

MULTI-ANNUAL PROGRAMME

MEMBER STATE:	GREECE
FUND:	EXTERNAL BORDERS FUND
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY:	MINISTRY OF INTERIOR/ HELLENIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS/FINANCE DIVISION
PERIOD COVERED:	2007-2013

1. SITUATION IN THE MEMBER STATE

A description of the baseline situation in the Member State in the policy field covered by the Fund's objectives

1.1. The national situation and the migratory flows affecting it

The migration of nations and groups of people has always been an historical and sociological phenomenon throughout the length and breadth of our planet.

Greece has faced the problem of illegal immigration since the 1990s.

Immigration problem (especially in terms of illegal immigration) started to get worse in Greece in the 1990s, taking on explosive proportions following political developments in Southeast Europe and the conflict in the Middle East and changing Greece from being a country of passing migrants and emigrants to a country in which illegal immigrants and economic refugees took up permanent residence.

1.1.2. Institutional setup

The Greek authorities are seriously engaged in the effort to combat illegal immigration. The Hellenic Police (recently incorporated to the Ministry of Interior) is in principle assigned with tasks of land, sea and air border control, surveillance of land border and secondment of Immigration Liaison Officers in third countries as well as those related to policing and strategy measures for the combating of illegal migration. The Ministry of Mercantile Marine, Aegean and Island Policy via the Hellenic Coastguard, is responsible for the surveillance of maritime borders. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs addresses issues related to illegal immigration by ensuring a high level of consular services abroad.

Each of the above mentioned authorities has its own field of action. The coordination among them is ensured by the national legislation and by special Memorandum of cooperation, in all levels of their organization.

1.1.3. Visa policy and entry conditions

As regards conditions for entry in Greece and in the Schengen Area through the process of visa applications in Consular Authorities in non EU countries, many of third country nationals arrive at the borders of Europe with a legal visa, but with the clear intention of violating the terms on which it was granted (duration, terms of residence etc.), or they arrive on a forged visa or passport without any supporting documentation for the visa or the documents required in advance (e.g. work permit).

1.2. The measures undertaken by the Member State so far

The appropriate legislative, administrative, operational and technical measures taken by the competent Greek authorities for the purpose of

external border control and surveillance are planned and implemented on the basis of the needs, the experience gained through these needs and the willingness at the political level for a more effectively management of external borders.

The policies developed and the measures taken to secure Greece's external borders are designed both to prevent and control illegal immigration as well as cross-border organised crime. In terms of preventive policy, the first level of the Border Security Model (namely border control) is the geographical space in which all measures are planned for implementation.

At the second level, controls are carried out at the external borders and the mainland having a repressive effect in practice.

As far as **legislative** measures are concerned, sanctions foreseen to the basic law on immigration (L. 3386/2005) as modified, apply to a very wide circle of culprits, viz.:

- aliens entering illegally;
- aliens working illegally;
- aliens trying to re-enter even though they have already been classified as undesirable aliens;
- aliens who make false declaration of their address, means of survival or other information;
- people smugglers;
- masters or pilots of ships or floating craft or aircraft and drivers of any means of transport carrying aliens or failing to honour their obligation not to agree to carry aliens to and from abroad without travel documents;
- airline or shipping companies or travel agencies which agree to carry aliens who are not in possession of legal entry documents;
- travel agencies and immigration agencies submitting supporting documentation for travel documents on behalf of aliens containing information which does not apply to that person;
- employers employing aliens illegally;
- employers who have confirmed that they will recruit specific aliens and cover their living expenses until such time as they obtain a residence permit and who fail to honour these obligations;
- managers of hotels, summer resorts, clinics and hospitals who fail to notify the authorities of incoming and outgoing aliens;
- any private individual who lets property to an alien without a passport or other travel document or entry visa or residence permit;
- notaries public who fail to honour their obligation to ascertain and record if the aliens appearing before them in order to draft notarial deeds have an entry visa and residence permit;
- persons who file an inaccurate declaration or confirmation in respect of their intention to house and keep foreign guests;
- employees of government departments, public corporations, local authorities, public utilities and social security organizations who break the law by providing their services to illegal aliens;

- governors of prisons and detention centres who fail to honour their obligation to confiscate, hold and return an alien's travel documents or other identity papers and any residence or work permit (on the prisoner's release);
- any person who helps an alien to enter or stay in Greece or obstructs the police in locating, arresting and deporting illegal aliens.

Concerning the **administrative measures**, the competent services of the Hellenic Police Headquarters, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy monitor the implementation of measures by the regional and local authorities as well as the consular offices abroad and issue all appropriate administrative orders.

Furthermore, circulars are issued and instructions are posted on the Ministries' websites aiming to:

- Inform third country citizens about the conditions of legal entry and residence in the territory of Greece and the Schengen area
- Inform citizens about measures – practices taken at legislative and operational level, including incidents related to the management of external borders.

The measures implemented at the **operational level** basically aim to:

- locate immigrants attempting to cross the borders illegally and channel them to the existing reception mechanism
- combat the various forms of cross-border crime, both at border crossing points and on land and sea borders, including the arrest of members of organized criminal networks and breaking up these networks which facilitate the transportation of illegal immigrants and seize their means of transport
- facilitate the movement of persons crossing external borders and checks on their vehicles
- the cooperation between the competent Services of the Hellenic Police, the Hellenic Coast Guard and the Customs, at all levels of management (central – regional – tactical) in the common objective of combating illegal immigration and other serious types of cross-border crime
- the cooperation between the Greek Law Enforcement Authorities, the Authorities of other EU Member States and International Organizations (Frontex, Europol, Interpol), including the participation in joint operations to identify and break up organised illegal immigration networks
- achieve a high level of consular and visa issuing services contributing to the integrated border management system

2. ANALYSIS OF REQUIREMENTS IN THE MEMBER STATE

Having in mind:

- the situation concerning illegal immigration in Greece (nexus points, routes, modus operandi, transportations means),
- the aspects affecting the situation in our country, namely

- extensiveness of the external “green and blue” borders as well as the coastline,
- the existence of thousands of islands and islets,
- the heavy traffic in the Greek domain,
- intense illegal immigration flows to certain areas gradually increasing every year,
- the geographical position of Greece in the South eastern external borders of E.U.
- The variety of the push and pull factors (economic, political, religious, social, e.t.c.)

the main requirement is set in terms of external borders management, namely to **achieve the best possible situational awareness at the external borders**, in order to provide the best reaction capability to threats – incidents.

Directly related to the main requirement, the following specific requirements are set.

3. STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES

A description of how the Fund contributes to meeting the requirements, which priorities have been chosen and why

All the objectives proposed on the basis of the priorities described below will be applied as follows throughout the territory of Greece in terms of land/maritime borders (including airports in Greece and consular authorities):

3.1 Priority 1: Support for the further gradual establishment of the common integrated border management system as regards the checks on persons at and the surveillance of the external borders

OBJECTIVE 1: Buildings infrastructures at the external land borders (Requirement 4 – Operational Objective 2)

Examples of key actions:

The construction of one building in the region of Konitsa at Ioannina, aiming at:

a) Accommodation of Borders Guard Station and Police Station of Konitsa that acts operational in the wider region to monitor and prevent external borders from being crossed illegally.

b) Temporary residence of persons that their entry was not allowed, because they didn't fulfil all the requirements of entry, of persons who enter the borders illegally or when they attempt to cross the external borders illegally aiming at their illegal entry in the Hellenic territory.

The above mentioned action has been programmed to be implemented by the annual program 2008.

OBJECTIVE 2: Equipment to detect and check if travel documents and papers and other documents are forged / genuine (Requirement 1 – Operational Objective 1 and Requirement 12 – Operational Objective 2)

With the implementation of the above objective, it is aimed to be achieved the following:

- Essential control of non EU-citizens who request the issuance of a VISA, via VIS which is scheduled to be implemented, in case they choose a Greek border control point to enter the unified European Union territory.
- Essential control of every person who declares to be an EU-citizen or citizen of a non EU-country for which a VISA is not required in order to enter the unified European territory.

The expectations of this objective aim at reducing significantly the rate of the illegal immigration. Adding the above mentioned equipment to the arsenal of the competent Authorities, will **dramatically improve their effectiveness and efficiency and this in effect will result in a significant reduction of the rate of illegal immigration.**

Examples of key actions:

The purchase, from 2007 to 2013 of the following equipment: 1.230 Full Page Readers, 1.190 live fingerprint detectors [Live Scans (2)], 36 high-precision digital cameras and 115 live fingerprint detectors [Live Scans (10)].

This objective has been programmed to be covered by the annual programs 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 with total financing 17.820.988,00 €.

OBJECTIVE 3: Organisation and operation of structures analysis for criminological information for the organised crime of illegal immigration in Greece from third countries (Requirement 8 – Operational Objective 1)
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The aim of this objective is to purchase and install hardware and software to analyze criminological information and support the prosecuting authorities in effectively combating international gangs and individual groups smuggling immigrants (mainly from Asia) to Greece who intend either to carry on to other EU countries or remain permanently in Greece.

Examples of key actions:

The purchase of software licences, namely 92 licenses of use packages of software analysis "Analysis Note Book", 91 use licenses Software packages of analysis "iBase User", 31 "ibase Designer" use licenses Software packages of analysis, 25 use licenses for Software packs of analysis Pattern Tracer, 37 use licenses for software packs of analysis Text Chart Reader and technological equipment (19 servers, 93 PCs, 19 plotters, 26 printers).

This action has been programmed to be covered by the annual programs 2008 and 2009 with total financing 1.675.322,13 €.

OBJECTIVE 4: Detection, identification and intervention on borders and in the hinterland (Requirement 1 – Operational Objective 2)

It is made indisputable that the permanently increasing needs in material and technical equipment by the continuously increasing surge of illegal immigrants in the territory of our country. At this point, we provide you our needs for reinforcement as below:

Examples of key actions:

- **The purchase of a high speed patrol boat**

The high speed patrol boat will be a line product, new, modern manufacture and technology, specifically drawn in order to faces the wave, developing high speeds. It should have the essential floatability, so even if it is submerged by waters to have the faculty to remain in the surface of water and moreover it will be supposed it is accompanied by study of inundation.

The total length should be from 9 up to 13 metres. The official speed of this speedboat (speed of biggest autonomy) to be at least 40 nodes and to have autonomy at least 150 nautical miles. It will be entirely from strengthened plastic with utilisation of materials of technology that will render the all manufacture much more light, lending simultaneously high resistances. The all manufacture is supposed to become accordingly with the existence Legislation and the follow-up of an expert, who will publish also the certificate of appropriateness. It will be used to realize patrols, with the already over 10 years old existing speedboat, in the lake "Big Prespa" which is in the borders between Greece, FYROM and Albania, for the surveillance in this area and for detecting illegal immigrants. This action has been forecasted to be covered by the annual programme of 2007 with total financing 310.000,00 €.

- **The purchase of helicopters**

The helicopters (included system of thermal depiction and transmission of picture FLIR), **2 items**, which will be used by the Service of Air Means of Greek Police 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 more generally. The base of helicopters and the breadth of the supervised region will be determined by the Address Alien/Hellenic Police Headquarters. It is pointed out that Hellenic Police allocates in total 5 helicopters, from which the two of them are the same press with the proposed (Ec-135 T1 CPDS), with which are sought the uniformity of her fleet and the reject of cost of further educations. The mentioned action has been forecasted it is covered with annual programs 2009 and 2010 with total financing 12.000.000,00 €.

- **The purchase of police patrol vehicles**

The police patrol vehicles will be:

a) Dichromatic, cubism 1600cc and more, roughly 763 items and has been forecasted to be covered by annual programs 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2013 with total financing 16.397.000,00 €.

b) Free coloration roughly 336 items and has been forecasted to be covered by annual programs 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011 with total financing 8.405.000,00 €.

c) Police vehicles of type SW of cubism 1600cc and more roughly 140 items and has been forecasted to be covered by annual programs 2009 and 2013 with total financing 3.096.000,00 €.

The above categories of vehicles will be used by Services which handle the emergence incidences (in Greece called AMESI DRASI), by the Services of Order, of Security and Address of Foreigners, by the Departments of border guard services, by Departments O.P.K.E and by the Services of Motorways, Departments of Prosecution of Illegal immigrants.

d) Vehicles type jeep will be cubism 2000 cc and more, roughly 701 items and will be used by the Services of Order, the Departments of Border Guard Services, the Departments of O.P.K.E. and the Departments of Prosecution of Immigration. For the distribution of the above equipment will be given priority in the Departments of Prosecution of Immigration and

Borders Guard, for the realisation of patrols, the prevention and the repression of illegal immigration, assisting the already existing vehicles or replacing them which are over aged.

These vehicles have been forecasted to be covered by annual programs 2007, 2009, 2012 and 2013 with total financing 24.630.000,00 €.

e) Motorcycles different operational types

The motorcycles will be: i) Police Press 600 cc and more roughly 200 items, will be used by the Police Emergency Action Services and by the Services of Order and ii) motorcycles ENDURO 600 cc and more, roughly 50 items, that will be sold in the Services of Safety, Address of Foreigners. The two categories of motorcycles have been forecasted to be covered by the annual program 2013 with total financing 2.450.000,00 €.

OBJECTIVE 5: Technical equipment for the detection of illegal immigrants and their facilitators (Requirement 2 – Operational Objective 1)
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Examples of key actions:

- **The purchase of night vision goggles**

Binoculars of night observation, modern technology, third generation or equivalent 9 corresponding or with superior records, high distinctness – output and with the capacity for observation with conditions 1m LUX (Star light) and 30% opposition. Their dimensions must be the smallest possible. They will be disposed for the needs of Border Guard Services and the replacement of older damaged equipment found out of operation. The supply of roughly 50 items has been forecasted to be covered with the annual program 2007 with total financing 275.000,00 €.

- **The purchase of long distance day goggles**

Binoculars of day observation and Military specifications, with the smallest possible weight, modern technology, high distinctness–output, suitable for placement in irregular ground, will be been disposed for the cover of needs of Border Guard Services. The supply of 100 items roughly, has been forecasted to be covered with the annual program 2007 with total financing 150.000,00 €.

- **The purchase of thermal cameras**

Portable cameras with small size and weight, durable manufacture, modern technology, recent production, simple in their use with possibility of benefit of most excellent picture (without deformities) analysis of 240 lines at least. They are supposed to function with the thermal radiation that emit living organisms and objects even under unfavourable conditions (dust, tobacco, fog, continuous vibrations – vibrations etc). They will be disposed for the needs of Border Guard Services. The supply of roughly 20 items has been forecasted to be covered by annual program 2007 with total financing 1.000.000,00 €.

OBJECTIVE 6: Equipment for the transportation of the Police Personnel and the Border Guards in the areas of realization of operations (Requirement 4 – Operational Objective 3)

Examples of key actions:

- **The purchase of personnel transport vehicles (buses)**

It concerns buses for the staff transportation: a) of 50 seats roughly 5 items, b) 35 seats roughly 10 items and c) of 8+1 seats, roughly 23 items, suitable morphological for buses, biaxial closed single car body for comfortable transport of the above mentioned number of police officers which will be supposed to cover the limits of emission of gases of pollutants the Greek and Community legislation and will be disposed for the direct transposition of police personnel, in regions that need direct aid because of the increased number of illegal immigrants or emergencies contributing to the already existing vehicles or replacing them, because they are old. They will be distributed in the Services of Order, in the Border Guard Services and in the Departments of Prosecution of Immigration. These vehicles have been forecasted to be covered, as follows: a) 5 items of the buses of 50 seats by annual programs 2007, b) 10 items of the buses of 35 seats by annual program 2008 and 2010 and c) 23 items of the buses of 8+1 seats by annual program 2010. The total financing of all the above items is 3.740.800,00 €.

- **The purchase of vehicles closed type (VAN) and lorries of open type (rural)**

It is about:

a) Vehicles of closed type (VAN) with specific configuration, roughly 95 items have been forecasted to be covered by annual programs 2007 and 2011.

b) Lorries of open type (rural) roughly 30 items have been forecasted to be covered by the annual program 2008 and 2012.

The total financing of all the above items is 4.950.000,00 €

The above categories of the vehicles will be disposed for the direct transport of personnel, in regions that needs direct aid because off the increased illegal immigration or emergencies cases as well as for patrols in inaccessible and mountainous regions. They will be distributed to the Departments of Borders Guard.

OBJECTIVE 7: More effective control at ports, more effective control and surveillance of the territorial waters as well as more frequent surveillance of the high seas by operational means (Requirement 1 – Operational Objective 3)

Examples of key actions:

- **The purchase of an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV)**

The purchase of one OPV by the HCG is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2011, 2012 and 2013 with total financing 31.574.201,00 €.

- **The purchase of Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPVs)**

The purchase of six (06) CPVs in total by the HCG is proposed for co-financing by the EBF, four (04) CPVs to be covered by the Annual Programme 2009 and two (02) CPVs to be covered by the Annual Programme 2010 with total financing 12.000.000,00 €.

- **The purchase of High Speed Coastal Patrol Vessels (HSCPVs)**

The purchase of eight (08) High Speed Coastal Patrol Vessels (HSCPVs) by the HCG is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2007 with total financing 800.000,00 €.

- **The purchase of Very High Speed Coastal Patrol Vessels (VHSCPVs)**

The purchase of three (03) Very High Speed Coastal Patrol Vessels (VHSCPVs) by the HCG is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2007 with total financing 300.000,00 €.

- **The purchase of Off – Road Vehicles**

The purchase of forty five (45) off – road vehicles in total by the HCG is proposed for co – financing by the EBF, namely eleven (11) to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2007, four (04) to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2008 and thirty (30) to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2009 with total financing 1.500.000,00 €.

- **The purchase of Motorcycles**

The purchase of ten (10) motorcycles by the HCG for coastal surveillance by land is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2012 with total financing 100.000,00 €.

- **The purchase of devices for the detection of false – falsified documents**

The purchase of one hundred (100) devices for the detection of false – falsified documents to fulfil the requirements described on Chapter II is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2008 with total financing 100.000,00 €.

OBJECTIVE 8: Installation of Automatic Identification System (AIS) infrastructure (Requirement 1 – Operational Objective 4)
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Examples of key actions:

- **The purchase and the installation of three AIS receivers** in the areas of Alexandroupoli, Limnos Island and Samothraki Island and to be used for the detection and identification of all vessels – boats being obliged to send them AIS data.

The establishment of Automatic Identification System (AIS) infrastructure (3 AIS receivers) in the North Aegean Sea is proposed to be covered by the **EBF Annual Programme 2009** with total financing **300.000,00 €**.

OBJECTIVE 9: Purchase of appropriate technical equipment to locate illegal

immigrants and their facilitators in transportation means or at land close to the coastline (Requirement 2 – Operational Objective 2)

Examples of key actions:

- **Purchase of Special Vehicles transporting HCG personnel**

The purchase of two (02) special vehicles transporting HCG personnel is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2007 with total financing 700.000,00 €.

- **Purchase of thermal cameras, night vision goggles, endoscopes with binocular eyepieces and laser range finders**

The purchase of eight (08) thermal cameras, twelve (12) night vision goggles, sixteen (16) endoscopes with binocular eyepieces and twenty one (21) laser range finders is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2008 with total financing 434.180,00 €.

- **Upgrading of the existing cameras and related electronic systems on HCG OPVs**

The upgrading of the existing thermal cameras and related systems on two (02) HCG OPVs is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2008 with total financing 300.000,00 €.

- **Upgrading of the existing cameras, the communication systems and computers on the HCG movable vehicles for coastal surveillance**

The upgrading of the existing thermal cameras, the communication systems and computers on each of the four (04) HCG movable vehicles for coastal surveillance is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2012 with total financing 125.000,00 €.

- **Purchase of CO2 detection devices**

The purchase of fifty (50) CO2 detection devices is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2008 with total financing 100.000,00 €.

OBJECTIVE 10: Purchase of technical – electronic systems and equipment for the HCG Operations Centre (Requirement 4 – Operational Objective 4)

Examples of key actions:

- **The purchase of the technical – electronic systems and other IT equipment for the HCG Operations Centre** to fulfill its tasks is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2007 with total financing 2.578.886,67 €.

- The upgrading of some of the above – mentioned systems – equipment of the HCG Operations Centre due to their continuous use (natural damage) is foreseen and is proposed to be covered by the **Annual Programme 2013** with total financing **225.000,00 €**.

OBJECTIVE 11: Upgrading of the HCG Airplanes' and Helicopters' central bases (Requirement 4 – Operational Objective 5)

Examples of key actions:

- The upgrading of the HCG airplanes' central base so that appropriate hangars are created, will cease their exposure to the weather conditions, render their maintenance more appropriate and quicker, as well as significantly improve the working conditions for the staff so that it is able to fulfil its tasks more effectively, thus achieving a better management of the airplanes in all aspects (more effective deployment for patrols, appropriate and timely maintenance minimizing the period of immobilization). It is proposed to be covered by the **EBF Annual Programmes 2008 and 2009** with total financing **1.500.000,00 €**.

- The upgrading of the HCG helicopters' central base so that appropriate hangars are created, will cease their exposure to the weather conditions, render their maintenance more appropriate and quicker, as well as significantly improve the working conditions for the staff so that it is able to fulfil its tasks more effectively, thus achieving a better management of the helicopters in all aspects (more effective deployment for patrols, appropriate and timely maintenance minimizing the period of immobilization). It is proposed to be covered by the **EBF Annual Programmes 2008 and 2009** with total financing **1.500.000,00 €**.

OBJECTIVE 12: Purchase of main engines, electric engines, gear boxes as well as propulsion systems of HCG vessels (Requirement 4 – Operational Objective 5)

Examples of key actions:

- **The purchase of main engines, electric engines, gear boxes and propulsion systems for HCG vessels** is proposed for total financing **7.066.350,00 €** namely:

- four (04) main engines to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2008,
- eight (08) main engines, twenty (20) electric engines, two (02) gear boxes and eleven (11) propulsion systems by the EBF Annual Programme 2009,
- five (05) main engines, nine (09) electric engines, one (01) gear box and three (03) propulsion systems by the EBF Annual Programme 2010,
- two (02) main engines, six (06) electric engines, one (01) gear box and four (04) propulsion systems by the EBF Annual Programme 2011,
- four (04) main engines, three (03) electric engines, one (01) gear box and two (02) propulsion systems by the EBF Annual Programme 2012 and
- ten (10) main engines, nine (09) electric engines, one (01) gear box and ten (10) propulsion systems by the EBF Annual Programme 2013.

OBJECTIVE 13: Purchase of crypto – devices for the transmission of classified information (Requirement 5 – Operational Objective 1)

One hundred and twenty (120) state – of – the – art crypto devices in total would be purchased with total financing **1.895.500,00 €** and disposed to Services of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, the HCG District Commands and the Port Authorities, for encrypted (secure) exchange of information having any classification (confidential – secret – top secret).

Examples of key actions:

- **the purchase of seventy (70) crypto devices**, in total, is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2007, namely, ten (10) to be disposed to the competent Divisions of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and another sixty (60) crypto devices to be disposed to the 7 HCG District Commands and certain Port Authorities,
- **the purchase of twenty four (24) crypto devices** are proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2009, to be disposed to certain Port Authorities
- **the purchase of fifteen (15) crypto devices** are proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2010, to be disposed to certain Port Authorities.
- **the purchase of eleven (11) crypto devices** are proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2013, to be disposed to certain Port Authorities.

OBJECTIVE 14: Participation of HCG operational means in joint operations at bilateral and EU level (Requirement 6 – Operational Objective 2)

Examples of key actions:

- **the purchase of an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV)**
The purchase of one OPV by the HCG to be used in joint operations at bilateral or EU level is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2011, 2012 and 2013. This OPV is the same that was described in Objective 1 of this Chapter.
- **The purchase of Coastal Patrol Vessels (CPVs)**
The purchase of six (06) CPVs in total by the HCG, so that some of them could be used in joint operations at bilateral or EU level is proposed for co-financing by the EBF, four (04) CPVs to be covered by the Annual Programme 2009 and two (02) CPVs to be covered by the Annual Programme 2010. These CPVs are the same that were described in Objective 1 of this Chapter.

OBJECTIVE 15: Purchase and installation of radio – communication and electro – maritime equipment (Requirement 9 – Operational Objective 2)

Examples of key actions:

- **The purchase by the HCG, of the radio – communication and electro – maritime systems** functioning as sole units or installed upon certain platforms is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2013 with total financing 1.500.000,00 €.

Indicators for objectives 1-15 to be implemented under Priority 1

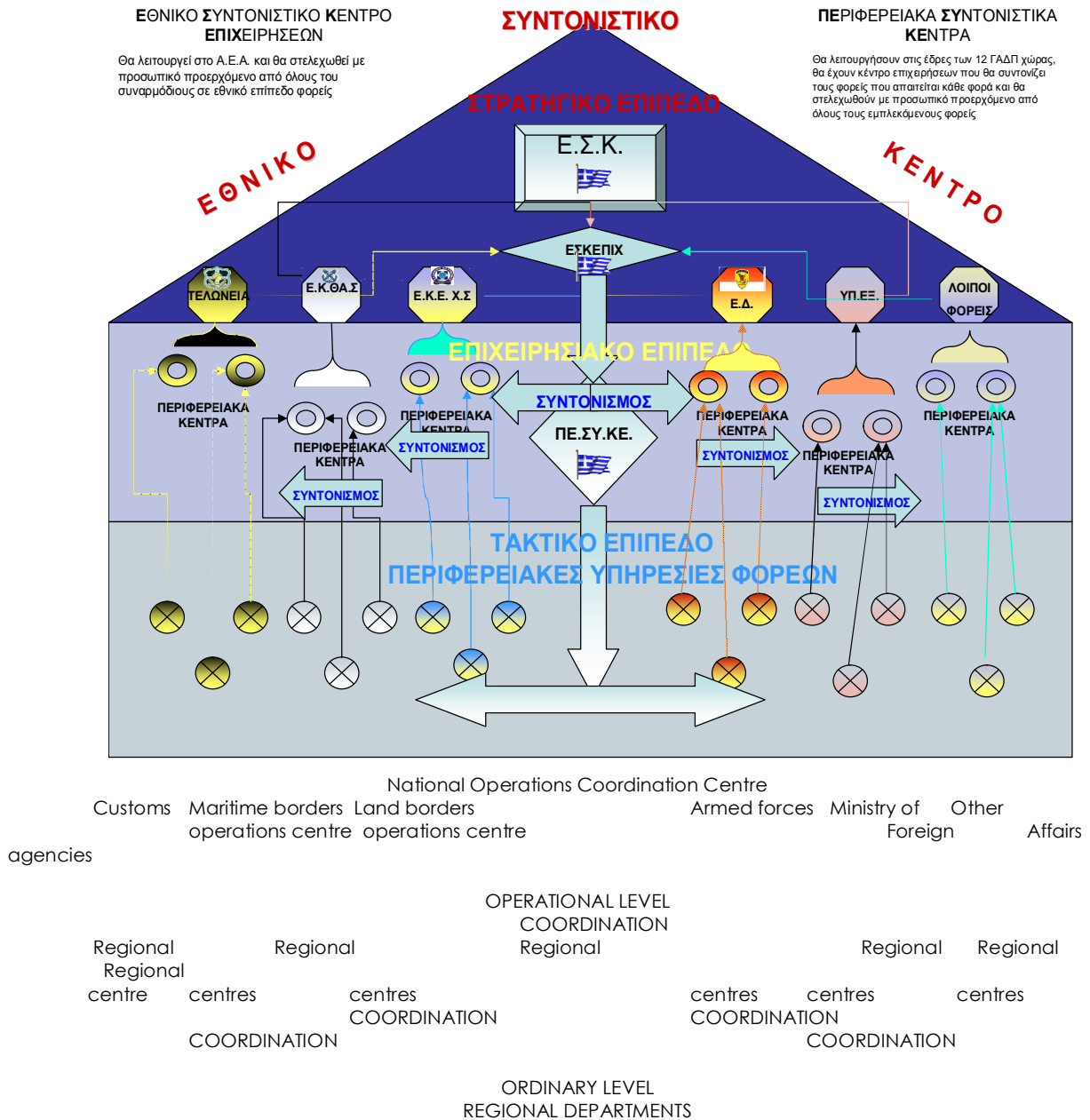
Output	Outcomes	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of equipment and means of transport purchased, replaced and/or upgraded - Number of surveillance equipment / detection tools acquired or upgraded - Number of laboratory equipment and equipment for detection of false / falsified documents acquired or upgraded - Number of systems developed/ upgraded; number / quality of (new) information collected / data categories introduced - Number of infrastructures developed or upgraded - Number of persons / vehicles controlled at border crossing points - Number of operating equipment purchased - Number of areas or centres built or upgraded - Number of places created or upgraded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhanced extent of awareness of risks and threats ; - Extended use of risk analysis in the organisation and operation of border control; - Efficient borders surveillance - Modernisation / upgrading of equipment - Sufficient state-of-the-art equipment provided - Clearer picture of conditions and activities along the EU external borders - Increased number of border crossing points adapted to needs of border guards and travellers; - Actual use of equipment and means of transport increased - Number and quality of available equipment for border guards increased - Increased reaction capacity with regard to detection and interception of illegal border crossers - Better working conditions for border guards - Capacity building for operational coordination (facilitating potential cooperation) between Member States and with FRONTEX - Facilitation of joint operations between Member States - Better accommodation of persons kept in the areas or centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhanced information exchange and co-operation between authorities involved in border control - Increased border security - Increased knowledge base for operational decision making - Enhanced sharing of information, co-ordination and/or co-operation between MS in securing EU external borders

3.2. Priority 2: Support for the development and implementation of the national components of a European Surveillance System for the external borders and of a permanent European Patrol Network at the southern maritime borders of the EU Member States

OBJECTIVE 1: Set up and operation of a National Coordination Centre (Requirement 6 – Operational Objective 1)

Introduction

The setting up and the operation a **National Coordination Centre** to ensure inter-ministerial/inter-operational collaboration at national level between **all the national authorities** involved somehow in the management and control of external borders and the issue of aliens in Greece in general.



The **National Coordination Centre** will be equipped with appropriate materials and technical equipment to meet the coordination, communication and information collection and management requirements both with national authorities performing external border control duties and national coordination centres in other Member States. Additionally, in order, the set up of the NCC, to be more efficient, it is needed to be established a study, which will provide the needs and all the requirements for the appropriate set up and operation of the National Coordination Centre.

Examples of key actions:

- The chief objective of preparing **a study relating to the establishment and operation of the National Coordination Centre** is to implement the decision adopted by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union concerning the operation and utilisation of the (financial) resources of the External Borders Fund. It is clear that, in preparing

the study, account will be taken of the strategic guidelines adopted by the European Commission with a view to encouraging the Member States to perform actions geared towards the establishment and operation of a National Coordination Centre. Operating the National Coordination Centre will ensure interministerial/interoperational cooperation at national level between all the national authorities involved, in whatever way, as regards management and control of external borders and, more generally, matters concerning foreign nationals in Greece. Moreover, it will offer an opportunity for direct cooperation through the exchange of information with other national centres in the Member States of the European Union.

- The purchase of the technical equipment and means to meet the coordination, communication and information collection and management requirements with national authorities performing external border control duties . Besides, the purpose of the implementation of the study's establishment is, among others, to determine the technical means which are necessary for the NCC's operation and the interoperability with the National Centres of other member states. However, an indicative list of equipment, needed for the setting up and operation of the NCC, is the following:

- 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.
- Telecommunications equipment for the various forms of communication (conventional –related to satellite).
- 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.
- Wireless communication equipment.
- External devices for receival and transmission of information at the regional centres.
- Satellite antennas for receival of messages and information from regional, mobile coordinative centres and radar antennas.

- Projection systems for presentations (Power point).
- 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.
- Software for evaluation of Services' activities, based on the statistical data that they present.
- Installation of wireless microphone equipment and booths for translators in the room of deliberations.

It is proposed for total financing the below indicative amounts: **250.000,00 €** for the establishment of the study, by the annual program 2008 and **1.800.000,00 €** both for the set up and operation of the NCC with the necessary equipment and for its interoperability with similar centres in other Member States, by the annual programs 2009 and 2010.

OBJECTIVE 2: Interoperability of National Coordination Centre with similar centres in other Member States (Requirement 9 – Operational Objective 1)

Introduction

The National Coordination Centre is not only related with the need for co-ordination of all the national authorities that are involved in the management of illegal immigration and the equitable application of completed model for the external borders management but is also related with the willingness for direct communication, via the N.C.C., with the respective national centres or the competent Authorities of the other member states of European Union and FRONTEX, so that it is ensured the exchange of information and data, concerning the situation in the external borders, in real time. This direct communication will be ensured through the interoperability of the systems.

Therefore, it is needed technical equipment, which supports both the operation of the National Coordination Centre and interoperability with the systems/resources of the national coordination centres of other Member States, to be purchased in order to guarantee coordinated cooperation and exchange of information between the Member States of the EU in real time.

With this facility (interoperable of resources) the competent authorities in the Member States can cooperate directly, without the need for bureaucratic procedures to be applied, and will also be provided with the facility for direct exchange of information which allows the display of targeted measures against persons and/or groups of persons and objects which constitute either a danger to public order and security or a national threat.

System interoperability will allow the cooperation in theory to be put into practice.

At EU level, the Commission has already started an initiative (EUROSUR) to determine the systems which, in the view of the Member States, need to be used in order to operate the **National Coordination Centres**, so as to

guarantee the required interoperability between national surveillance systems.

In this time period it cannot be determined the technical means for the interoperability that will be required, because of the expectation (as other members of EU) of the discussions results which are going to start in the framework of the Council of European Union, concerning the initiative EUROSUR.

The appropriate network (connections etc), as well as hardware and software, for secure communications system would allow for the interoperability among all member states' NCCs, as well as between NCCs and FRONTEX.

Examples of key actions:

- The appropriate equipment which will be used for the interoperability of the NCC is described in the above mentioned objective (Objective 1 – Priority 2). Specifically, the communication between the NCCs and the NCC and FRONTEX will be secured by a connection via intranet system, unless if the EUROSUR's developments lead to an encrypted system. Additionally, will be used telephones, videos, fax and e-mails and the FRONTEX Information System (FIS).

- The trainings of the personnel, which will stuff the NCC, are described in Objective 1 – Priority 5 (trainings c and d).

This objective has been programmed to be covered progressively, beginning with annual program 2008 up to the annual 2010. For financial estimations see Objective 1 above.

OBJECTIVE 3: Establishment and installation of a surveillance system of the external maritime borders of the North Aegean Sea – Conduct of a feasibility study for the establishment of the system (Requirement 1 – Operational Objective 4)

Examples of key actions:

- **Conduct of a feasibility study for the establishment of the surveillance system**

A feasibility study will be conducted for the establishment of the surveillance system of the external maritime borders in the North Aegean Sea and is proposed to be covered by the **EBF Annual Programme 2009** with total financing **100.000,00 €**.

- **Establishment and installation of the surveillance system of the external maritime borders of the North Aegean Sea**

Three (03) radar stations as well as all appropriate equipment would be installed in defined areas of Alexandroupoli, Limnos Island and Samothraki Island, for the detection and classification of targets over these coastal areas. In this way, whenever a target would be considered as "suspicious" in terms of illegal immigration, or have to be intercepted due to the transportation of illegal immigrants, the appropriate operational means from the respective

Port Authorities would be deployed for this purpose, avoiding the duplication of efforts and, thus, achieving scale of economy (savings). The establishment and installation of the said surveillance system is proposed to be covered by the **EBF Annual Programme 2011** with total financing **1.713.566,67 €**.

Indicators for objectives 1-3 to be implemented under Priority 2		
Output	Outcomes	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of a national co-ordination centre for border control (checks and surveillance), which supports real-time local, regional and national decision-making among all involved national services by using surveillance, reporting and intelligence data. - Number and scope of systems upgraded to be compatible with systems of other MS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase in information exchange and cooperation at national level - Creation of a "national border security picture" - First step in establishing a European border surveillance system taken - Increase in potential for cooperation with other Member States - Enhanced extent of awareness of risks and threats ; - Extended use of risk analysis in the organisation and operation of border control; - Efficient borders surveillance - Clearer picture of conditions and activities along the EU external borders - Capacity building for operational coordination (facilitating potential cooperation) between Member States and with FRONTEX - Facilitation of joint operations between Member States - Interoperability of the systems achieved with at least two other (preferably neighbouring) Member States 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhanced information exchange and co-operation between authorities involved in border control - Increased border security - Increased knowledge base for operational decision making - Enhanced sharing of information, co-ordination and/or co-operation between MS in securing EU external borders

3.3. Priority 3: Support for the issuing of visas and the tackling of illegal immigration, including the detection of forged or falsified documents by enhancing the activities organised by the consular and other services of the Member States in third countries

OBJECTIVE 1: Development of a complete network of Police Contacts (ILOs) (Requirement 10 -Operational Objective 1)

The Greek Police, watching and corresponding in the new policies and objectives of European Union for effective confrontation of International Organised Crime and Illegal Immigration to the territory of European Union and in the framework of the further tightening of operational activities of the member states' competent Authorities, the last years is been found in a process of growth of a complete network of Police Contacts, specifically in third countries. According to the Greek legislative framework the Police Contacts cover a wide spectrum of competences - actions, including, among others, the combat (prevention/stop) of illegal immigration, for the purpose of which they cooperate with the competent authorities in the

countries abroad and the Police Contacts of the other Member States of the European Union in their host countries and participate in the EU Immigration Liaison Officers (ILOs) network.

The important element of the completion of such an operational work is the successful, direct and effective management – exploitation of the relative information. In order to achieve this aim, the Police Contacts are often called to carry out their work under unfavourable conditions and in localities far away from the place of their Service. In these cases, the necessary equipment constitutes an important parameter of the effectively execution of the Police Contacts' duties. As a result, the equipment linking the Police Contacts with the Central Service (Hellenic Police Headquarters) and among each other urgently needs to be upgraded in order to guarantee speed, security and the facility to send large quantities of various forms of information/data (documents, photographs, audiovisual electronic files etc.).

Examples of key actions:

- The purchase of the following equipment will meet the most important needs of the Police Contacts: 20 Laptops, with the appropriate software, 20 Multi machines (printers, scanners, fax) and 2 Servers (for the connection of the ILOs with the Central Service) with the appropriate software.

This action has been programmed to be covered at the beginning by the annual program 2007 with total financing 45.000,00.

<p>OBJECTIVE 2: Computerise and standardize procedures for Visa issuing (Requirement 14 Operational Objectives 1, 2)</p>

The above mentioned objective will be implemented by financing a pilot project to modernise management of consular services, the main volume of work being the issuing of Schengen entry visas for Greece.

This program aims at achieving the optimum management of:

- Accounting functions (monitoring of several accounts related to visa issuing on a daily basis)
- Standard deposits
- Expenses and treatment fees,
- Materials ledger and stocks of valuables transported (including standard entry of visa vignettes, monitoring the quantity of consuming vignettes, a prerequisite for their safe management etc)

Its successful operation will benefit 134 points of consulate representation all around the globe, contributing into a more efficient, targeted, qualitative and cost effective services' performance. As already mentioned the project is implemented on a pilot basis, which does not allow yet for definitely defining a certain time-line, though it is planned to be completed in 2012.

Financial estimations for Objective 2: 900.000 Euros. 50.000 Euros are required as Community contribution for 2007. The same contribution is required for 2008. The financial requirements during the implementation of the programme for the period 2009-2012 are 150.000 per year.

3.4 Priority 4: Support for the establishment of IT systems required for implementation of the Community legal instruments in the field of external borders and visas

OBJECTIVE 1: Rendering systems of visa issuing compatible to the demands of the VIS Regulation (Requirement 11 Operational Objective 1)

Examples of key actions:

- Establish a feasibility study which will define the technical parameters for installing and operating the whole VIS project (**it has been already completed**). This study lays down certain requirements and obligations for the final beneficiary, who will undertake the responsibility of project application as well as rules and standards for organizing the bid competition. Some of the above mentioned obligations stress the need for compatibility of the whole project to the judicial context set out by the VIS Regulation, the Common Consular Instructions, the National Law on Immigration and the Circulars of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs clarifying the latter and the Schengen Acquis.

OBJECTIVE 2: Installing telecommunication infrastructure for operating VIS, supplying with appropriate technical equipment and building facilities for hosting VIS infrastructure (Requirement 12 Operational Objective 1)

Examples of key actions:

- The establishment of the appropriate telecommunications infrastructures, in order to develop the international NETVIS network linking the regional authorities with the central departments at the Ministry under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs VIS project by **May 2009**; This is to be achieved through a broadband virtual private network (VPN) between the Central Authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and the Greek Consular Authorities all over the world. (NET-VIS)
- The renovation of the existing facilities or form new ones in the Consular Authorities, in order to make the necessary space arrangements to install and operate the new VIS infrastructure, thus facilitating visa application procedures (2008-2013).
- The purchase of 134 servers, 344 workstations, 174 barcode readers, 233 fingerprint scanners, 233 digital cameras
- setting up of two data centres in **2008** to house the central and reserve servers for the national VIS system, where will be installed the central and backup equipment of N-VIS in **2008**.

The equipment, which will be purchased and will be distributed at the Border Crossing Points (**Priority 1 – Objective 2**), will be used for the essential control of non EU-citizens who request the issuance of a VISA, via VIS which is

scheduled to be implemented, in case they choose a Greek border control point to enter the unified European Union territory.

OBJECTIVE 3: Promoting the installation of the N-VIS, implement and render it interoperable with other National Systems and Services (Requirement 12-Operational Objective 1, Requirement 13 –Operational Objective 1)

The Vis system has to do with the supply, installation and operation of the essential IT and biometric equipment (key actions) up to **May 2009**. According to the plan so far the beginning of productive operation of C-VIS and all national systems will be up and running in till the end of May 2009, in five Northern Africa countries for the Consular Authorities of the participating Member States.

The system will be gradually rolled out through all over the world during the next two years from the beginning of productive operation (May 2009) in the Consular Authorities of the Member States **up to 2011**. The application of N-VIS (software, printers and biometric scanners) will be installed in Greek Consular Authorities and the system (N-VIS) will communicate with the border stations through the IT System SIS-II. (IT System that developed by the Ministry of Interior regards, verification, identification and recognition of individuals citizens at border stations).

OBJECTIVE 4: Support to the 2nd generation of the SCHENGEN Information System (SIS) with the 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) as well as software (Requirement 7 – Operational Objective 1)

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 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 total financing would be **2.491.800,00 €**.

Therefore, the purchase, instalment and setting up of 233 routers, 231 network switches, one network management system, one firewall system and one intrusion detection and prevention system for the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy and all Port Authorities are proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2009 and 2010

Appropriate software (data bases) has to be purchased in terms of the 2nd generation of SIS, since the existing software will not be sufficient to cover the increased requirements of the system for inserting numerous data to the system. The purchase of the software is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2008.

Appropriate hardware (385 desk tops, 135 lap tops, 140 scanners and 277 printers) has to be purchased in terms of the 2nd generation of SIS, in order to make the system fully operational and give access of all Port Authorities to SIS II. The purchase of the hardware is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2008, 2009 and 2010 and 2011.

OBJECTIVE 5: Training of HCG personnel on the computerized applications of Schengen Information System (SIS) and national database (Requirement 7 – Operational Objective 2)

The training will be provided to 420 HCG personnel in total, by experienced trainers of the Hellenic Police/Ministry of Interior. Theoretical grounding and practical training on computers is foreseen together with the dissemination of brochures and CDs to the trainees, so that they become more familiar with the computerized applications of SIS II, especially the capabilities and scope of the applications for the conduct of checks. The duration of the training will be 5 days annually and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2008 – 2013 with total financing 30.000,00 €.

Indicators for objectives 1-5 to be implemented under Priority 4		
Output	Outcomes	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of consular offices connected to the national VIS system; - Number of external border crossing points connected to the national VIS system; - Proportion of Schengen 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 external borders - Number and scope of new software and procurement of hardware and equipment for border control developed with a view to the comprehensive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> implementation of the new SIS II and its integration with existing National Systems (by enhancing the existing ICT environment of the national legacy systems) Testing of the SIS II with the national systems Migration of data from SIS1+ to SIS II Operation of the SIS II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction of visa shopping; - Identification of persons at the external border presenting visas which were not issued them; - Identification of forged visas at the border; - Identification of those who previously applied for a visa, but arrive at the border without documents. - Identification of those encountered in the Schengen area not having any documentation to indicate their status. - Setting up of the necessary technical components for SIS II (and SISone4all, if necessary) - Better performance of the system - Larger sweep of alerts - Extended functionalities - Improved ability to manage alerts - Rendering operational of SIS II (SISone4all) at national level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better integration of the immigration control processes at consulates and borders.

3.5 Priority 5: Support for effective and efficient application of relevant Community legal instruments in the field of external borders and visas, in particular the Schengen Borders Code and the European Code on Visas

OBJECTIVE 1: Trainings of the Hellenic Police personnel (Requirement 4 – Operational Objective 1)
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Examples of key actions:

a. Incorporation of the Common Core Curriculum for the border Guard training Model to the Hellenic Police educational system.

With this action aims at adapting the National educational model for the training of Greek border guards, to the Common Model of border guards training, that was worked out and recently updated by the responsible training unit of Organization for the Management of Operational Collaboration in the External Borders of members of the European Union (Frontex).

With this way it is achieved:

- The harmonization of the Hellenic Police Personnel to the Community models of training.
- The facilitation of the Hellenic Police Personnel in transferring 'Acquis Communautaire', concerning subjects of external borders management, to Greek border guards and more concretely, the Schengen borders code and the Schengen visa code, when it is adopted.

The above training courses will follow the basic and periodical training as it is provided. The basic training will include three levels : a) The first level for border guards of the Border Police Units and Border Police Sub Departments, will last 24 working days for each training course and it will be carried out in Athens and Thessaloniki in the premises of the Postgraduate Studies and Further Training Department (School). There is the possibility that about 1800 borders guards out of 3600 will be trained in training courses during the period 2008-2013. b) The second level for warrant officers, sergeants and constables of the Aliens Departments, Passport Control Units, Border Police Units and Border Police Sub Departments, will last 24 working days for each training course and it will be carried out in Athens and Thessaloniki in the premises of the Postgraduate Studies and Further Training Department (School). There is the possibility that about 1050 policemen out of 2800 will be trained in training courses during the period 2010-2013. c) The intermediate level for commanders and their substitutes of the Aliens Departments, Passport Control Units, Border Police Units and Border Police Sub Departments, will last 24 working days for each training course and it will be carried out in Athens in the premises of the Postgraduate Studies and Further Training Department (School). There is the possibility that 374 policemen will be trained in training courses during the period 2008-2010. For the accomplishment of the periodical training the creation of a core of instructors is required for Police Divisions all over the country. Three years after the basic training these

instructors will train again the above personnel. The training of the instructors will last 24 working days and it will be carried out in Athens in the premises of the Postgraduate Studies and Further Training Department (School).

There is the possibility for 40 instructors to be trained in training courses in 2012.

This action will be totally financing with the amount of 5.761.940,00 €.

b. Linguistic training, via the Foreigner Languages Department (School).

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 400 personnel to be trained in training courses, for the period 2009 – 2013 with total financing 2.800.000,00 €.

c. Training of National Control Centre and Borders' Surveillance executives.

These courses aim at training the personnel, which will staff the National Centre of Control and Supervision of Borders, in order to facilitate the latter in the exercise of their duties in regard to **a)** training at decision-making level for strategic management of external borders, **b)** support for the external border strategic management policy and **c)** trainings concerning the management of the interoperability's mechanism between the NCCs and the NCC and FRONTEX.

The above training courses will be constituted by two training themes: a) Decision making level for the Strategic Management of the External Borders and b) Policy Support for the Strategic Management of the External Borders. They will last three weeks and will be carried out in Athens in the premises of the Postgraduate Studies and Further Training Department (School).

There is a prospect for 160 personnel to be trained in each training course within 2011 with total financing 4.500,00 €.

d. Training of Regional Control Centres and Borders' Surveillance executives.

It is an activity, which is related with the previous action (c) and is addressed for executives that will serve in the Regional Control Centers and Surveillance of Borders.

These training courses will be constituted by two training themes: **a)** Decision making level for the Strategic Management of the External Borders

and **b)** Policy Support for the Strategic Management of the External Borders and **c)** trainings concerning the management of the interoperability's mechanism of the Regional Control Centres with the NCC. They will last three weeks and will be carried out in Athens in the premises of the Postgraduate Studies and Further Training Department (School).

There is a prospect for 160 personnel to be trained in each training course within 2012 with total financing 108.000,00 €.

e. Drafting of study concerning best practices for the know-how transmission, in the field of external borders' management, to third countries.

With this study is sought, in collaboration with certain Member States of the European Union, the establishment and the drafting of best practices in the sector of the "Acquis Communautaire" know-how transmission, to experts of third countries, in a uniform and completed way.

With regard to the above mentioned study, it will be realized in 2013 with total financing 51.800,00 € and for this purpose police executives will go to FRONTEX and to third countries and reversely.

f. Drafting a study for the training of the Police Liaison Officers concerning the field of illegal immigration, authenticity checks on forged travel documents and investigation of cross-border crime.

With this action is sought the preparation of a study, aiming at a full training of Greek Police Liaison Officers on the issues of the illegal immigration and more generally cross-border criminality.

With regard to the above mentioned study, it will be realized in 2013 with total financing 31.800,00 € and for this purpose police executives will go to FRONTEX and to third countries and reversely.

OBJECTIVE 2: Necessary technological equipment for the trainings of the Hellenic Police personnel (Requirement 4 – Operational Objective 1)

The educational technological equipment, constituted from laptops and systems of projection with the appropriate equipment, is essential in order to support the implementation of the above mentioned educational programs, which will be realized under the assiduity of the Postgraduate Studies and Further Training Department (School) of Hellenic Police.

Examples of key actions:

The purchase of the following training equipment: (2) digital video cameras, (3) system for projecting training material on to a giant screen, (2) translation equipment systems and (10) portable computers (laptops).

This action has been programmed to be covered by the annual program 2007 with total financing 80.000,00 €.

OBJECTIVE 3: Application of a common training program on visa policy issues and technical aspects of visa management (Requirement 15-Operational

Objective 1)

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 specialist 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 Directorate-General 4 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, a period that coincides with the VIS application on a pilot basis, 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.). Initially we propose to run this programme in Russia, Serbia, FYROM, Albania, China and Turkey.

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 Consulate authority.

Concerning the training – further training to HCG personnel assigned to tasks of control – surveillance of the maritime borders, will:

- Provide them a general overview of the legislation at national and EU level (SCHENGEN Borders Code), as well as best practices for the better implementation of their work on a daily basis (Practical Guide for Border guards)
- Establish a concrete and precise framework for integrated management of all means and resources used for the control – surveillance – protection of the maritime borders in terms of engagement rules – maintenance – management of the immigrants and their facilitators
- provide them concrete knowledge – grounding on the collection, collation evaluation and dissemination of information – intelligence concerning nexus points, routes, modi operandi and means used for the transportation of illegal immigrants.

OBJECTIVE 4: Training of HCG personnel on external maritime borders management issues (Requirement 4 – Operational Objective 6)

The training to HCG personnel assigned to tasks of control – surveillance of the maritime borders, with total financing **690.000,00 €** will:

- Provide them a general overview of the legislation at national and EU level (SCHENGEN Borders Code), as well as best practices for the better implementation of their work on a daily basis (Practical Guide for Border guards)
- Establish a concrete and precise framework for integrated management of all means and resources used for the control – surveillance – protection of the maritime borders in terms of engagement rules – maintenance – management of the immigrants and their facilitators
- provide them concrete knowledge – grounding on the collection, collation evaluation and dissemination of information – intelligence concerning nexus points, routes, modi operandi and means used for the transportation of illegal immigrants.

Examples of key actions:

a. Training on implementation of Community Law, in particularly the SCHENGEN Borders Code and Practical Guide 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 involve 2000 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 conducted by experienced trainers from the HCG on the premises of the Hellenic Police Headquarters, which will make available the required training area, appropriate equipment and printed/electronic material. The duration of the training will be 5 days annually and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2008 – 2013.

b. Distribution to HCG personnel of copies of the Schengen Borders Code and the practical handbook for border guards

The distribution to HCG personnel of 3.000 practical user-friendly copies of the Schengen Borders Code and the Practical Handbook for Border Guards in both printed and electronic format 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 issues of maritime border control and surveillance, also greater uniformity on checks conducted in terms of management of illegal immigration flows. The distribution of the above – mentioned copies is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2008 – 2013.

c. Training on interrogation – debriefing tactics

The training of 30 HCG personnel from Port authorities seated in areas subject to intense illegal immigration flows (Eastern Aegean Sea islands) in tactics for interrogation/debriefing of third country nationals would aim to provide 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 during an attempt to cross the maritime borders, as well as their facilitators. 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, the *modi operandi*, routes and means of transport used, as well as whether the traffickers are members of organised criminal networks which have also links into Greece.

The training will be implemented by trainers from Europol with considerable experience in these matters, in cooperation with the Ministries of the Interior/Hellenic Police Headquarters as well as the Mercantile Marine the Aegean and Island Policy. The duration of the training will be 5 days annually and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2008 – 2013.

d. Training of HCG personnel in the use of devices detecting forged/falsified documents

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

The training aims to cover these deficiencies. 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. It will 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 duration of the training will be 5 days annually and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2008 – 2013.

e. 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

The training of 100 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.

For the training there will be use of inflatable high-speed craft, appropriate equipment from HCG OPVs, mobile devices for checking travel

documents and printed theoretical training material. The duration of the training will be 10 days annually and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2008 – 2013.

f. Training on linguistic grounding

It will be provided to 180 HCG personnel in total, by the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior (HP Headquarters). 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 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 within 6 months annually and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2009 – 2013.

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

It will be provided to 30 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) and routes used by organised criminal networks to transport illegal immigrants. The duration of the training will be 5 days annually and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2008 – 2013.

h. Training on management of illegal immigrants and their facilitators

It will be provided to 100 HCG personnel in total, by experienced trainers of EU agencies with expertise on this field. For the training needs, there will be used Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIBs), other equipment from HCG OPVs, portable passport control machines and manuals of theoretical grounding, taking into account the respect on their human rights and treatment. The duration of the training will be 5 days annually and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programmes 2009 – 2013.

i. Training on self – protection and self – defence

It will be provided to 200 HCG personnel of Special Units, by experienced trainers of EU agencies with expertise on this field (United Kingdom, Spain or Italy) 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 is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2009.

j. Training on epidemiologic matters

It will be provided to 150 HCG personnel of Special Units dealing with illegal immigration cases, by experienced trainers of EU agencies with expertise on this field (United Kingdom, Spain or Italy). 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 the implementation and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2010.

k. Training on the side approach of merchant vessels sailing at sea by crews of HCG boats for special operations as well as the pursuit and immobilization of speedboats with illegal immigrants on board

It will be provided to 8 HCG personnel of the Underwater Missions Unit by experienced trainers of EU agencies with expertise on this field (Germany, United Kingdom or France). For the training needs, there will be used diving and related equipment, Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIBs) and equipment for approaching suspicious vessels. The duration of the training will be dependent to the trainers responsible for the implementation and is proposed to be covered by the EBF Annual Programme 2011

OBJECTIVE 5: Purchase of a simulator and the appropriate software to be used in training described in point (k) (Requirement 4 – Operational Objective 6)

A simulator and the appropriate software would be purchased in order to be used complementarily for the more effective implementation of the above – mentioned training (k). The purchase is proposed to be covered by the **EBF Annual Programme 2010** with total financing **149.500,00 €**.

Indicators for objectives 1-5 implemented under Priority 5		
Output	Outcomes	Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number and type of recommendations, standards, best practices adopted - Number and range of courses organised - Number and share of the staff in jobs which benefit from the core curriculum educated and trained - Number and scope of courses organised and number of participants - Number and share of the staff of border guards educated and trained - Increased number of border guards consulting more actively the Handbook and/or the Code - Number and share of staff in jobs which apply the common visa policy who are trained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of common standards used by border guards - Proportion of border guards interpreting Community law in a uniform way - Good knowledge of the applicable rules by border guards - Good knowledge of the applicable rules in consular offices - Decrease in visa shopping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More coherent application of EU rules and standards in border control - Equal and fair treatment of visa applicants - Better implementation of common visa policy - Improved image of the Community

4. COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER INSTRUMENTS

An indication of how this strategy is compatible with other regional, national and Community instruments

4.1. The development of the multiannual programme

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

The action to be implemented complements and follows on from action taken under 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.

Additionally, it was taken into account training and lifelong learning programmes of the personnel of the Consular authorities, which have been implemented for some time now through complementary actions under the European Social Fund and other operational programmes under the 3rd CSF. In this respect, it would be necessary to mention, that the seminars on consular affairs, that the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organises on a regular basis every year, have been co-financed by the 3rd CSF. These seminars aim at establishing lifelong training for all members of the Ministry, who will be called upon or have already undertaken consular duties.

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 order to be ensured the above mentioned compatibility : 1) were taken into consideration, for drafting the multiannual program, the general axes of the approved European programs in Greece in the framework of the

Structural Funds, which describe the fields of their actions and interventions, which will be implemented during the period 2007-2013 and **2)** the final approved multiannual program of the EBF will be transmitted to the Managing Authorities of the rest Community programs of the National Strategic Reference Framework (N.S.R.F.), which are financed by the Structural Funds of the European Union for the financing period 2007-2013.

4.2. The implementation of the multiannual programme

It is intended to establish the Monitoring Committee. This coordinative body will bring together the high level representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, Aegean and Island Policy which are the three main authorities responsible for the implementation of the multiannual programme. The Monitoring Committee, among other tasks, will examine and approve the actions proposed for financing in the annual programmes before their submission to the European Commission. The membership in the Committee of the senior officers from the three concerned bodies will guarantee that the actions proposed to be implemented in the annual programmes will be compatible with other instruments in the areas eligible for the intervention of the Fund.

5. FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY

5.1. The publication of the programme

The multiannual 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.

5.2. The approach chosen to implement the principle of partnership

The multiannual programme was prepared together by responsible services of Ministries of Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, Aegean and Island Policy. These three bodies constitute the only authorities having competences by law in the areas eligible for the intervention of the Fund.

All the three bodies actively participated in the preparation of the multiannual programme. As far as the practical implementation of the principle of partnership is concerned, it has to be underlined that the Responsible Authority, which is in charge of daily management of the Fund, is staffed with the seconded officials originating from these bodies.

In addition, after the beginning of the Responsible Authority's functioning a coordinative body, named the Monitoring Committee, will be established. It will bring together the high level representatives of the three Ministries.

The Monitoring Committee, among other tasks, will examine and approve the actions proposed for financing in the annual programmes before their submission to the European Commission and it will ensure an overall monitoring of the implementation of the Fund in Greece.

6. INDICATIVE FINANCING PLAN

6.1 Community Contribution

6.1.1. Table

Multiannual Programme – Draft Financial Plan
Table 1: Community Contribution

Member State : GREECE								
Fund : External Borders Fund								
(in euros – current prices)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
Priority 1 :	12.313.545	11.544.114	19.544.589	10.510.734	13.821.998	22.330.137	32.053.267	122.118.384
Priority 2 :	0	187.500	675.000	750.000	1.285.175	0	0	2.897.675
Priority 3 :	83.750	150.000	150.000	150.000	150.000	150.000	0	833.750
Priority 4 :	934.372	1.035.777	1.886.390	2.054.790	1.704.940	2.456.740	3.727.100	13.800.109
Priority 5 :	60.000	638.155	1.111.240	1.367.284	1.483.696	1.407.930	1.318.711	7.387.016
Technical Assistance :	75.000	187.543	92.290	95.192	95.192	95.192	126.922	767.331
TOTAL :	13.466.667	13.743.089	23.459.508	14.928.000	18.541.000	26.440.000	37.226.000	147.804.264

All the figures were rounded up or down to one euro.

6.1.2. Comments on the figures/trends

The budgets given for 2007, 2008 and 2009 have been adequately determined in accordance with Commission documents SOLID/2007/13, SOLID/2007/14/REV and SOLID/2008/12. The budgets for 2010 to 2013 have been estimated in accordance with Commission document SOLID/2007/24, as the precise budgets for these years have not yet been determined. The national contribution (viz. 25%) must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the jointly responsible ministries and the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme or perhaps the ordinary budget. The above amounts of the technical assistance concern only the External Borders Fund and not the European Return Fund. However, some of the above mentioned amounts of the technical assistance of the EBF and some amounts of the technical assistance of the RF are intended for the Responsible Authority's' expenses, which will be common for the two Funds.

6.2 Overall financing plan

6.2.1. Table

Multiannual Programme – Draft Financial Plan								
Table 2: Overall Financing								
Member State : GREECE								
Fund : External Borders Fund								
(in euros – current prices)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
Community Contribution	13.466.667	13.743.089	23.459.508	14.928.000	18.541.000	26.440.000	37.226.000	147.804.265
Public co financing	4.488.889	4.581.030	7.819.836	4.976.000	6.180.334	8.813.334	12.408.667	49.268.090
Private co financing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	17.955.556	18.324.119	31.279.344	19.904.000	24.721.334	35.253.334	49.634.667	197.072.355
% Community Contribution	75 %	75 %	75 %	75 %	75 %	75 %	75 %	75 %

6.2.2. Comments on the figures/trends

The budgets given for 2007, 2008 and 2009 have been adequately determined in accordance with Commission documents SOLID/2007/13, SOLID/2007/14/REV and SOLID/2008/12. The budgets for 2010 to 2013 have been estimated in accordance with Commission document SOLID/2007/24, as the precise budgets for these years have not yet been determined. The national contribution (viz. 25%) must be covered by the Ministry of Interior, in cooperation with the jointly responsible ministries and the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Public Investment Programme or perhaps the ordinary budget.