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Programming Upcoming Circulations

Below you will find an updated list of upcoming Twinning projects in the Enlargement countries. When information is available, there is an indication as to the expected date for circulation. Please note that this list is provisional, not exhaustive and that it will be updated on a regular basis.

Albania

Project Title	Budget	Provisional circulation
General Directorate of Tax of Albania	€ 2.2 million	1 st quarter 2009

Croatia IPA 2007

Full-fledged Twinning

No information on date of circulation available yet

Project Title	Duration	Budget
Development of Customs Laboratory in Croatia	15	€ 500.000
Capacity Building of the Croatian Agency for Protection of Personal Data	24	€ 1.350.000
Strengthening Capacities of Ministry of the Interior to combat Drugs Trafficking	21	€ 1.000.000
Strengthening Anti-Corruption Inter-Agency Cooperation	24	€ 800.000
Development of Regulatory Impact Assessment	24	€ 1.100.000

Establishment of effective and financially sound management system and control of use of agricultural funds in line with EU requirements and international auditing standards	24	€ 2.000.000
Methodology for Energy Administrative data management related to EU regulations	21	€ 700.000
Chemical Safety-Strengthening Legal Framework and Institutional Infrastructure for protection from Dangerous Chemicals	24	€ 1.000.000
Strengthening the Administrative Capacity of the Institutions related to work and safety at work	24	€ 1.000.000
Implementation Croatian Competition and State Aid Policies	24	€ 1.000.000
TAF-Further Capacity Building in the area of Plant Protection Products and Pesticide Residues		€ 585.000

Croatia IPA 2007

Twinning light

No information on date of circulation available yet

Project Title	Duration	Budget
TAF-Strengthening of the Administrative Capacity of the Agency for the Public – Private Partnership in Croatia in Relation to the Implementation of the New Public-Private Partnership Legislation		€ 250.000

TAF-Strengthening Croatian AFCOS System with the Aim of Protection of EU Financial Interests		€ 250.000
TAF-Strengthening the Administrative Capacity for Implementation of the Own Resources Rules		€ 250.000
TAF-Institutional Capacity Building of MAFRD in Wine Sector		€ 250.000
TAF-Strengthening the administrative capacity of Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Croatia in relation to the implementation of the new concession and public-private partnership legislation		€ 250.000

former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia IPA 2008

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Provisional circulation</i>
Supporting the process of fiscal decentralization through strengthening the capacities for internal financial control on local and central level	1,350,000	2nd or 3rd quarter 2010
Democracy and Fundamental Rights - Support to the Ombudsman	600,000	2nd or 3rd quarter 2009
Support to the Public Procurement System - Twinning for Support to the Public Procurement Bureau	1,000,000	4th quarter 2009
Strengthening the central and local level administrative capacities, with particular reference to air quality	1,000,000	2nd or

Supporting the process of fiscal decentralization through strengthening the capacities for internal financial control on local and central level	1,350,000	2nd or 3rd quarter 2010
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Serbia IPA 2007

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Provisional circulation</i>	<i>Budget</i>
Capacity Building to implement Rural Development policies to EU standards	1 st quarter 2009	€ 2.000.000
Support to Public Procurement Office	1 st quarter 2009	€ 1.500.000

Serbia IPA 2008

No information on date of circulation available yet

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Budget</i>
Strengthening of the institutional capacities of the National Bank of Serbia (NBS) through implementation of the <i>acquis communautaire</i> and the harmonization of the activities of the NBS with European standards	Finance	€ 2.500.000
Support to the Development of Public Internal Financial Control (PIFC) Phase 3	Finance	€ 2.000.000
Harmonization of the Serbian Customs Enforcement Division with the standards, organization and operational methodology of EU enforcement agencies - 1st contract	Customs	€ 1.400.000
Harmonization of the Serbian Customs Enforcement Division with the standards, organization and operational methodology of EU enforcement agencies - 2nd contract	Customs	€ 1.400.000

Assistance in Implementation of Chemical Management System in Serbia	Environment	€ 1.000.000
Harmonization with Acquis Communautaire in the Field of Transport – Phase II	Transport	€ 1.500.000
Hazardous Waste Management	Environment	€ 1.500.000

Turkey

For the forecast of IPA 2008 Twinning projects for Turkey, to be launched in 2009, we refer to Twinning News 34.

Good Practice *Post from Serbia: Pre-empting EU rules*

As a good example of Serbia's efforts to comply with the EU acquis we can cite the changes taking place in the Serbian Wine Sector. By means of a Twinning project, the sector has made a decisive step forward recently.



In November 2006, the Serbian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic and the Spanish Ministry of External Affairs have joined their forces in the Twinning project 'Capacity Building for the Regulation of the Serbian Wine Sector'. The project leans on the long experience of the Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development of La Rioja. This is a Spanish region whose vine and wine model of Qualified Designation of Origin are a world level reference.

Thanks to this Twinning project, Serbia now has its first Vineyard Register that includes, for the moment, 25 % of the estimated vineyard surface of Serbia. Moreover, during the last months of

2008, the Wine Group inside the Serbian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management sent to the Wine Makers the forms for the voluntary inscription in the Wine Cellar Register. At this moment, they are recording the data that they have received and they estimate that they are have received the data for 50-60 % of the total Wine Cellars existing in Serbia.

The most important is the fact that these Registers have been carried out on a completely voluntary basis, pre-empting the regulation that in the European Union will force the inscription of all vine plots and cellars to the above-mentioned Registers.

A good cooperation between all stakeholders (representatives of the sector, the beneficiary Ministry and the member State ministry) was essential to come to this result. Thanks to the voluntary registration by the sector, with help of the Serbian and Spanish officials, the future of the Serbian Wine Sector looks bright: it may well bring back to the Serbian Wine the prestige and recognition it deserves.



Information on the project:

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Capacity Building for the Regulation of the Serbian Wine Sector

Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation and Serbian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

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Practical Tip: Efficiency *Combining kick off / Closure event and Steering Committee*

Twinning Partners are encouraged to have the kick off and closure event coincide with a meeting of the Steering committee. This saves extra travel expenses for participants from the Member State.

Final Reports *Twinning / Twinning Light*

The Twinning Team thanks the contracting authority for forwarding paper as well as digital copies of the quarterly and final reports of Twinning projects on a regular basis. Please note however that this exclusively concerns full-fledged Twinnings: for *Twinning light* there is no need to send reports to Brussels. We welcome however copies of the *partner selection notification* for Twinning Light projects for data purposes.

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