EC Funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.4.2.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

There are no similar actions financed by the EU in this area.

3.4.2.8. Financial information

This specific action (to purchase install and adjust appropriate networking and computerized equipment for the development of the 2nd generation of the SCHENGEN Information System – SIS II), depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 1.500.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 500.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 2.000.000,00**. The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.4.3. Training of HCG personnel in computerised applications of the 2nd Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II) (Priority 4-Objective 5 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard)

3.4.3.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Training of 70 HCG personnel from Divisions of the Central Service of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and, in particular, from local services (Port Authorities) in computer applications of SIS II will contribute to their familiarisation as users with these applications, making SIS II fully useable by them as regards the capabilities it offers and, as a result, more effective in its operation, especially the familiarization with its software.

The training will last five days and will be undertaken by experienced trainers from the Hellenic Police on the premises of the Ministry of the Interior/Hellenic Police Headquarters, which has appropriate training rooms and suitable equipment/material (computers, printed and electronic material, such as user manuals).

This action implies a continuation of action included in the Annual Programme (3.4.5.) 2008, but the training will not be implemented with the same competition of bids.

3.4.3.2. Expected grant recipients

Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.4.3.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 11 12 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999)], **the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division** as well as the **Programming, Organizing and Training Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.4.3.4. Expected quantified results

Training of HCG personnel/users of these computer applications will contribute to their familiarisation with them and their understanding of the capabilities they offer through study of the user manuals provided, in printed and electronic form, as well as practical training under the guidance and supervision of the trainers. This is expected to lead to:

- the speed/reduction in time required to conduct the police checks in SIS II in each instance in relation to familiarisation/quality use of the computer applications by their users;
- the percentage increase in the number of checks conducted on a daily, monthly and annual basis in these services after user training relating to the computer applications.
- a better management of the users' workload in quantitative terms related to SIS checks as well as the other assigned tasks, e.g. when checking numerous crew members of cruise ships staying at the port for only a few hours or when checking crew members of different types of vessels (cruise ships, fishing vessels, cargo vessels, pleasure boats) arriving at the port simultaneously or within 2 – 3 hours time.

3.4.3.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Provision of a 5 – day training to HCG personnel in computerised applications of the 2nd Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II)

Outcome: Reliable and consistent use by SIS II users; exploitation of the SIS II to its fullest potential

Impact: Increased knowledge base for operational decision making; better management of users' workload.

3.4.3.6. Visibility of EC Funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.4.3.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

There are no similar actions financed by the EU in this area.

3.4.3.8. Financial information

This specific action to train HCG personnel in computerised applications of the 2nd generation of Schengen Information System (SIS II), depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 3.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 1.000,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 4.000,00**. The procurement procedure, which will be followed for the implementation of the specific action according to the national legislation and article 11 of the implementing rules, is the **open or restricted process**.

3.5. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING PRIORITY 5.

3.5.1. The incorporation of the common training standard for the country's police personnel (Priority 5-Objective 1 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police)

3.5.1.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Since training of police personnel and border guards on matters concerning management of migration flows generally is the key to success, for 2009 training has been planned with the object of incorporating the Common Training Standard into Greece's police training system. This standard has been produced by the European Union Centre for Border Guard Training and is being promoted and highlighted by the Agency for management of cooperation at the external borders of the Member States of the European Union, known as Frontex. The Common Training Standard provides for basic and periodic training of police officers and border guards involved in managing migrant flows. The basic training will include three levels: **1)** the first level, at which guards in Border Guard Departments and Units and Departments for Prosecution of Illegal Immigration will undergo 24 working days of training in Athens and Thessaloniki, at the Further Education and Training College and its Annex, involving **300** staff and consisting of six cohorts each year, i.e. one in Athens and five in Thessaloniki, in the months of June, September, October, November and December, **2)** the second level has been planned **on the basis of the multiannual design to be implemented later** and will train warrant officers, sergeants and constables serving in Sub-Divisions and Departments for Foreigners and Passport Control and Departments/Units for Border Guard and Prosecution of Illegal Immigration, and **3)** the intermediate level, at which managers and their immediate colleagues in Sub-Divisions and Units for Foreigners and Passport Control and Departments/Units for Border Guard and Prosecution of Illegal Immigration will be trained for 24 working days in Athens at the Hellenic Police Further Education and Training College, involving **148** staff in four cohorts in Athens, one in each of the months of June, September, October and November.

This action implies a continuation of action included in annual programme (3.5.1.) 2008.

3.5.1.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Interior.

3.5.1.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 11 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Interior/Hellenic Police Headquarters/Training Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.5.1.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from the development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, are planned to be the effective, modern and productive training of police personnel and border guards on matters concerning management of migration flows, in accordance with the policies of the EU and its competent agency, Frontex. By adapting to Community training standards, we contribute, as an EU member country, to the effort to shape a climate of uniformity and common understanding as regards implementation of best practices adopted within the framework of the European Union. Moreover, achievement of the above goal contributes to extending uniformity at all organisational levels of the services active in managing external borders.

3.5.1.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Number and range of courses organised, the number of participants taking part in trainings. Number and share of the staff of border guards educated and trained.

Outcome: Good knowledge of the applicable rules by the police personnel and the border guards.

Impact: More coherent application of EU rules and standards in border control.

3.5.1.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.5.1.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.5.1.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 5, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 574.104,75**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 191.368,25**)

from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 765.473,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget).

3.5.2. Linguistic training of the Hellenic Police personnel, via the Foreigner Languages Department (School) (Priority 5-Objective 1 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Interior/ Hellenic Police)

3.5.2.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Training consists of theory lessons by the above section, the mission of which is to provide ongoing education and skills to police officers concerning the foreign language training.

With this activity it is sought, accordingly with the list of best practices for the management of external borders and the readmission of Schengen M/S, training of border guards, in languages of neighboring to Greece countries, from where emanates or even goes through, the legal or illegal immigration to Greece, so that the frontier circulation and the frontier Authorities, more generally, are facilitated to operate controls, in cases of illegal passage of external borders. The languages included to be developed, in this program, are English, Turkish, Albanian, Russian and Arabic.

The above training includes theoretical training, lasting six months and will be carried out in Athens and Thessaloniki in the premises of the Postgraduate Studies and Further Training Department (School).

There is the possibility for about 80 personnel to be trained in training courses.

3.5.2.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Hellenic Police Headquarters** of the Ministry of Interior.

3.5.2.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 11 and 15 of the Presidential Decree 14/2001 (Government Gazette I 12/31.01.2001)], **the Ministry of Interior/Hellenic Police Headquarters/Training Division** can implement the above mentioned action.

3.5.2.4. Expected quantified results

The expected results from the development/implementation of the action concerned, in line with its description, are planned to be the effective, modern and productive training of police personnel and border guards on matters concerning the

linguistic training in languages of neighboring to Greece countries, from where emanates or even goes through, the legal or illegal immigration to Greece, so that the frontier circulation and the frontier Authorities, more generally, are facilitated to operate controls, in cases of illegal passage of external borders.

3.5.2.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Number and range of courses organised, the number of participants taking part in trainings. Number and share of the staff of border guards educated and trained.

Results: Good knowledge of the applicable rules by the police personnel and the border guards.

Impact: More coherent application of EU rules and standards in border control.

3.5.2.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.5.2.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.5.2.8. Financial Information

This specific project, which comes under priority 5, will receive 75% financing from Community resources (**EUR 420.000,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 140.000,00** from the state budget), bringing public spending on this project to (**EUR 560.000,00**). The national contribution must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme (and hence the ordinary budget).

3.5.3. In Situ training on Visa policy issues (Priority 5-Objective 3 of M.A.P)- action implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

3.5.3.1. Purpose and scope of the action

Under Article 5(h) of European Parliament Decision 574/2007, the training and education of the staff of the relevant authorities is an eligible action in the Member States. We therefore propose to operate a pilot programme of targeted secondment of Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff to selected Consular Authorities. This will allow the common training programme to be applied to visa policy issues at national level. In addition to the theoretical basis of this policy, it is vital that these seminars cover all special issues dealt with by our authorities, depending on their country of accreditation (preventing illegal immigrants and organised crime, facilitating the flow of foreign visitors to Greece etc.).

The basic idea is to create a task force of senior ministry or other agency staff specialising in Schengen issues and visa policy within C4 Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from which instructors will be sent to specific embassies in order to run training programmes for Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff in their country of accreditation. We propose to start running this programme in mid 2009. In a certain number of embassies

which are representative in terms of geographical distribution, volume and type of visas issued (e.g. tourist, work etc.).

This task force can be comprised of a pool of six persons, three of whom will be drawn each time to visit a selected Consular Authority once every six months. The task force will be assigned with the in situ training of the Consulate employees the application of Schengen acquis to issuing visas and controlling the migratory flows. In particular, the task force will be offering training similar to that offered at the seminars on consular issues organized at the capital but tailored to fit the special needs of each Consular Authority.

The duration of the “in situ training on Visa policy issues” will be 2 to 3 days, depending on the special needs of each selected Consular Authority.

Head of the task force will be a desk officer from the C4 Directorate of Justice, Home Affairs and Schengen of the MFA with the rank, at least, of Counselor of Embassy. The other members that will form the task force will be:

1. one desk officer from the ST2 Directorate of Computerisation, Communications and Information Technology (MFA)
2. two desk officers from the C4 Directorate (MFA)
3. one police officer (Hellenic Police Headquarters)
4. one desk officer from the Inspectorate – General (MFA).

3.5.3.2. Expected grant recipients

The Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.

3.5.3.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [Law 3566/2007, “Validation of the organisation plan of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a code”], **only the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** which is responsible for the operation of the Consular Authorities abroad is entitled to implement the above mentioned action and inform accordingly the competent Community institutions, the police liaison officers and similar services and organisations in other Member States.

3.5.3.4. Expected quantified results

The results of the above action will help to:

- offer a standardised training to all Consulate employees
- meet the special needs of each Consular Authority
- allow all Consulate employees to be trained at their country of accreditation
- reduce the number of Consulate employees travelling back to their capital in order to be trained in new Consular practices

3.5.3.5. Indicators to be used

Output: a task force of 3 persons will visit once every six months a selected Consular Authority in order to offer in situ training to the Consulate employees.

Outcome: targeted training, focused on the particular needs of each Consular Authority, offering the appropriate methodological instruments to cope with any ordinary or extraordinary situation.

3.5.3.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.5.3.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

There are no similar actions financed by the EU in this area.

3.5.3.8. Financial Information

The proposed action "In situ training on visa policy issues" requires Community co financing at 75%, which is assessed at (EUR 41.760,00). The national contribution is 25%, i.e. (EUR 13.920,00), which the annual programme is required to meet through the Public Investment Programme. The total financing for this action is EUR 55.680,00.

3.5.4. Training of HCG personnel in matters of external borders management (Priority 5-Objective 4 of M.A.P) action implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard

3.5.4.1. Purpose and scope of the action

This action implies a continuation of action included in the Annual Programme (3.5.2.) 2008, but the training will not be implemented with the same competition of bids.

The action will be consisted of the following components:

- Distribution to HGG personnel of copies of the Schengen Borders Code and the practical handbook for border guards

The distribution to HCG personnel of five hundred (500) practical user-friendly copies, in both printed and electronic format, of the Schengen Borders Code and the Practical Handbook for Border Guards will give them the opportunity to be informed directly about matters of Community law concerning management of sea borders and the prescribed provisions relating to the conduct of checks on persons/ships/craft.

In this way, it will contribute to better knowledge on the part of HCG personnel as regards Community law concerning border control issues and also greater uniformity of checks conducted and management of illegal immigration flows.

- Training of HCG personnel to Community Law and especially to the Schengen Borders Code and the Practical Handbook for Border Guards

The aim of the training is to develop a spirit of common understanding on the part of HCG personnel charged with managing the sea borders, particularly between the Maritime BCPs, pursuant to Community law and, specifically, the Schengen Borders Code and the Practical Handbook for Border Guards, and to achieve uniformity in carrying out the prescribed checks through clarification and further analysis of the provisions.

The training will last five days and will involve four hundred (400) HCG personnel from co-competent Divisions of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, as well as from Port Authorities. It will be provided by experienced trainers from the HCG and the Hellenic Police, in the premises of the Hellenic Police Headquarters, which will make available the appropriate training rooms, equipment and printed/electronic material.

- Training of HCG personnel in tactics for interrogating/debriefing third country nationals

Training of five (05) HCG personnel in tactics for interrogation/debriefing of third country nationals consists of providing them with specialist skills (specific methodology and type of questions during preliminary interrogation, i.e. until the competent judicial authorities take over each case), as regards third country nationals detected crossing the maritime borders, as well as their facilitators.

The aim of the procedure concerned, which is followed at the preliminary interrogation stage, is to verify both the countries of origin of the illegal immigrants/traffickers, working with interpreters when required, and the *modi operandi*, routes and means of transport used, and whether the traffickers are members of organised criminal networks that also extend into Greece.

The training will last five days and will be implemented by trainers from Europol with considerable experience in these matters, in cooperation with the Ministries of the Interior/Hellenic Police Headquarters and the Mercantile Marine the Aegean and Island Policy.

- Training on linguistic grounding

It will be provided to thirty six (36) HCG personnel. It aims to the provision of knowledge to HCG dealing with illegal immigration cases, on the languages of immigrants from African and Asian countries (Afghanis, Somalis, Pakistanis, Iraqis, Eritreans, Palestinians, etc) detected while crossing the Greek external maritime borders, in order to verify their countries of origin, contributing to the potential for their readmission when there is a respective decision. The duration of the training will be 6 months and will be implemented by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior (HP Headquarters) by trainers with expertise on linguistic matters.

- Training on checks – searches at transportation means for the location of hidden illegal immigrants

It will be provided to six (06) HCG personnel in total, by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy Ministry, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior

(HP Headquarters) and EUROPOL. The aim will be to provide to trainees practical knowledge on the methods, places of vehicles (accommodation or special constructed compartments) used by organised criminal networks to transport illegal immigrants.

The training will last 5 days and will be implemented by trainers from Europol with considerable experience in these matters, in cooperation with the Ministries of the Interior/Hellenic Police Headquarters and the Mercantile Marine the Aegean and Island Policy.

- Training of HCG personnel participating in inspection boarding parties of HCG Off Shore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) and crews of HCG vessels as regards approaching Boarding suspect Ships/Craft

Training of fifteen (15) crews of HCG OPVs and HCG personnel to undertake inspections on ships/craft in the context of actions against illegal immigration under the responsibility of the HCG is considered essential and is aimed towards their relevant preparation (theoretical and practical training).

It consists of providing special skills and practice concerning the safety/self-protection of HCG personnel conducting inspections, as well as the thorough checking of outside and inside areas of ships/craft within the framework of the measures taken to guard our external sea borders.

The training will last 10 days and for its realization inflatable high-speed craft, arms and suitable equipment from HCG OPVs, mobile devices for checking travel documents and printed theoretical training material will be used. It will be implemented by trainers of competent authorities of Member States with great experience on these matters.

- Training of captains HCG Vessels and those in charge of HCG Vessels concerning inspections at open sea

Training of fifteen (15) captains and those in charge of HCG vessels to undertake inspections on ships/craft in the context of actions under the responsibility of the HCG is considered essential and is aimed towards their relevant preparation (theoretical and practical training).

It consists of providing special skills and practice concerning the safety/self-protection of HCG personnel conducting inspections, as well as the thorough checking of outside and inside areas of ships/craft within the framework of the measures taken to guard our external sea borders.

The training will last 10 days and will use inflatable high-speed craft, arms and suitable equipment from HCG OPVs, mobile devices for checking travel documents and printed theoretical training material.

- Training on management of illegal immigrants and their facilitators

It will be provided to twenty (20) HCG personnel in total, by experienced trainers of EU agencies with expertise on this field. The training will last for 5 days and focus on the treatment – behaviour of HCG personnel towards illegal immigrants and their facilitators, from the moment they detect them and approach their transportation means, pick them up from the vessel – craft onboard the patrol vessel, escort them to the closest port until they deliver them to the local Port Authorities, as well as in the premises of the Port Authorities,

e.g. respect their human rights without shouting or behaving to them in a degrading way, or keep the facilitators in separate place from the immigrants if possible.

For the training needs, there will be used Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIBs), other equipment from HCG OPVs and manuals of theoretical grounding.

- Training of HCG personnel in detecting forged/falsified documents

When HCG personnel conduct police checks on documents (identity documents, residence permits, etc.) held by third country nationals, the forgery or falsification of these documents cannot be detected by the due to lack of experience/knowledge of the methods and means by which these are achieved.

The training aims to cover these deficiencies. It will last for five days and be provided by trainers from the Hellenic Police with considerable experience in these matters at Hellenic Police Headquarters, using computers, devices for detecting forged/falsified documents and printed and electronic material.

The training would involve 40 HCG personnel from the co-competent Divisions of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy as well as from Port Authorities.

- Training on self – protection and self – defence

It will be provided to 200 HCG personnel of Special Units, aiming to the provision of basic knowledge on the self – protection of the trainees, when dealing with immigrants or facilitators having a dangerous behaviour (attacking to the HCG personnel, or holding knives – razors or other weaponry). For the training needs, there will be used air and naval means, thermal cameras, CO2 detection devices, portable transceivers with special PTTs, personal armour and equipment for special types of amphibious and terrestrial operations.

The duration of the training will be dependent to the trainers responsible for its implementation and it will be implemented by experienced trainers of EU agencies with expertise on this field (United Kingdom, Spain or Italy).

3.5.4.2. Expected grant recipients

Responsible Authority will be the grant recipient of this action and will assign some of her obligations to the appropriate Divisions of the Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, under which the Hellenic Coast Guard comes administratively.

3.5.4.3. Where appropriate, justification regarding project(s) implemented directly by the responsible authority acting as an executing body

The Ministry of Interior (Finance Division of the Hellenic Police Headquarters) may act as the executing body of projects co financed by the External Borders Fund where the project comes under its exclusive authority as the national public body and cannot be allocated to another agency or authority. According to our national legislation [articles 11, 12 16 and 37 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999 (Government Gazette I 201/30.09.1999) and article 7 of the Presidential Decree 320/2001 (Government Gazette I 217/28.09.2001) which modified the article 31 of the Presidential Decree 242/1999], **the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy /Hellenic Coast Guard/ Financial Services Division, the Procurement and Infrastructure Division, the Programming, Organizing and**

Training Division, the Operational Means and Special Units Division, as well as the Security Division can implement the above mentioned action.

3.5.4.4. Expected quantified results

- Distribution to HGG personnel of copies of the Schengen Borders Code and the practical handbook for border guards

Having practical user-friendly copies of the Schengen Borders Code and the Practical Handbook for Border Guards, will give HCG personnel dealing with illegal immigration and Schengen issues, the opportunity to be informed directly and rapidly about provisions concerning the prescribed procedures for checks of a police nature on persons, vehicles and ships/craft in areas under the responsibility of the HCG, facilitating the day-to-day exercise of their duties. Thus, together with relevant training of HCG personnel outlined below, it will create both uniformity in carrying out the prescribed checks and common understanding of the relevant provisions of Community law, in the context of integrated management of flows.

Greater uniformity of checks is expected to improve their quality and reduce their overall duration, minimising needless delays, particularly during the tourist season when flows are notably increased.

- Training of HCG personnel to Community Law and especially to the Schengen Borders Code and the Practical Handbook for Border Guards

It is expected that this training will clear up uncertainties, gaps and practical difficulties that occur when HCG personnel conduct the prescribed checks at sea borders, improving the quality of the checks, contributing to their greater uniformity and creating a clear and concrete framework for action, pursuant to the relevant provisions of Community law.

- Training of HGG personnel in tactics for interrogating/debriefing third country nationals

The provision of training to HCG personnel in tactics of interrogation/debriefing of third country nationals will upgrade the quality of the work done by local services of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy (Port Authorities) and will strengthen their capabilities in the field of preliminary interrogation, particularly during systematic investigation of incidents, either with regard to simple, routine cases or, in particular, with regard to serious illegal immigration cases by sea.

- Training on linguistic grounding

The provision of training to HCG personnel on linguistic grounding related to languages of immigrants from African and Asian countries (Afghanis, Somalis, Pakistanis, Iraqis, Eritreans, Palestinians, etc) detected while crossing the external maritime borders is expected to contribute to the verification of their countries of origin, thus increasing the ability for the HCG personnel to recognise patterns, analyse trends and detect anomalies thereby predicting risks, also giving grounds for their repatriation in case their staying in the EU is not allowed finally.

- Training on checks – searches at transportation means for the location of hidden illegal immigrants

The provision of training to HCG personnel on checks – searches at transportation means is expected to have significant added value to the location of hidden illegal immigrants, identifying their methods, places as well as the routes used to elude detection by Port authorities. In this way an enhanced extent of awareness of risks and threats is expected, necessary for a more effective reaction capability to illegal immigration incidents.

- Training of HCG personnel participating in inspection boarding parties of HCG Off Shore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) and crews of HCG vessels as regards approaching Boarding suspect Ships/Craft

Training of crews of HCG OPVs and HCG personnel in undertaking inspections on ships/craft is expected to provide them with a framework of theoretical and practical training both to conduct more effective checks on ships/craft that are at sea and may perhaps, therefore, have a high level of risk, and to take steps to protect themselves in the context of these checks.

- Training of captains HCG Vessels and those in charge of HCG Vessels concerning inspections at open sea

Training of captains and those in charge of HCG Vessels in undertaking inspections on ships/craft is expected to provide them with a framework of theoretical and practical training both to conduct more effective checks on ships/craft that are at sea and, therefore, may have a high level of risk.

- Training on management of illegal immigrants and their facilitators

Training of HCG personnel on management of illegal immigrants and their facilitators is expected to make the trainees fully aware of the fact that the immigrants as well as their facilitators deserve to be treated in a humane way, as well as provide them with a basic grounding on a uniform way of approaching and behaving to them, without violating their rights or showing a degrading behaviour. Also to provide them with guidelines in tactic matters such as the immediate separation of the immigrants from the facilitators, to make their debriefing more effective in terms of analysing trends, patterns and risk analysis in general.

- Training of HCG personnel in detecting forged/falsified documents

Theoretical and practical training of HCG personnel in matters concerning forgery/falsification of documents will provide familiarisation with the use of devices to detect these documents and experience on the methods and means used by criminal networks to create apparently legal documents. In this way, it is expected to improve the quality of the checks conducted by HCG personnel to identify such documents in the possession of third country nationals during tactical or urgent checks in the areas of their responsibility.

- Training on self – protection and self – defence

The provision of basic knowledge on the self – protection of the trainees, when dealing with immigrants or facilitators having a dangerous behaviour (attacking to the HCG personnel, or holding knives – razors or other weaponry is expected to increase their self confidence that their lives won't be at risk during these cases and, additionally, ensure their efficiency in dealing with these exceptional cases which can always occur.

3.5.4.5. Indicators to be used

Output: Number and range of courses organised, the number of participants taking part in trainings. Number and share of the HCG personnel educated and trained.

Outcome: Increase of HCG personnel understanding and interpreting Community Law in a uniform way; increased number of HCG personnel consulting more actively the Handbook and the Code; good knowledge of the applicable rules by the HCG personnel; enhanced extent of awareness of risks and threats; enhanced awareness of international human rights obligations

Impact: More coherent application of EU rules and standards in control and surveillance of maritime borders; improved image of the Community; increased knowledge base for operational decision making; increased border security.

3.5.4.6. Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.5.4.7. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

As described in point 7 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

3.5.4.8. Financial Information

The provision of the above – mentioned trainings to HCG personnel concerning the management of maritime borders depends on 75% Community co-financing (**EUR 75.375,00**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 25.125,00**), which must be covered by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy through the Public Investment Programme. The funding for this project therefore totals **EUR 100.500,00**.

4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

4.1 Purpose of the technical assistance

Technical assistance is a valuable tool and is vital if the projects described above are to be developed/implemented effectively. It focuses mainly on the organisation of the Responsible Authority and on the programming, design, preparation, evaluation, management, monitoring, publicity, application and control of the actions integrated under the External Borders Fund and co financed from Community and national resources.

The Technical Assistance will finance measures of publicity, such as preparation of the Responsible Authority's web site and publication of relevant data, the preparation of the procedure manuals by a consultant company, translations of programmes (Greek to English and vice versa) by authorized private offices, trainings of the Responsible Authority's personnel, on spot checks by Unit C of the Responsible Authority and the Audit Authority, travelling expenditures of the personnel of all the designated authorities (Responsible Authority, Certifying and Audit Authority) and purchase of electronic computers (p.cs), relevant technical equipment and consumables for the designated authorities (Responsible Authority, Certifying and Audit Authority).

Additionally, an information activity will be organized to present the achievements of the 2009 annual programme. The implementation trail of the 2009 AP actions will be presented with the references to the budget and the purpose and scope of each action. The different stakeholders from the services involved in the implementation of the Fund and other public bodies will be invited to the above mentioned presentation.

The Technical assistance has been calculated as a percentage of Community co financing, giving the sum of **EUR 123.052,95** for 2009, of which 75% will be paid from Community financing (**EUR 92.289,71**) and 25% from national resources (**EUR 30.763,24**).

4.2 Expected quantified results

The results expected from the use of Technical Assistance are faster implementation of the actions planned and a better standard of management, monitoring and implementation, in order to make the best possible use of Community and national resources. This will be achieved by improving the administrative and technical capacity of those involved in the management, monitoring and control system at all stages of design, programming, evaluation, management, selection, monitoring, publicity, application and control.

4.3 Visibility of EC funding

As described in point 6 of action 3.1.1. of Priority 1.

5. DRAFT FINANCING PLAN

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Member State: GREECE Annual programme concerned: 2009 Fund: EXTERNAL BORDERS <i>(all figures in euro)</i>								
	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority	Community Contribution (a)	Public Allocation (b)	Private Allocation (c)	TOTAL (d= a+b+c)	% EC (e=a/d)	Share of total (f=d/total d)
Action 3.1.1. : <i>Organisation and Operation of Structures for Analysis of Criminal Intelligence on Organised Crime concerning Illegal Immigration</i>	1		131.491,60	43.830,53	0	175.322,13	75 %	0,56 %
Action 3.1.2. : <i>The purchase of equipment to detect and check if travel documents, papers and other documents are forged / genuine</i>	1		977.159,64	325.719,88	0	1.302.879,52	75%	4,16 %
Action 3.1.3. : <i>The purchase of patrol passenger vehicles (colours of Hellenic Police) 1800 cc and more</i>	1		1.875.000,00	625.000,00	0	2.500.000,00	75%	7,99 %
Action 3.1.4. : <i>The purchase of patrol passenger vehicles S/W (any colour) 1600 cc</i>	1		672.000,00	224.000,00	0	896.000,00	75 %	2,86 %
Action 3.1.5. : <i>The purchase of type jeep vehicles 2000 cc and more</i>	1		1.620.000,00	540.000,00	0	2.160.000,00	75%	6,90 %
Action 3.1.6. : <i>The purchase of one Helicopter</i>	1		4.500.000,00	1.500.000,00	0	6.000.000,00	75%	19,18 %
Action 3.1.7.: <i>The upgrading of HCG central airplanes base</i>	1		375.000,00	125.000,00	0	500.000,00	75%	1,60 %
Action 3.1.8.: <i>The upgrading of HCG central helicopters base</i>	1		375.000,00	125.000,00	0	500.000,00	75%	1,60 %
Action 3.1.9.: <i>The purchase of Coastal Patrol Vessels</i>	1		6.000.000,00	2.000.000,00	0	8.000.000,00	75 %	25,57 %
Action 3.1.10.: <i>The Purchase of Off – road patrol vehicles (Jeep 4x4)</i>	1		787.500,00	262.500,00	0	1.050.000,00	75%	3,36 %

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Annual programme concerned: **2009**

Fund: **EXTERNAL BORDERS**

(all figures in euro)

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Action 3.1.11.: <i>The purchase of Pairs of Encryption Devices</i>	1		300.000,00	100.000,00	0	400.000,00	75 %	1,28 %
Action 3.1.12.: <i>The purchase of Radio - Communications and electro-maritime equipment</i>	1		375.000,00	125.000,00	0	500.000,00	75 %	1,60%
Action 3.1.13.: <i>The upgrading of HCG vessels (purchase of new main engines, electric engines, gear boxes and propulsion systems)</i>	1		1.331.437,50	443.812,50	0	1.775.250,00	75 %	5,68%
Action 3.1.14.: <i>The establishment of AIS infrastructure</i>	1		225.000,00	75.000,00	0	300.000,00	75 %	0,96 %
Action 3.2.1. : <i>The purchase of the appropriate equipments for the operation of the National Coordination Centre and its interoperability</i>	2		600.000,00	200.000,00	0	800.000,00	75 %	2,56 %
Action 3.2.2.: <i>Conduct of a feasibility study for the establishment of a surveillance system in north Aegean Sea</i>	2		75.000,00	25.000,00	0	100.000,00	75 %	0,32 %
Action 3.3.1.: <i>The modernisation of the management of consular functions</i>	3		150.000,00	50.000,00	0	200.000,00	75 %	0,64 %
Action 3.4.1.: <i>The support for the establishment of NET-VIS IT and Network Systems required for implementation of the Community Legal Instruments in the field of external borders and Visas</i>	4		983.389,80	327.796,60	0	1.311.186,40	75 %	4,19 %
Action 3.4.2.: <i>Development of the Second-Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) – Purchase, installation and adjustment of networking and computerized equipment</i>	4		900.000,00	300.000,00	0	1.200.000,00	75 %	3,84 %
Action 3.4.3.: <i>Training of HCG personnel in computerised applications of the 2nd Generation of SCHENGEN Information System (SIS II)</i>	4		3.000,00	1.000,00	0	4.000,00	75 %	0,01 %

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Action 3.5.1.: <i>The incorporation of the common training standard for the country's police personnel</i>	5		574.104,75	191.368,25	0	765.473,00	75 %	2,45%
Action 3.5.2.: <i>Linguistic training of the Hellenic Police personnel, via the Foreigner Languages Department (School)</i>	5		420.000,00	140.000,00	0	560.000,00	75 %	1,79 %
Action 3.5.3.: <i>In Situ training on Visa policy issues</i>	5		41.760,00	13.920,00	0	55.680,00	75 %	0,18 %
Action 3.5.4.: <i>Training of HCG personnel in matters of external borders management</i>	5		75.375,00	25.125,00	0	100.500,00	75 %	0,32 %
Technical assistance			92.289,71	30.763,24	0	123.052,95	75%	0,40 %
Other operations (2)			0	0	0	0		0%
TOTAL			23.459.508,00	7.819.836,00	0	31.279.344,00	75%	100.00%

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