COMMISSION DECISION


Adopting an Annual Programme for Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244)\(^1\) under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)\(^2\), and in particular Article 14(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidate and potential candidate countries.

(2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the assistance should be provided through multi-annual or annual programmes, which can be established by country and by component, or, as appropriate, by group of countries or by theme. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the general policy framework referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 and the relevant multi-annual indicative planning document referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.

(3) The Council established on 30 January 2006 a European Partnership with Serbia and Montenegro including Kosovo\(^3\). The Commission has adopted on 1 June 2007 a multi-annual indicative planning document 2007/2009 for Kosovo\(^4\), which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance in Kosovo.

(4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Kosovo, the Annual Programme for Kosovo under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007 aims at providing assistance to strengthen administrative capacity at all levels, enhance rule of law, human rights and good governance, improve socio-economic conditions for all communities, and develop regional cooperation.


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\(^1\) United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999
\(^2\) OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.
\(^4\) SEC (2007) 1032 of 01.06.2007
Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities\(^6\) (hereafter: “Financial Regulation”).

(6) It is appropriate to implement this programme partly by centralised management and partly by joint management with the Council of Europe, in accordance with article 53d of the Financial Regulation which stipulates that the Commission implements the budget by joint management "b) wherever the Commission and the international organisation elaborate a joint project or programme".

(7) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

The Annual Programme for Kosovo under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2007, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented partly by centralised management and partly by joint management with the Council of Europe.

It shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and the Kosovo under UNSCR 1244.

**Article 2**

The maximum amount of Community contribution shall be € 62 million, to be financed through Article 22.02.02 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2007.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Member of the Commission