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

In compliance with article 23 of Council Decision 574/2007/EC establishing the External Borders Fund, the Responsible Authority develops Annual Programmes which are compliant with the Multi-annual Programme.

In this perspective, the Department of Public Security of the Ministry of Interior, in order to develop the 2007 Annual Programme as well as those of the following years, considered it appropriate to make use of the same inter-institutional network which was used to set up the Multi-annual Programme. This took place through the involvement of the *Drafting Group* which is made up of representatives from Ministry of Interior, the Italian Navy, the Guardia di Finanza (Italian Law enforcement body under the authority of the Minister of Economy and Finance), the Coast Guard, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Carabinieri Force.

As the actions financed by the External Borders Fund listed in this Programme have to be implemented by other national authorities leaving no choice as to who will implement the action, the method of implementation chosen is the Responsible Authority acting as executing body. For this reason, the decision on the selection of the projects is taken by the Responsible Authority itself, which, in association with the other national authorities, will be considered as the final beneficiary.

A single procedure has been established to develop the Annual Programme and select the related projects:

- 1) The *Drafting Group* receives the final list of actions necessary to achieve the Multi-annual Programme's objectives from the potential beneficiaries, in accordance to the already identified priorities and Responsible Authority's strategic guidelines;
- 2) The *Drafting Group* presents the Responsible Authority with the project priorities which are to be accomplished within the pertinent Annual Programme, after having previously regularly assessed the eligibility of actions proposed by the Final Beneficiaries;
- 3) Once the assessment and selection of the project proposals is completed, the Responsible Authority asks the *Drafting Group* to lay out the Annual Programme and transmits it to the European Commission.

The selection criteria represent the instrument through which the Final Beneficiaries' project proposals are selected. These can be financed through the External Borders Fund following a standard form created by the Responsible Authority.

On a general basis, the identified selection criteria can be divided into two macro-categories:

- 1) *Eligibility Criteria*: they aim at discarding all those project proposals which are lacking of those elements which are essential to obtain financing from the Fund.
- 2) *Evaluation Criteria*: they aim at ranking the eligible project proposals through the attribution of points and possible weights.

Given that the Final Beneficiaries have already been identified, the *Eligibility Criteria* are:

- Coherence with the Multi-annual Programme Priorities, with the Annual Programme Actions and with the Responsible Authority's strategic guidelines;
- Eligibility of costs.

As for the *Evaluation Criteria*, the following were identified:

- Project consistency with the Member state's situation and necessities;
- Implementation feasibility;
- Financial capacity/feasibility;
- Coherence/complementarities between the project proposals and other actions financed by the EU or by national programmes;
- Identification of adequate indicators for measuring the projects outcomes.

The timing of the evaluation and the role of the evaluators is described in more details in the *Manual of the Procedures*, which is being prepared and will be finalized after a positive outcome of the MCS procedures assessment.

This annual programme is being revised in 2011 in order to introduce 7 new actions, one on the SIS II (**action 2.4.5**), one regarding the implementation of IT and of digital "foto-segnalamento" – AFIS system – at the border police offices (**action 2.2.8**), one for the purchase of vehicles to be distributed to the border police offices along the Italian coastal borders (**2.2.9**), one regarding the purchase of fuel vouchers to be used by Italian border offices for the actual immigration emergency in the South of Italy (**2.2.10**), and one regarding the purchase of 4 patrol boats to strengthen surveillance on the maritime border of South Italy and fight the illegal immigration caused by the political crisis of North-African countries (**2.2.11**), one for the purchase of 36 vehicles used to support the aero-maritime units employed to patrol the Italian maritime borders (**2.2.12**), and the last one to purchase 224 vehicles in order to increase the range of action of the operational units used in coastal borders patrolling activities during the day and the night (**2.2.13**). Furthermore, actions 2.2.2 and 2.2.5 include some new sub-components. The financial table has been revised to take into account adjustments made to the budgets of the projects in the light of their actual needs. The additional resources needed for these changes derive from the technical assistance budget for which most of the resources remained unutilized due to the fact that it could not be contracted in time because of difficulties encountered in the tendering process. Furthermore, additional financial resources were also made available due to financial savings and from the modelling obtained from the action 2.4.4, 2.2.6, 2.2.2 and 2.2.1 considering the emergencies came out from the new illegal landings, and also following the cancellation of three actions under priority 5 concerning training courses (previously actions 2.5.2, 2.5.3 and 2.5.4) which were cancelled at the request of the Ministry of the Interior so that the financial resources could be used for more pressing needs under this annual programme.

With respect to the actions amounting to the purchase of supplies and services, the procurement procedures envisaged will respect relevant national and European legislation, namely Italian Legislative Decree 12 April 2006, n.163 (Nuovo Codice Appalti) and European Community Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC. As a consequence, on a general basis, the procurement contract will be assigned, following a tendering procedure, to the tender offering best value for money, avoiding any conflict of interest. The contracting authority will be the Ministry of Interior itself or the other public authorities part of the Drafting Group and will make use of open, restricted and negotiated procedures, as well as competitive dialogue, wherever deemed necessary, also taking into account the time constraints which can arise in order to respect the eligibility period. Considering the latter aspect, the tendering procedures will be started as soon as possible after the formal approval of the present annual programme on behalf of the European Commission.

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

2.2 Actions implementing 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.

2.2.1 **Installation of the European Patrols Network Coastal Search Radar Network**
(Obj/A) **acquired with the Annual Programme 2007 and 2008 (Ref. A.P. 2007 sub action 2.2.2; Ref. A.P. 2008 sub action 2.2.3.)**

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

The fulfilment of the Guardia di Finanza coastal radar network aims at covering by surveillance all the national coastal areas currently restricted to certain flat. This project will give to the Local Operational and Coordination Point (LOC's) of the European Patrols Network and to the National Coordination Centre, where all the Administration involved in the managing of the illegal immigration are represented, a clear maritime situational awareness with the view of the radar and the thermal cameras images. The installation, in this phase, will interest the areas of Sardinia and medium Adriatic Sea to improve the capability of the Cagliari LOC and Taranto LOC and Trieste LOC. In particular, this project is aimed to acquire materials and technical activities to:

- 1. install and activate 1 radar, with the facilities acquired by the AP 2007/2008 (Ref. A.P. 2007 sub action 2.2.2; Ref. A.P. 2008 sub action 2.2.3.), in the pre-individuated areas of Adriatic sea, Liguria Sea Sardinia Sea;*
- 2. remote the radar's capacities by realizing proper and dedicated links between the radar and the competent Situation Rooms (Local Operational and Coordination Point), to give the opportunity, to all the Situation Rooms and to the Central Directorate of Immigration and Border Police, to manage the remote command and control of those radar;*

Developmental assistance, initially guaranteed for 5 years, has been postponed to the next programmes. The savings will be used for three new actions (2.2.11, 2.2.12 and 2.2.13) which have been considered of major importance, especially considering the current emergencies at the Italian maritime borders.

◆ Expected grant recipients

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Guardia di Finanza.

◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

The Responsible Authority acts as an executive body in relation to this action as it requires specific skills which exclusively pertain to the functions and institutional activities for which National Authority are exclusively competent (article 7,8 of

Implementing Rules 2008/456/CE – SOLID/2008/2 REV). The Ministry of Interior, in coordination with the public authorities which act under its responsibility, is the sole responsible, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for all activities concerning the surveillance, control procedures and monitoring of external borders. The Ministry of Interior, in fact, manages and coordinates the national policies and activities concerning border surveillance and control, working in coordination with the competent national bodies.

◆ **Expected quantified results and indicators**

Capability extensions of the Guardia di Finanza command, control, communication and information system named C41 for the search and surveillance of specific maritime border areas in order to increase checks and optimise the use of Air-Naval resources for prevention and for the fight against illegal immigration carried out at sea. This action will extend the Italian capability to detect all the interesting targets and will be available for the Local Operational and Coordination Point and, at the same time, available for the National Coordination Centre as indicated in the Multiannual programme at the Para 2.1 and 2.2.

A 70 mile coverage of the central – northern Adriatic, western Liguria and western Sardinia coastlines, which happen to be the following LOC competent areas: Trieste, Genoa and Cagliari.

◆ **Visibility of EC funding**

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by citing the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued.

◆ **Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate**

This project is thought to complete the national coastal radar network in favour of the Local Operational and Coordination Point (Genova, Cagliari, Messina, Taranto, Trieste) and the National Coordination Centre of the European Patrols Network project of FRONTEX Agency. It will cover the areas outside the range of the Navy coastal radar network.

◆ **Financial Information**

The total financial requirement for this action is 858.635,59 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is € 429.317,80 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.2 *Acquisition, installation and integration of Infrared Surveillance Systems onboard Navy Off-shore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) involved in maritime anti-illegal immigration operations in order to get better identification capabilities in case of Low Visibility Conditions (nighttime/daytime).*
(Obj/A)

◆ **Purpose and scope of the action**

To provide Navy vessels with more timely and reliable information by means of equipment capable of detecting, identifying and intercepting those

attempting to enter the EU illegally, thereby reducing the number of illegal immigrants who manage to cross the external borders of the EU undetected.

Following the first radar detection of a suspected vessel, the need is to get more information related to the potential illegal activity carried out onboard the targeted vessel in order to identify all the potential facilitators involved. Equipment will operate in the field of Infrared (3-5 micron) and visible (TV CCD - Charge Coupled Device) and will be installed on board ships usually based in Sicily and primarily involved in maritime border and migration flow control activities in the Sicily Strait (namely the ships Cassiopea, Costellazioni 2[^] serie and Minerva class). The sensors will be installed on stabilized platforms to compensate ship's movements (pitch and roll) and will be capable of providing records of the acquired images.

The improved identification capability shall allow long range identifications of suspected vessels and the transfer ashore via satellite of the acquired images (visible and infrared), for the need of the National Coordination Centre.

The current funding availability will allow the acquisition and installation of the required equipment for at least three ships.

An additional target of this action is to acquire, install and operationalize the upgrade of the TV/IR system for the unit Cassiopea 2[^] serie.

The Cassiopea Unit is composed of ships characterized by: sufficient autonomy and capacity to operate on the high seas even in adverse weather conditions, sufficient capacity to support aircraft operations, with the ability to take on a light helicopter and to take part to border operations of helicopters and aircraft for maritime patrol.

These features allow the unit to be used in maritime surveillance operations in the international waters close to land and overseeing the activities in national waters.

◆ **Expected grant recipients**

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Italian Navy.

◆ **Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body**

The Responsible Authority acts as an executive body in relation to the action as it requires specific skills which exclusively pertain to the functions and institutional activities for which National Authority are exclusively competent (article 7,8 of Implementing Rules 2008/456/CE – SOLID/2008/2 REV). The Ministry of Interior, in coordination with the public authorities which act under its responsibility, is the sole responsible, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for all activities concerning the surveillance, control procedures and monitoring of external borders. The Ministry of Interior, in fact, manages and coordinates the national policies and activities concerning border surveillance and control, working in coordination with the competent national bodies. Additional target of this action is to acquire, install and operationalize the upgrade of the TV/IR system for the unit Cassiopea.

◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

Allow the NAVY OPVs to better differentiate the maritime traffic in the area of operations and, by forwarding the obtained data, permit the National Coordination Centre to achieve the best maritime situation awareness.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by citing the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued and, by applying an engraved metallic plate with the description of the EC funding and the EC logo on all the acquired and installed equipments, as prescribed by art.34 and 35 of the Commission Decision 2008/456/EC dated 5.03.2008.

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

N.A.

◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 1.912.330,00 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 956.165,00 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.3 (Obj/A) ***Installation of satellite communications systems, acquired by means of “annual program 2007” and their integration onboard Navy Off Shore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) involved in maritime operations aimed to tackle illegal immigration.***

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

Among the objectives of AP 2007 - paragraph 2.2.1: “Improving of satellite communications capability either onboard Navy patrol vessels involved in maritime operations for management of external maritime borders in order to tackle illegal immigration, or at ground anchor station for National Coordination Centre needs.”, was the objective of “(1) Acquisition of satellite communications terminals onboard Navy vessels involved in anti-illegal immigration [...] for the needs of exchange multimedia data between ships managed in external borders and national operation centre in Rome”.

Therefore, in AP 2007, a communications system composed of 5 “remote terminals” is being acquired (to be deployed onboard navy patrol vessels and capable of Ku/X band access) and 1 “anchoring terminal” (to be positioned at the national operations centre in Rome). The installation and integration of the five remote terminals and the Radio Frequency line integration of the anchoring terminal is due to current AP for reasons of costs and time.

The purpose of the present program is therefore the installation of the previously acquired satellite communications terminals and their integration either onboard Navy vessels involved in anti-illegal immigration and at the

national operations centre in Rome. This program will complete the plan to allow access to satellite communications resources to those vessels (namely the 4 ships Cassiopea class and 1 ship Minerva class) primarily involved in maritime border and migration flow control activities in the Sicily Strait.

The completion of the program will allow appropriate bandwidth access for the exchange of multimedia data services (voice, classified and unclassified Wide Area Networks access, operational sensitive images/photo exchange, VTC, etc.) between the patrol vessels operating at sea and the national operations centre.

The purpose of the above mentioned actions is to build up and finalize a robust, reliable and fast network among the vessels involved in anti-illegal immigration and the operation centres ashore.

◆ **Expected grant recipients**

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Italian Navy.

◆ **Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body**

The Responsible Authority acts as an executive body in relation to the action as it requires specific skills which exclusively pertain to the functions and institutional activities for which National Authority are exclusively competent (article 7,8 of Implementing Rules 2008/456/CE – SOLID/2008/2 REV). The Ministry of Interior, in coordination with the public authorities which act under its responsibility, is the sole responsible, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for all activities concerning the surveillance, control procedures and monitoring of external borders. The Ministry of Interior, in fact, manages and coordinates the national policies and activities concerning border surveillance and control, working in coordination with the competent national bodies.

◆ **Expected quantified results and indicators**

Allow the National Coordination Centre to get the best maritime situation awareness through an integrated stream of data, voice and video.

◆ **Visibility of EC funding**

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by citing the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued and, by applying an engraved metallic plate with the description of the EC funding and the EC logo on all the acquired and installed equipments, as prescribed by art.34 and 35 of the Commission Decision 2008/456/EC dated 5.03.2008.

◆ **Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate**

N.A.

◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 360.000,00 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 180.000,00 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.4 **Installation and integration of microwave radio link (SDH- 155 Mbit/s) in the national backbone network**
(Obj/A)

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

*Installation and integration of the microwave radio link equipment purchased with AP2007(reference paragraph 2.2.1: **“Improving of satellite communications capability either [...] or at ground anchor station for National Coordination Centre needs. Improving communication capability of Naval Coastal Radar Network with National Backbone Network and integration of both networks by means of digital radio links and IP/MPLS protocol implementation”** purpose (1) and (2)) in the Navy coastal radar sites, in order to improve back-up broadband communication capability for each site linking next point of presence of National Backbone Network.*

◆ Expected grant recipients

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Italian Navy

◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

The Responsible Authority acts as an executive body in relation to the action as it requires specific skills which exclusively pertain to the functions and institutional activities for which National Authority are exclusively competent (article 7,8 of Implementing Rules 2008/456/CE – SOLID/2008/2 REV). The Ministry of Interior, in coordination with the public authorities which act under its responsibility, is the sole responsible, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for all activities concerning the surveillance, control procedures and monitoring of external borders. The Ministry of Interior, in fact, manages and coordinates the national policies and activities concerning border surveillance and control, working in coordination with the competent national bodies.

◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

Improvement of coastal radar sites link to the National Coordination Centre, in order to get the best maritime situation awareness.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by citing the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued.

- ◆ Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

- ◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 249.882,00 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 124.941,00 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.5 Acquisition of facilities for external and borders operations (1 military fixed wing aircraft, 9 vehicles, and a "Storage Area Network").
(Obj/A)

- ◆ Purpose and scope of the action

This action consists of 3 sub-components:

1) To increase the Coast Guard's long range maritime patrol capability through the acquisition of a military fixed wing aircraft.

This is a fixed wing aircraft asset specialized on patrolling and surveillance, operating on a large scale and for a long time, that will be deployed primarily in the Strait of Sicily to counter illegal immigration including safety of life at sea along the external border.

This aircraft will allow:

- *a better management activities involving aircraft and ships belonging to ITCG and other organization;*
- *rapid movements and flexible capability of employment;*
- *full coverage of large areas of the South Mediterranean interested on migratory flows;*
- *It must also make possible the discovery by identification of targets using FLIR system and an electro-optical infrared camera, as well as optically.*

The capability to be displaced and employed rapidly will also enable to operate in close synergy with the aero-naval means operating in EPN network.

2) Furthermore, 9 vehicles will be purchased to improve coastal surveillance capabilities. These vehicles will be assigned to "Capitaneria di Porto" of Sicily, Sardinia and Puglia. The vehicles will be used to support the navy units assigned to the surveillance of Italian coasts in order to contrast illegal immigration. The activity will mainly regard those areas strictly affected by this phenomenon.

3) The "Storage Area Network" (SAN) will be implemented to ensure the efficiency of AIS System. The existing AIS system consists of a complex network of 47 receiving stations, information systems and peripheral systems for the centralization of data useful to the General Command. Through this central system the Ministry of Interior is able to access to that data. To meet the operational needs related to improved efficiency of the whole system, it's needed to acquire a "Storage Area Network" to ensure and guarantee a high storage capacity which can be used in order to increase both the number of services provided by the AIS network and the data storing. This will ensure a deeper analysis of the maritime traffic, strictly important during situations related to the actions against the illegal immigration.

◆ Technical and General characteristics

The aircraft will be twin-engine and should enable the conduct of missions shown below; it must have high performance enabling the fly, high altitudes, high speeds and landing on runways shorter than 1,000 meters on aerodromes, normally inaccessible to other types of aircraft:

- *Police at sea;*
- *Surveillance migration;*

AIRCRAFT SPECIFICATIONS

The aircraft must meet the following dimensions (internal/external/ weight), volume, performance (in terms of speed, altitude and endurance) and configuration:

EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS:

- *wingspan between 13 m and 15 m;*
- *length between 14 m and 16 m;*
- *maximum height between 3.5 m and 4.5 m;*

SIZE OF THE CABINE:

- *height between 1.80 m and 2.00 m;*
- *depth between 1.70 m and 1.80 m;*
- *length between 4.5 m and 5.5 m;*

WEIGHT:

- *Maximum takeoff weight between 11,500 and 12,500 lb;*
- *standard empty weight between 7500 and 8000 lb;*
- *payload (including crew) from 4000 lb to 5000 lb;*
- *Maximum payload between 1900 lb and 2100 lb;*

VOLUMES:

- *cockpit about 80 ft³ / 3m³;*
- *cabin about 375 ft³ / 11 m³;*
- *luggage compartment about 44 ft³ / 1:20 m³;*

BENEFITS:

- *maximum cruising speed at least 400KTAS + 5% at 30,000 ft;*
- *take-off distance up to 1,000 m;*
- *landing distance not exceeding 1000 m;*
- *max altitude at least 38,000 ft;*

ENGINE:

- *No 2 turbines each able to develop a shaft power not less than 800 HP;*
- *No 2 propellers each with 5 blades, capable of operating at constant speed and hydraulically controlled;*

EQUIPMENT:

The aircraft for the accomplishment of the missions must be equipped with the following devices:

- *a weather radar;*
- *an FMS (Flight Management System);*

- a system FCS (Flight Control System);
- a TCAS (Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System);
- a transmitter ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) on distress frequencies operated automatically or by the crew;
- a monitoring system for infrared thermal FLIR (Forward Looking Infra-Red);
- communication systems in aviation and maritime VHF, UHF and HF.

General Characteristics

Its aerodynamic characteristics should allow a low level of perceived noise and vibration on the structure.

The system of video surveillance infrared (FLIR) will have features that enable the effective conduct of surveillance activities to investigate any type of target on the sea surface, even small vessels carrying illegal immigrants. The maintenance plan must provide technical content for the execution of scheduled activities and the activities scheduled for the management of the aircraft must be limited to pre-flight/post-flight controls necessary for the efficiency and readiness to fly.

VEHICLES SPECIFICATIONS

The vehicles (9) purchased will be:

- FIAT BRAVO 1.6 MJT (3)
- FIAT PUNTO (2)
- FIAT PANDA 4x4 (4)

◆ Expected grant recipients

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is Italian Coast Guard.

◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

The Responsible Authority acts as an executive body in relation to the action as it requires specific skills which exclusively pertain to the functions and institutional activities for which National Authority are exclusively competent (article 7,8 of Implementing Rules 2008/456/CE – SOLID/2008/2 REV). The Ministry of Interior, in coordination with the public authorities which act under its responsibility, is the sole responsible, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for all activities concerning the surveillance, control procedures and monitoring of external borders. The Ministry of Interior, in fact, manages and coordinates the national policies and activities concerning border surveillance and control, working in coordination with the competent national bodies.

◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

Increase border security and life safeguard at sea.

◆ **Visibility of EC funding**

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by citing the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued.

◆ **Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate**

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◆ **Financial Information**

The total financial requirement for this action is 4.758.773,74 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 2.379.386,87 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.6 (Obj/D) *Strengthening the transfer network infrastructure and extending SIA and VISA procedure to the benefit of the Immigration Offices and Border Police Offices operating in central and northern Italian regions.*

◆ **Purpose and scope of the action**

The presence and the expansion of transmission resources which are technologically more performing (optical fibre) will facilitate, by means of a broadband, the extension SIA procedure to all Border Police offices (see annex 4 to the Schengen Border Code) as well as the immigration authorities (State Police)

The need to have more technologically advanced resources to be allocated to the regions of central and northern Italy is due to the fact that only 20% of all illegal immigrants arrive at south Italian regions, whereas 80% enter illegally by not sufficiently surveilled land or sea routes of central and northern Italy. It will also give the possibility to use better the most technologically advanced devices to read biometrical data (VISA), electronic documents and to detect false and falsified documents. (See MAP 1.1.18 and 2.2 (Obj/D)).

The activities and outputs planned within this action constitute the development and natural continuation of the analogous actions inserted in the 2007 and 2008 annual programmes. In substance, in this Annual Programme is expected both to design and purchase 645 km of optical fibre already laid off and still not operating and to install all the related equipment. The project will be completed during the annual 2010, when additional 108 km of optical fibre will be laid and with the last following activities: proceeding to project completion, illuminating the whole extension of optical fibre purchased in 2009 and 2010, installing all equipment needed and providing training courses. Within this context, and consistently with the indications of the MAP (Par. 2.2 – Obj/D), the same co-financing conditions approved for the same actions in the 2007 and 2008 annual programmes are confirmed.

◆ Expected grant recipients

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is State Police.

◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

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◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

The success achieved by the project will be measured by the Italian Police offices' good results in stopping traffic congestion and reducing the long time wait for the necessary controls.

This action includes for this Annual Programme the purchase of additional 645,01 km of optical fibre and of all equipment needed by the connection system with related functioning tests.

The action involves 25 Italian Police offices of central and northern Italy, different from the ones of the previous Annual Programmes.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

National and international meetings and conferences for the presentation of the project and the results achieved. Use of the EC logo in the papers issued, and through the website.

All equipment which is part of the acquired systems will be identified with an appropriate adhesive or explanatory tag containing the logo of the European flag, the eventual EBF logo, the year of the action, the main features of the contract and every other useful information which allows an easy and immediate identification with the programme.

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

This action is completely complementary with other actions of the NOP (QCS 2000/2006) – Project “Security for the development of the South of Italy” through which a t.d. network in optical fibre was created for the State Police offices in the southern regions of Italy.

◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 3.288.631,10 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 1.644.315,55 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.7 Purchase of fixed-wing aircraft for the Border Police.

(Obj/A)

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

Section 35 of Act No 189/2002 entrusts the Central Directorate of Immigration and Border Police with the task of fostering and coordinating border police activities, as well as of contrasting illegal immigration. In particular, the Interministerial Decree of July 14, 2003 and the following Technical-Operative Agreement assign the Central Directorate the strategic coordination of the border patrolling activities carried out by the Military Navy, the Guardia di Finanza, the Coast Guard and other police forces. On the basis of such norms, the Central Directorate collects and analyzes all information concerning monitoring, prevention and fighting illegal immigration, adopting the necessary measures in a timely fashion.

In order to carry out such tasks, it is necessary to purchase an adequate aircraft which allows a timely and effective implementation of the functions which the Central Directorate is called for. The frequent arising of emergency situations at sea border locations, generated by sudden, constant and large arrivals of immigrants, calls for the need to also adopt on-the-spot decisions of strategic and operative importance, connected also with the need to manage this phenomenon on national territory once the illegal immigrants have landed.

This aircraft would therefore allow Ministry of Interior and State Police officers, competent for the management of this phenomenon, to swiftly reach the areas of the national territory which are subject to events of crisis in order to adopt more immediate and effective decisions.

Although not explicitly established in the MAP, the purchase of a fixed-wing aircraft on behalf of the State Police is considered necessary, due to arisen operative needs, to reinforce the surveillance and management activities related to irregular immigration which has recently seen a considerable increase.

An additional need consists in providing decision-makers with an operative resource which is capable of combining effectiveness and timeliness of interventions through updated and flexible technological supports (tlc systems, video systems, etc.) which allow to acquire an immediate representation of the intervention scenarios in instant coordination with the National Coordination Centre, Operational Headquarters and competent authorities.

The aircraft, which is meant to be purchased, will be assigned to the 1° Reparto Volo of the Pratica di Mare State Police (Rome). This, in first place, will allow the competent officers which work in Rome to reach the airport in a timely manner. Secondly the geographical location of Pratica di Mare will allow the aircraft to reach critical areas (especially Sardinia, Apulia and Sicily) along the Italian coasts in a short time. Lastly, Pratica di Mare hosts

the personnel and pilots which have the technical training and competencies necessary for managing, maintaining and flying the specific aircraft whose technological characteristics require such competencies.

The procedure followed for this purchase will be carried out under a specific agreement with the Ministry of Defence, that is the Interministerial Decree of December 12th 2001 between the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Defense itself. The latter has the technical competencies for such a purchase, therefore the administrative procedure will be assigned to the Ministry of Defense – General Directorate for Aeronautical Arms which will give the aircraft to the State Police once the purchase is concluded. The aircraft will be part of a pool of aircraft vehicles (acquired through the same procedure) which are used by competent national authorities which delegate these kind of purchases to the Ministry of Defense in order to meet their requirements from a technical standpoint. This purchase will be therefore directed to the State Police (logo's and usage) and the surveillance objectives it is destined for under the present program. Its being part of a pool of aircraft vehicles is functional to its fruition on a continuous basis, guaranteeing a constant availability of vehicles (in case of technical problems) to accomplish the purpose for which the present purchase is carried out.

The aircraft will have both a military and a police serial number and will be used for coordination activities of border patrolling as mentioned above.

◆ **Expected grant recipients**

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◆ **Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body**

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◆ **Expected quantified results and indicators**

Thanks to the purchase of the aircraft the State Police will be able to improve both in terms of quality and of quantity – the coordination of interventions against illegal immigration, as well as external border surveillance.

Moreover, it is expected to improve the effective management of crisis situations arising from huge inflows of illegal immigrants thanks to the timely intervention of the Task Force all over the Italian territory in order to manage emergency crisis situations.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Targeted conferences will be held with a view at outlining the benefits deriving from this project. Moreover, the EU logo will appear on all related documents and the project will be advertised on the State Police website.

The aircraft will be identified with an appropriate adhesive or explanatory tag containing the logo of the European flag, the eventual EBF logo, the year of the action, the main features of the contract and every other useful information which allows an easy and immediate identification with the program.

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

This action has a specific complementarity with an analogous action provided for in the NOP (QCS 2000/2006) – Project “Security for the development of the South of Italy” through which two Piaggio P180 were acquired from Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. (one for the State Police and the other for the Arma dei Carabinieri) aimed at limiting the level of border permeability and at reinforcing the territorial controls in the southern Italian regions. The positive results achieved and the need to increase the surveillance activities on irregular immigration have called for the acquisition of a second aircraft of the same type in order to increase the operative missions, with the lowest operating costs possible, to plan more coordinated activities and to deploy a more proficient instrument of surveillance and control.

◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 8.064.000,00 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 4.032.000,00 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.8 (Obj/A) Implementation of IT and workstations for “foto segnalamento” - AFIS system- at the border police offices aimed to manage the phenomenon of illegal landings

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

The emergencies, consequence of the actual crisis in some areas of North Africa, caused a large influx of people from North Africa to the Southern borders of Italy, and the further implementation of directives given to manage the phenomenon has resulted in a significant increase of activities to the related border police offices, in particular the immigration offices of the Scientific Police located near the centers for the incoming immigrants in Southern Italy.

In particular the IT equipments and the workstations for “foto segnalazioni” – AFIS system – will be upgraded, especially those used by the police forces involved in monitoring the illegal landings.

With this action is expected to purchase: 100 personal computers; 100 laptops; 2 servers; 40 printers; 100 RAM memory; 10 “Identisystems”; 80

toners; 1 "STS 3000" and related software SDK.

That equipment will be acquired by the end of May 2011, enabling its immediate installation at the police offices involved in the operations of immigrants identification.

◆ Expected grant recipients

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◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

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◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

The target to achieve is to make more effective, more efficient and easier than ever the identifying and controlling activities of immigrants, that, as a result of the recent crisis in countries of North Africa, are landing on the Southern coasts of Italy. This goal, in reference to the action, is considered highly positive as it will increase the efficiency of the local operating staff.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Targeted conferences will be held with a view at outlining the benefits deriving from this project. Moreover, the EU logo will appear on all related documents and the project will be advertised on the State Police website.

The aircraft will be identified with an appropriate adhesive or explanatory tag containing the logo of the European flag, the eventual EBF logo, the year of the action, the main features of the contract and every other useful information which allows an easy and immediate identification with the program.

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

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◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 700.000,00 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 350.000,00 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.9 (Obj/A) Purchase of vehicles for police stations in order to manage the phenomenon of illegal landings

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

The emergencies, consequence of the actual crisis in some areas of North Africa, caused a large influx of people from North Africa to the Southern borders of Italy, and the further implementation of directives given to manage the phenomenon has resulted in a significant increase of activities to the related border police offices.

In this context, particular emphasis is given on patrolling the southern coasts in order to combat illegal immigration. Moreover, it is necessary to support police staff involved in the transfer of immigrants at those centers designed for identification purposes.

With this action is foreseen to buy n. 71 FIAT GRANDE PUNTO 1.3 MJT (standard colors), n. 5 FIAT DUCATO and n. 19 FIAT FREEMONT URBAN, that will strengthen the car fleet of the Immigration Police offices directly involved in emergency, such as those of Agrigento, Ragusa, Siracusa, Palermo, Trapani, Caltanissetta, Crotona, Bari, Brindisi, Foggia, Taranto.

This purchase should be concluded by the end of June 2011, allowing Police offices to immediately use the vehicles for their patrolling and controlling activities of Italian borders.

◆ Expected grant recipients

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is State Police.

◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

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◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

The goal being pursued is to make more effective and efficient the increasing activities of patrolling and controlling along the Italian coasts, result of the recent crisis in countries of North Africa, where immigrants are landing on the Southern coasts of Italy. This goal, in reference to the action, is considered highly positive as it will increase the efficiency of the local

operating staff.

◆ **Visibility of EC funding**

Targeted conferences will be held with a view at outlining the benefits deriving from this project. Moreover, the EU logo will appear on all related documents and the project will be advertised on the State Police website.

The aircraft will be identified with an appropriate adhesive or explanatory tag containing the logo of the European flag, the eventual EBF logo, the year of the action, the main features of the contract and every other useful information which allows an easy and immediate identification with the program.

◆ **Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate**

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◆ **Financial Information**

The total financial requirement for this action is 2.095.587,58 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 1.047.739,79 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.10 (Obj/A) *Purchase fuel vouchers needed to support additional activities for prevention and control closely related to the current immigration emergency of Southern Italy*

◆ **Purpose and scope of the action**

With the action in question is intended to purchase, within June 2011, the equivalent of € 1,290,000.00 in fuel vouchers. The acquisition of such coupons will allow to supply the car park of the Immigration offices directly involved in the actual immigration emergency with the fuel needed to operate. The offices are those of Agrigento, Ragusa, Siracusa, Palermo, Trapani, Caltanissetta, Crotona, Bari, Brindisi, Foggia, Taranto. Furthermore, the vouchers will also be distributed to the 15 Identification and Expulsion Centres (CIE), the 12 centers for asylum seekers and the 19 emergency buildings currently arranged on national territory.

The vouchers, in fact, will be distributed to offices and departments directly involved in the management of patrols designed to:

- cope with the exceptional wave of refugees that constantly land along the southern Italian coast;*
- support offices that directly contribute to the security services near the centers involved in order to prevent the arbitrary departure of immigrants and the subsequent illegal entry into the country;*
- facilitate the identification of immigrants, operation that requires transfers at workstations and offices arranged ad hoc.*

◆ Expected grant recipients

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◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

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◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

The goal being pursued is to make more effective and efficient the increasing activities of patrolling and controlling along the Italian coasts, result of the recent crisis in countries of North Africa, where immigrants are landing on the Southern coasts of Italy. This goal, in reference to the action, is considered highly positive as it will increase the efficiency of the local operating staff.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Targeted conferences will be held with a view at outlining the benefits deriving from this project. Moreover, the EU logo will appear on all related documents and the project will be advertised on the State Police website.

The aircraft will be identified with an appropriate adhesive or explanatory tag containing the logo of the European flag, the eventual EBF logo, the year of the action, the main features of the contract and every other useful information which allows an easy and immediate identification with the program.

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

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◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 1.139.999,90 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 569.999,95 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.11 **Purchase of four patrol boats units class "V-2000"**

(Obj/A)

- ◆ Purpose and scope of the action
The emergencies, consequence of the actual crisis in some areas of North Africa, caused a large influx of people from North Africa to the Southern borders of Italy, and the further implementation of directives given to manage the phenomenon has resulted in a significant increase of activities to the related border police offices. In this context, particular emphasis is given on patrolling the southern maritime borders in order to combat the extraordinary immigration flux. Moreover, it is necessary to strengthen the maritime surveillance, for this purpose the patrol boats, acquired by June 2011, provide more agility and ubiquity in the activities of the supervisors.

- ◆ Expected grant recipients
When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Guardia di Finanza.

- ◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body
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- ◆ Expected quantified results and indicators
The goal being pursued is to make more effective and efficient the increasing activities of patrolling and controlling along the Italian coasts, result of the recent crisis in countries of North Africa, where immigrants are landing on the Southern coasts of Italy. This goal, in reference to the action, is considered highly positive as it will increase the efficiency of the local operating staff.

- ◆ Visibility of EC funding
Targeted conferences will be held with a view at outlining the benefits deriving from this project. Moreover, the EU logo will appear on all related documents and the project will be advertised on the State Police website. The aircraft will be identified with an appropriate adhesive or explanatory tag containing the logo of the European flag, the eventual EBF logo, the year of the action, the main features of the contract and every other useful information which allows an easy and immediate identification with the program.

- ◆ Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

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- ◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 2.820.167,44 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 1.410.083,72 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.12 Purchase of 36 vehicles to support aero-naval activities of the Guardia di Finanza
(Obj/A)

- ◆ Purpose and scope of the action

Strengthening the patrolling activities on the territorial waters in the Mediterranean, especially considering the extraordinary flux of immigrants from North Africa, makes it necessary to adequately support the patrols used in these activities through the implementation of additional vehicles (36 FIAT GRANDE PUNTO – standard colors) to be distributed to local departments of the Guardia di Finanza, committed in fighting the illegal immigration at the Italian borders.

The support given by this action consists in assisting the crews of naval aviation of the Guardia di Finanza for those necessary operations to be carried out on land, in particular during interception of ships carrying illegal immigrants, such as identification or transfer of immigrants to centers specifically arranged for these purposes.

- ◆ Expected grant recipients

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Guardia di Finanza.

- ◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

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◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

The goal being pursued is to make more effective and efficient the increasing activities of patrolling and controlling along the Italian coasts, result of the recent crisis in countries of North Africa, where immigrants are landing on the Southern coasts of Italy. This goal, in reference to the action, is considered highly positive as it will increase the efficiency of the local operating staff.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Targeted conferences will be held with a view at outlining the benefits deriving from this project. Moreover, the EU logo will appear on all related documents and the project will be advertised on the State Police website.

The aircraft will be identified with an appropriate adhesive or explanatory tag containing the logo of the European flag, the eventual EBF logo, the year of the action, the main features of the contract and every other useful information which allows an easy and immediate identification with the program.

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

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◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 388.353,24 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 194.176,62 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.2.13 Purchase of 224 operating vehicles

(Obj/A)

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

The purchase of 224 additional cars will be useful to enhance the operational mobile teams of the Guardia di Finanza, with the purpose to strengthen the activities of identification of immigrants at coastal borders, in order to fight, prevent and contrast illegal immigration.

This action is also justified by the emergency of illegal immigration that is recorded on the coast of southern Italy nowadays. This purchase will not overlap the action 3.2.6 of the AP 2010, but it will support activities that are needed to strengthen both the fleet of mobile units and the Command of the Guardia di Finanza Companies located in the regions affected by the phenomena of illegal immigration.

The vehicles are planned to be distributed according to the width of the areas concerned, related to the activities of the Guardia di Finanza, and also considering the changes of the phenomena mentioned above.

The Regions involved in this Action are: Sicily, Sardinia, Calabria, Puglia, Campania and Basilicata. Finally, the model of vehicle to be purchased is: Fiat Grande Punto.

◆ Expected grant recipients

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◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

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◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

The purchase of 224 vehicles is aimed at increasing the operational capabilities of the territorial units, mostly employed in daily and nightly coastal monitoring activities in order to enforce and fight the illegal immigration on Italian maritime borders.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Targeted conferences will be held with a view at outlining the benefits deriving from this project. Moreover, the EU logo will appear on all related documents and the project will be advertised on the State Police website.

The aircraft will be identified with an appropriate adhesive or explanatory tag containing the logo of the European flag, the eventual EBF logo, the year of the action, the main features of the contract and every other useful information which allows an easy and immediate identification with the program.

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

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◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 2.476.451,71 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 1.238.225,86 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).

2.4 Actions implementing 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.

2.4.1 *Visa application software development and maintenance. (Specific priority 4/2)*
(Obj/C)

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

To develop and maintain the new generation RMV 9.x visa software, up-to-date with current technological standards and able to support VIS functionalities.

◆ Expected grant recipients

When the Responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the Responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

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◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

Performing development and maintenance of new VIS-compliant RMV 9.x application software; 2) Development and maintenance of application functions in official central and CP web sites, to allow interactions with visa applicants.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by citing the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued and on web sites of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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

N. A.

◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 61.000 euro for 2009. The Community contribution requested for 2009 is 45.750 euro (75% of the total financial requirement).

2.4.2 Visa system management, including networking and outsourcing services; user support services. (Specific priority 4/2)
(Obj/C)

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

This action is related to activities that already started in 2007/2008 and, for their nature, are intended to continue over time. So the action proposed for 2009 actually represents the management or the improvement of VIS systems and services already put in place in 2007/2008.

In particular, this action is aimed to build the necessary underlying infrastructure, in terms of network, user support and outsourcing services, required by the new VIS system and associated SLAs. The final purpose is to manage the Visa information system and to support end users, to allow proper working of visa issuing activity.

◆ Expected grant recipients

When the Responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the Responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

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◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

RIPA network improvements for supporting CPs connection to central site; 2) RMV system management and user (CP operators) support for RMV I.S. in order to meet required SLAs; 3) Set-up of ICT outsourcing services (both hosting and housing) for selected components (FEVIS, VIS-LNI and VIS-BLNI systems) of VIS national system, shared between different Ministries; 4) Project management and security management services for VIS IT project deployment.

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by citing the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued and on web sites of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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

N. A.

◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 404.317,40 euro for 2009. The Community contribution requested for 2009 is 303.238,05 euro (75% of the total financial requirement).

2.4.3 Purchasing of IT hardware equipment and system software for supporting consular posts VISA activities. (Specific priority 4/2)
(Obj/C)

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

The purpose of these actions is the adaptation of the consular posts IT equipment in order to allow them to work with the new VIS system.

This includes a) completing the enhancements program for the hardware and system software platform already started in previous years, since the new application need more resources and new different peripherals; b) buying the FP scanning devices needed to equip about 80 CPs for fingerprints collection, as required by the VIS regulation.

The number of consulates connected to the new VIS system will increase following a multiannual schedule which divides the areas of the world into regions. For this reason it is necessary to provide a continuous adjustment of the national system and also, on the other side, there is a need to provide work tools (like more powerful workstations, passport readers and fingerprint scanner) to support the new VIS operation. For the latter it was decided to split these purchases over the years (as in the 2007 and 2008 annual programmes) following the same regional approach of the VIS roll-out.

◆ Expected grant recipients

When the Responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the Responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

◆ Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body

The Responsible Authority acts as an executive body in relation to the action as

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◆ Expected quantified results and indicators

- 1) Purchasing workstations, passport readers and other peripherals to improve work productivity at CPs;*
- 2) Maintenance of system platform for RMV both at central site and CPs;*
- 3) Equipment of 80 CP for VIS operations.*

◆ Visibility of EC funding

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by citing the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued and on web sites of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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

N. A.

◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 935.000,00 euro for 2009. The Community contribution requested for 2009 is 701.250,00 euro (75% of the total financial requirement). 300.000 euro of the total financial requirement is due to financial savings.

2.4.4 Purchase of equipment and facilities for visa issuing and control at border police offices
(Obj/F)

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

- Availability of visa issuing and control desks at border police offices*
- Possibility of making the visa national system fully operational*
- Improvement of the visa national system*
- Purchase of ICT equipment and development of software for visa issuing and control at border police offices (see European Parliament and Council Regulations EP-COUNC 3630/1/07 REV 1)*
- Purchase of ICT management facilities*

The action aims at the acquisition of second line control and visa issuing posts within the State Police offices, as well as for control and verification of visas within the Immigration Offices of the Questure.

For each State Police office, each post will be provided with:

- a workstation*
- a type 4-4-2 digital fingerprint live scanner*
- a document scanner*
- a webcam*
- a sticker printer*

The same equipment, except for the printer, is planned for the Immigration Offices of the Questure.

In addition to the period of warranty, the acquisition includes the preparation and the provision of all the on-site assistance and maintenance services with limited intervention timeframes for the resolution of anomalies. These services will be extended not only to the equipment but also to the provided software.

The acquisition also includes the training services for the utilization of the equipment on behalf of the personnel.

The number of needed estimated posts is 400 which will be assigned to the Offices according to the distribution plan.

◆ **Expected grant recipients**

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is State Police.

◆ **Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body**

The Responsible Authority acts as an executive body in relation to these actions that require specific skills exclusively pertain to the functions and institutional activities which it pursues. The Ministry of Interior, in coordination with the public authorities which act under its responsibility, is the sole responsible, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for all activities concerning the surveillance, control procedures and monitoring of external borders. The Ministry of Interior, in fact, manages and coordinates the national policies and activities concerning border surveillance and control, working in coordination with the competent national bodies.

◆ **Expected quantified results and indicators**

Indicators:

- number of desks and equipment in operation*
- state of progress*

◆ **Visibility of EC funding**

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by citing the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued and on web sites of Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Moreover, All equipment which is part of the acquired systems will be identified with an appropriate adhesive or explanatory tag containing the logo of the European flag, the eventual EBF logo, the year of the action, the main features of the contract and every other useful information

which allows an easy and immediate identification with the program.

- ◆ Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

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- ◆ Financial Information

The total financial requirement for this action is 2.010.785,52 euro for 2009. The Community contribution is 1.005.392,76 euro (50 % of the total financial requirement).

2.4.5 Implementation of the SIS II (Specific priority 4/1)

- ◆ ***Strategic coherence with the Multi-Annual Program 2007/2013 and continuity with previous annual programs***

The action finds its coherence in the Multiannual strategic with the key action 3 of the Priority 4 in which investments and updating technology were planned for the development and maintenance of application system of SIS-II.

- ◆ ***Purpose and scope of the action***

The Action proposed for the 2009 annual intend to finance activities that will complete the national development of the application in line with the latest version of the ICD (Interface Control Document) Project II SIS, delivered in November 2010 and start of test campaigns designed to ensure the proper functioning of the system at central and national date.

To observe the activities in the new time trial program approved by the Council (October 2010) the following actions will be completed for the year 2011:

- Completion of the developments of the Change Requests due to the implementations of the ICDs 2.4, 2.5, 2.5.2, 2.5.2 national and 2.5.3,
- Start of developments to align the National application to ICD 3.0,
- Management and updating of the technical SIS II infrastructure ICT ,
- Preparation and execution of performance tests and scalability tests,
- Analysis of EC documents describing test strategy and test plan,
- Consultancy and support to meetings and workshops , analysis on EC documents,
- Test preparation for those test campaigns to be held in 2011,
- Ri-planning of the whole national project based on the new Global Project schedule issued by EC,
- Project management,
- Software IBM Rational,
- Prosecution of the alignment of the application to ICD 3.0.,
- Configuration management,
- Management of the infrastructure HW and SW,
- COTS upgrade,

- Continuation of the implementation of the Business Continuity Plan and Disaster Recovery plan,
- Updating of the National Police applications and their alignment to ICD 3.0. Integration with SIS II,
- Preparation of the different AIX environments in the National Police system integrated with SIS II for development, test and training,
- EC Test preparation and execution on the National system side,
- Automated functional tests,
- Project management for the National Police system side.

◆ ***Expected grant recipients***

The beneficiary of the funding is the Ministry of Interior - Department of Public Safety - Office of Coordination and Planning of Police Forces - NSIS Division

◆ ***Procurement procedures***

The procurement procedures will follow the rules laid down in national legislation, that is the Legislative Decree 163 of 2006

◆ ***Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body***

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◆ ***Expected quantified results and indicators***

The aim of the activities proposed by this action is to attain of technical requirements by the European Commission, and in particular to complete the national development of the application, in line with the latest version of the ICD delivered in November 2010, and to launch campaigns of tests to ensure the functioning of the updated central and national.

◆ ***Visibility of EC funding***

The basic information relating to the funds of the European Commission for information and publicity measures are implemented in order to obtain a comprehensive media coverage. The words "EU funded projects. under the European External Borders Fund 2007-2013" will be applied to all documents and all supplies acquired through co-financing of the EC.

◆ ***Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate***

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◆ **Financial Information**

The total financial requirement for this action is € 1.197.232,73 euro.

The Community Contribution is 897.924,55 euro (75% of the total financial requirement).

2.5 Actions implementing 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.

2.5.1 **Support for effective and efficient application by Navy staff of interception of suspected vessels in the course of the fight against illegal immigration and trafficking of human beings**
(Obj/B)

◆ Purpose and scope of the action

Acquisition of foreign language courses for Officers and other selected personnel, with the ultimate purpose to improve **safety, reliability and effectiveness** of operations for Navy assets involved in anti-illegal immigration operations.

In particular, courses in English language are aimed to:

- Deepen cooperation between different agencies involved and the navy personnel of stations both ashore and at sea through a better exchange of information in the main working language in use in the patrol network;
- Deepen and improve cooperation with other countries navy personnel by patrol ships crews on task in frontex areas (in particular with southern Mediterranean countries/navies) through a better mutual comprehension in English in order to achieve a better management of a common recognized maritime picture and a correct sharing of responsibilities among cooperating countries;
- Improve communication capabilities for personnel involved in operations of patrolling and rescuing of refugee personnel, with particular attention to messages given during or after operations by crews involved to the medias, in order to grant a correct perception of operations by society;
- Improve understanding capabilities for involved personnel of patrol assets crews in order to being able to identify and recognise active potential facilitators of human being trafficking;

Courses in Arabic language are instead particularly aimed to:

- Grant fundamental human rights for refugees through the possibility of understanding of their basic needs and their first statements in their native language during the operations of rescuing/recuperations/transportation; understand which of rescued personnel in these phases need particular treatment, help or specific protection since the very first moments of operations (e.g. minor/young people, blessed or pregnant people/personnel);
- Deepen and improve cooperation with other countries navy personnel by patrol ships crews on task in frontex areas (in particular with southern Mediterranean countries/navies) through a better mutual comprehension also in Arabic language in order to achieve a better management of a common recognized maritime picture;

- *Give to refugees a perception of dignity and respect during rescuing operations through the use of Arabic language (for those who use it as native language) by rescuing personnel on board ships and aircrafts of the navy employed in patrol operations in frontex areas; give them the possibility to understand since the beginning their position and their possibilities avoiding a possibly long period of lack of information;*
- *Better understand refugees identity documents and/or visas in order to grant a reliable picture of rescued personnel by patrol ships involved, rendering more fast, safe and effective the transfer to ashore agencies of information concerning rescued personnel;*
- *Widen possibilities for patrol ships crews involved in rescue operations for understanding the situation of victims of human being traffic, transfer and business, with particular attention to women and children being able to provide reliable information with no delay to ashore agencies.*

◆ **Expected grant recipients**

When the responsible Authority acts as executing body, it is the responsible Authority itself who is the final beneficiary legally speaking. The competent associated Authority, who is de facto the grant recipient, is the Italian Navy.

In particular the above mentioned courses are aimed for patrol ships and aircrafts crews, for personnel involved in the following operations:

- *Officers and selected personnel involved in identification and recognition of refugees boats during patrol operations in frontex areas;*
- *Personnel involved in rescue operations, including patrolling aircrafts personnel;*
- *Officers and selected personnel operating on board or ashore during the operations of collect and share of information with other co-operating agencies involved.*

◆ **Where appropriate, justification regarding projects implemented directly by the responsible authority as an executing body**

The Responsible Authority acts as an executive body in relation to the action as it requires specific skills which exclusively pertain to the functions and institutional activities for which National Authority are exclusively competent (article 7,8 of Implementing Rules 2008/456/CE – SOLID/2008/2 REV). The Ministry of Interior, in coordination with the public authorities which act under its responsibility, is the sole responsible, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for all activities concerning the surveillance, control procedures and monitoring of external borders. The Ministry of Interior, in fact, manages and coordinates the national policies and activities concerning border surveillance and control, working in coordination with the competent national bodies.

◆ **Expected quantified results and indicators**

Allow the NAVY crews to perform all purposes and scopes above mentioned, together with a best initial inquiry onboard of suspected vessels in order to get any useful information to identify potential facilitators.

◆ **Visibility of EC funding**

Appropriate visibility to the EC funding will be given by quoting the EC co-funding and inserting the EC logo on all documentation issued.

- ◆ Complementarity with similar actions financed by other EC instruments, if appropriate

- ◆ Financial Information

*The total financial requirement for this action is 220.000,00 euro for 2009.
The Community contribution is 110.000,00 euro (50% of the total financial requirement).*

4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

4.1. Purpose of the technical assistance

In accordance with art.17 of Decision of Council 2007/574/CE, the Ministry of Interior intends to use Technical Assistance for the preparation, management, monitoring, assessment, information and control and to strengthen the administrative capacity for implementing External Borders Fund.

The Technical Assistance is organized in order to ensure support and coordination of activities related to management, payments, checks and contracts, based on the organizational structure outlined by the Responsible Authority. Therefore, it is aimed at supporting the implementation and management of the Fund, monitoring and evaluating its progress and ensuring the use of efficient management and control procedures.

In particular, the Technical Assistance is finalized at:

- Providing technical and specialist support to Responsible Authority

It is an aid both in the planning phase, through the assistance in setting priorities, analysis procedures and defining of procedure for the selection of projects, and in implementation phase of the Program.

The Technical Assistance provides support in defining and implementing procedures and operational tools that can optimize the management and timely implementation of interventions by all Final Beneficiaries involved, and in the detection of critical situations and identification of the appropriate lines of action to resolve them.

The implementation is supported by constant financial, physical and procedural monitoring activities, which are necessary to ensure the proper management of the Program and in supporting the preparation of tools and methodologies for carrying out financial controls and verifying the management and control systems.

In addition, the technical assistance supports the Administration in analyzing the impacts of interventions which are included in the Multi-annual program.

- Providing technical and specialist support to Certification Authority

The technical support to the Certification Authority in monitoring the merits and fairness of expenditure statements received by Responsible Authority, through the establishment of procedures and operational instruments for the verification that these costs result from accounting systems reliable and are based on verifiable evidence, have been subjected to a check of eligibility on the basis of national legislation and community and have been selected according to pre-selection criteria (according to art. 31 of Decision of Council 2007/574/CE).

This activity is functional to the drafting, certification and submission of statements of expenditure to the European Commission from the Certification Authority.

It also provides support in the definition of procedures and operational tools for recovering unduly spent amounts through the operations of compensation and reimbursement as a result of total or partial cancellation of contributions.

- Providing technical and specialist support to Audit Authority

It's an aid that will not affect directly the activities of auditing (spot checks and documentary), carried out independently by the staff of the Authority, but will assist the same in the definition of methodologies and operational instruments for carrying out activities audits. Audit Authority is responsible of these activities and in preparing the report at the end of each annual program, opinions on the effective functioning of Management and Control System and reporting on the final balance (according to art. 32, par. 3, of Decision of Council 2007/574/CE).

The amount devoted to technical assistance for the year 2007 in accordance with the provisions of the Decision 2007/574/CE (art. 17), is equal to 7% of total annual co-financing.

The procurement procedures envisaged for the technical assistance will respect relevant national and European legislation, namely Italian Legislative Decree 12 April 2006, n.163 (Nuovo Codice Appalti) and European Community Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC.

The procurement procedures for the technical support are ongoing. It is expected that these procedures will end within the month of April 2011 and this will allow the Responsible Authority to make a commitment for which a deposit contract will utilise of the expected resources for the technical assistance. However, the financial commitment is strictly depends on to the positive outcome of the tendering procedures.

4.2. Expected quantified results

Technical assistance will provide a valuable support to the Administration in the management of External Borders Fund, and contribute to proper management of the same, timely monitoring, information and control and to strengthening the administrative capacity and transfer of know - how.

The valuation process could be useful support to the administration in the analysis of the outcomes and the impacts of the Annual Programme.

4.3. Visibility of EC funding

As established by the European Commission, co-financing from the Fund should be immediately recognizable for each action activated in the EBF.

At the same time, also for Technical assistance, recipients of funding will be made aware of the need for adequate publicity for the Fund, to inform the government / bodies and their employees compared to co-financing of projects by the EIF and the obligation to include in each project information document attesting financing activities by the Fund, in accordance with the Decision of Council 2007/574/CE.

The Responsible Administration will provide information tools through broad and easy access (e.g. web site) to publish information on the Annual Programme on the actions undertaken under the External Borders Fund and on Final Beneficiaries according to art.33 (par. 2) of Decision of Council 2007/574/CE.

According to Art.34 of Decision of Commission C (2008) 789, 5 March 2008, the Final Beneficiaries will ensure adequate publicity of the activities and actions co financed by the EBF.

The Responsible Authority will perform an informative activity for the Multi-annual Program and will diffuse the achievements of actions part of Program.

5. FINANCING PLAN (*)

The objectives related to this annual programme will be finalized according to the following scheme:

**Annual programme- Draft Financial Plan
Table 1 - Overview table**

<i>Member State: Italy</i>								
<i>Annual programme concerned : 2009</i>								
<i>Fund: External Border Fund</i>								
<i>All figures in euro</i>	<i>Ref. Priority</i>	<i>Ref. Specific priority (1)</i>	<i>Community Contribution (a)</i>	<i>Public Allocation (b)</i>	<i>Private Allocation (c)</i>	<i>TOTAL (d= a+b+c)</i>	<i>% EC (e=a/d)</i>	<i>Share of total (f=d/total d)</i>
<i>Action 2.2.1</i>	2		429.317,80	429.317,80		858.635,59	50,00%	2,46%
<i>Action 2.2.2</i>	2		956.165,00	956.165,00		1.912.330,00	50,00%	5,48%
<i>Action 2.2.3</i>	2		180.000,00	180.000,00		360.000,00	50,00%	1,03%
<i>Action 2.2.4</i>	2		124.941,00	124.941,00		249.882,00	50,00%	0,72%
<i>Action 2.2.5</i>	2		2.379.386,87	2.379.386,87		4.758.773,74	50,00%	13,64%
<i>Action 2.2.6</i>	2		1.644.315,55	1.644.315,55		3.288.631,10	50,00%	9,43%
<i>Action 2.2.7</i>	2		4.032.000,00	4.032.000,00		8.064.000,00	50,00%	23,12%
<i>Action 2.2.8</i>	2		350.000,00	350.000,00		700.000,00	50,00%	2,01%
<i>Action 2.2.9</i>	2		1.047.793,79	1.047.793,79		2.095.587,58	50,00%	6,01%
<i>Action 2.2.10</i>	2		569.999,95	569.999,95		1.139.999,90	50,00%	3,27%
<i>Action 2.2.11</i>	2		1.410.083,72	1.410.083,72		2.820.167,44	50,00%	8,09%
<i>Action 2.2.12</i>	2		194.176,62	194.176,62		388.353,24	50,00%	1,11%
<i>Action 2.2.13</i>	2		1.238.225,86	1.238.225,86		2.476.451,71	50,00%	7,10%
<i>Action 2.4.1</i>	4	2	45.750,00	15.250,00		61.000,00	75,00%	0,17%
<i>Action 2.4.2</i>	4	2	303.238,05	101.079,35		404.317,40	75,00%	1,16%
<i>Action 2.4.3</i>	4	2	701.250,00	233.750,00		935.000,00	75,00%	2,68%
<i>Action 2.4.4</i>	4		1.005.392,76	1.005.392,76		2.010.785,52	50,00%	5,77%
<i>Action 2.4.5</i>	4	1	897.924,55	299.308,18		1.197.232,73	75,00%	3,43%
<i>Action 2.5.1</i>	5		110.000,00	110.000,00		220.000,00	50,00%	0,63%
<i>Action 2.5.2*</i>	5		0,00	0,00		0,00	50,00%	0,00%
<i>Action 2.5.3*</i>	5		0,00	0,00		0,00	50,00%	0,00%
<i>Action 2.5.4*</i>	5		0,00	0,00		0,00	50,00%	0,00%
<i>Technical assistance</i>			92.980,72	841.597,19		934.577,91	50,00%	2,68%
<i>Other operations (2)</i>								
TOTAL			17.712.942,23	17.162.783,63		34.875.725,86	50,79%	100,00%

* Action cancelled