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Revised version

MEMBER STATE	ROMANIA
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RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY	MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Reasons for programme revision

So far, 2012 Annual Programme has been revised due to some requested changes by the Final Beneficiaries. In this respect, within **Priority no. 1, Action 1** two more headquarters of border sectors police were added for infrastructure investments: Falciu and Darabani.

Referring to **Priority no. 3, Action 6** - the list of targeted consular offices for modernization was changed: Baku was replaced with New York and Zajecar was added as a new location.

Priority no.4 – The results of Action 8 were up-to-dated and one more result was included.

All these changes were approved, at the level of Responsible Authority and didn't required the approval of European Commission.

Action to be modified on the present revision of 2012 Annual Programme

The below mentioned changes are referring to all provided actions within 2012 Annual Programme and are justified through different reasons: insufficient funds for national cofinancing, insufficient time for implementation, issues related to public procurement process, etc.

Action 1 - Building and rehabilitation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs' structures headquarters – Design and execution of consolidation, rehabilitation and modernization works

The budget of this Action was cutt in half on the request of Final Beneficiaries. In consequence, the project of General Inspectorate for Immigration – Extension and rehabilitation of Arad Accommodation Centre for foreigners taken in public custody – was eliminated due to different reasons: the value and time of project resulted after the feasibility study were no longer corresponding to the allocated budget and estimated implementation schedule. Also, GIBP has eliminated the second phase of execution of works for some locations: Isaccea Border Sector Police and Naval Group Mangalia's headquarter. New projects were included within Action 1:

- Feasibility study and design services for the modernization of Vârciorova Conference Centre of Romanian Border Police,
- Modernization of heating system at the headquarter of Iasi TIBP,
- Modernization of the power supply capacity for Border Police Sectors Sulina, Berzeasca,
- Procurement of paddocks for duty dogs' accommodation

Also, the estimated budgets of existing projects were adjusted according to the contracted amounts.

Action 2 – Enhancement and maintenance of thermo vision vehicles

The title of Action was changed in “**Acquisition/modernizing/maintenance of the equipment used by the Romanian Border Police units for detection, identifying, intervention and communication**” in order to correspond to the envisaged objective of the action and to the title provided within 2011 Annual Programme as this Action is multiannual and will be implemented through a multiannual agreement according to the public procurement national law.

The budget and indicators of this action were increased accordingly.

Action 3 – Services of maintenance for RBP land mobility means

The title of this action was changed in Land mobility means in order to correspond to the new objective.

In this respect, two projects were included within this Action:

- Endowment of Border Police with new land mobility means destined to border's control and surveillance: purchase of branded and unbranded special vehicles for patrolling and of four wheel drive off-road (4wd) vehicles for operative work,
- Purchase of specialized changeable equipment for the clearing of vegetation and shrubs at the external borders.

The budget of this Action was increased in accordance with the Final Beneficiary's financial estimation.

Action 4 - Enhancement of naval mobility means

As the objective of this Action has been achieved through 2011 Annual Programme, new projects were included with new objectives and results, such as:

- Modernization and maintenance of OPV 6610 and SHALDAG MK IV vessels – these two projects were transferred from 2011 Annual Programme,
- Modernization of intervention, control and surveillance motorboats.

The budget of this Action was reduced according to GIBP' financial estimation.

Action 5 – Post-warranty Maintenance and modernizing of “The Observing, Surveillance and Control Integrated System of the Maritime Traffic at the Black Sea” (SCOMAR)

The Action was renamed into “**Post-warranty Maintenance for surveillance and control fix systems**”

Two projects were added within this Action as follows:

- Modernization of the data-voice communication system within Botoşani county and Post warranty maintenance and modernization of the Danube Surveillance system within Caras Severin county

The budget of Action 5 was modified in accordance with the estimated budget at the level of the Final Beneficiary.

Action 6 - Continuing the upgrade of Romanian consular offices

Two more locations were additionally added to the provided list of consular offices' locations within this Action, as follows: New York and Zajecar, Baku was replaced by Beijing. As this Action has a multiannual implementation we have to mention that these changes are meant to ensure the correlation with the revised version of 2011 Annual Programme.

On the request of Final Beneficiary a new project was included within this Action. The scope of this project is to develop a network for consular information of both foreigners traveling in Romania and Romanian citizens traveling abroad through the use of consular information kiosks.

The budget of Action 6 was increased in order to ensure the implementation of the additional above mentioned objective.

Action 7 - Procurement of IT&C equipment

Within this Action a new project was included: "Procurement of working stations". This project has been transferred from 2011 Annual Programme, as the acquisition has failed and the contract hasn't been signed due to the insufficient allocated budget.

The allocated budget was increased in order to ensure the implementation of the above mentioned project.

Action 8 – Upgrade of N.SIS II's national component from the perspective of its interconnection to SIS II central system

Within this Action the objectives were changed in order to reflect the actual needs of N.SIS II system. The budget was adjusted according to the financial estimation of Final Beneficiary.

New Actions

Action 9 – Upgrade of the security system for the Integrated System for the Border Security locations (communications system's sites)

The project was transferred from 2011 Annual Programme, revised version. The implementation has been started, but the acquisition hasn't been finalized due to a bidder's contestation.

This project aims to increase the perimeter security of the communications system's pillars in areas with high criminal activity related to cross border, specifically in the Integrated System for the Border Security locations (between 60 – 204 locations).

Action 10 - "Strengthening the control of external border control through the use of specific equipment"

The project has been transferred from 2011 Annual Programme and it was included on the request of Final Beneficiary in order to continue the undertaken actions under the financing of 2011 Annual Programme. The procurement procedure has failed due to the lack of funds for national cofinancing and, consequently, due to insufficient time for implementation.

This action aims to support the control activities performed on the external borders through the procurement of specific equipment.

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

A. General rules

Schengen Directorate within Ministry of Internal Affairs appointed as Responsible Authority (RA) addressed a general invitation for the submission of project proposals to all the potential beneficiaries which have attributions in line with the External Border Fund's objectives (General Inspectorate of Border Police, General Inspectorate for Immigration, SIS National Centre and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Police Cooperation Centre within General Inspectorate of Romanian Police).

Given the de jure monopoly of all the implicated institutions, direct assignment of the selected projects will take place under the executing body method as outlined in SOLID/2008/2/REV. The Responsible Authority will screen the projects in accordance with the selection criteria defined by the basic act (Decision 574/2007/EC, Article 16/5) and assign the selected ones directly to the beneficiaries by Decision of the Responsible Programme Officer, head of the Responsible Authority. The grants will be signed by the Responsible Authority with the Final Beneficiaries after the CE approval of the financing decision for the EBF 2012 Annual Programme will be notified to Romania.

All the projects will be considered as executed by the Responsible Authority, but they will be managed by the Final Beneficiaries (General Inspectorate of Border Police, SIS National Centre and Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

The general rules for the selection of projects financed under 2012 Annual Programme are in accordance with both Multi-Annual Programme (MAP) and the description of the management and control system for EBF.

As also mentioned in the MAP, the Final Beneficiaries were extensively involved in the elaboration of 2012 Annual Programme. The actions and objectives for 2012 are a reflection of the needs and priorities of the main stakeholders: General Inspectorate of Border Police, Romanian Immigration Office, SIS National Centre and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The AP 2012 has been approved at all levels of the involved authorities: Final Beneficiaries, Responsible Authority and Director Committee for EBF. Given de jure monopolies and security reasons, the partnership could not be extended further. Some projects are to be continued under the following Annual Programme 2013 and the implementation phase for most of the financed actions under AP 2011 will continue to be supported within AP 2012.

A close monitoring will be carried out by the Responsible Authority at the level of the Final Beneficiaries and of the Delegated Authority.

The Responsible Authority will closely cooperate with the Audit Authority within the Romanian Court of Accounts (who is charged to control among others whether the rules on public procurement have been followed) and will ensure for it to be informed of the procedures.

Selection of project proposals

The approval of the below mentioned actions within 2012 Annual Programme reveals that they qualify, in principle, for funding under 2012 EBF's annual tranche and the observance of eligibility criteria, provisions of strategic documents, priorities set up by the European Commission.

The procurement procedures that are to be applied are in accordance to the national legislation in the field.

General Directorate for Financial Mechanisms and Non-Refundable Financial Instruments within European Funds Ministry is designated as **Delegated Authority** for the management of the accounts opened for each Final Beneficiary for the External Borders Fund, being also responsible for the transfer of the funds to the Final Beneficiaries based on the Responsible Authority's approval according to the financial decision and for the recovery of the unduly paid or used sums.

Different actions of the programme will be implemented by the General Inspectorate of Border Police (GIBP), SIS National Centre and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), as Final Beneficiaries.

As a Final Beneficiary, for cases of *monopoly de jure* or national security/public order, GIBP/SISNC/MFA shall draft the project proposals and submit them for approval to the Responsible Authority. The appointed experts, at the level of the Responsible Authority, shall evaluate the projects proposals in terms of financial and operational capacity, relevance, methodology, continuity, budget and efficiency of costs and, if necessary, shall send their observations to the Final Beneficiaries in order to revise the project(s) proposals.

Once a project is approved, the Final Beneficiary revises its Annual Procurement Plan, including the new acquisitions in the document, and starts the implementation of the project.

After the CE approval on the revision of 2012 Annual Programme will be notified to Romania and on the Responsible Authority's request the Final Beneficiaries will elaborate the technical project fiches for the approved projects and submit them to the Responsible Authority.

The technical project fiches will be evaluated by a committee established at the level of the Responsible Authority in terms of conformity with the national and international strategic programming documents, relevance, continuity of other projects or complementarity with other actions finalized or in implementation, feasibility, budget and efficiency of costs, sustainability, avoiding the double co-financing through similar projects using other financial sources.

Based on the approval of the project fiches, the Programme Responsible Officer will issue the financial decision for each project along with the Implementation Rules which will be signed by each Final Beneficiary.

In accordance with the 2012 Annual Programme, in order to purchase the provided items/services/works the Final Beneficiaries shall apply the provisions of Emergency Government Ordinance no. 34/2006 with the subsequent completions and modifications. The act regulates the public procurement procedures for contracting supplies, services and works, as well as the modalities to solve the appeals in relation with these procedures. It is meant to: (a) promote competition among the economic operators, (b) guarantee equal treatment and non-discrimination of economic operators; (c) ensure transparency and integrity of the public procurement process; (d) ensure efficiency in using the public funds, in procurement procedures concluded by the public authorities.

The Final Beneficiaries shall provide the entire national co-financing in the amount of 25% of the value of each action. The Final Beneficiaries shall take all the necessary measures in order to cover the amounts representing different costs, such as VAT and exchange rate differences and, also, to cover the necessary amounts for further financing of the projects in case of European funds' unavailability. Once the funds for European financial assistance are transferred by the European Commission, the Final Beneficiaries' budgets are completed with the necessary funds which have been used for further financing of the projects. The funds will be reimbursed in the Final Beneficiary's accounts by the Responsible Authority/Delegated Authority.

The implementation of the actions will cover the period 1 January 2012 – 30 June 2014.

The European Commission financing will be made visible through a set of multiple measures in order to ensure a proper dissemination of the information regarding the assistance granted through 2012 Annual Programme EBF.

The necessary actions in order to determine the visibility of the EC financing will be financed through the Technical Assistance (TA).

The Responsible Authority will ensure the visibility of financial assistance by means of informative instruments easily accessible such as technological instruments (for ex. Internet sites of EU, Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Inspectorate of Border Police, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National SIS Centre) or through traditional instruments (e.g. brochures, newspapers etc.).

Each Final Beneficiary will receive EBF posters available in Romanian and English (visibility items provided by the EC) with the obligation to ensure a proper visibility of this programme at their headquarters.

Also, the achieved results through implemented projects will be published and disseminated to the interested media using the web pages. At the end of 2012 Annual Programme, Responsible Authority shall organize a conference in order to emphasize the results of actions.

B. State of play on the five strategic objectives 2011-2013

1. SIS II project

The Romanian SIS II project was financed by the Schengen Facility which assures the implementation of the National Component SIS II at the national level and which assures Romania's connection to the Central System SIS was finished at 31st of December 2010, and was implemented accordingly to the deadline assumed by Romania for the integration in the Schengen Area on March 2011 and the technical requirements established at that moment for this objective. Mainly the SIS II project was accomplished by implementation of three contracts, as follows:

➤ The main objective of the contract "RO-FSCH 2.1 Implementing NISA at the National Level" was to implement at the national level a compatible SIS II system in order to assure the national alerts management for purpose of sending them to SIS Central System.

In this respect, NISA allows the authorities, through an automatic search procedure in the system, to have access to persons and assets alerts, in order to accomplish the specific tasks regarding the control

executed at the state border line, obeying the customs conditions, the visa and residence documents releases, as well as the other controls and specific activities performed by the police authorities or by the other authorities to assure public safety. When connecting to the Schengen Area, Romania will send through NISA data to Schengen Information System by using SIB (Steria Interconnection Box). Also, the existing NISA includes all types of Schengen alerts issued by the National Authorities (which will feed CS.SIS II) and all the non-Schengen type alerts (national alerts). This system is available for all the authorities for queries and updates, according to the law.

NISA was implemented according to SIS II technical requirements ICD 2.5.3 and DTS 1.32, requirements that were established at the beginning of the project.

➤ The main objective of the contract “RO-FSCH 13.1 – Acquisition of the necessary application for implementation of SIS II national copy and the adapting (conversion) solution of NISA, SIS II compatible, with SIS1+ requirements, in terms of data model and system functionalities, in order to assure the connection to SIS central system” was to develop SIS II national copy by implementing SIB solution (Steria Interconnection Box), assure the connection of N.SIS II to the Central System SIS, regardless of the versions (SIS 1 or SIS II) and build the connection interface of NISA with the national copy of SIS II.

In order to assure Romania’s connection to SIS 1, the SIB solution implements the SIB-SIS Universal – Adaptor component which converts the alerts for sending data to SIS 1.

When Romania will connect to SIS II, the SIB solution will deactivate the SIB-SIS Universal – Adaptor and will configure in order to connect to the national copy of SIS II to the Central System SIS II.

SIB solution is SIS II compatible and it is developed according to the SIS II technical requirements ICD 2.5.3 and DTS 1.32, requirements that were established at the beginning of the project.

In March 2013, when SIS II will be rendered operational, SIB solution will be updated accordingly to the SIS II technical requirements ICD 3.0 and DTS 3.0 which will be implemented at SIS II level, as established in the contract.

➤ The main objective of the contract “RO-FSCH 13.2 – Acquisition of the necessary infrastructure for SISOne4All solution, SIS II national copy and the adapting solution of NISA, in order to assure the connection to SIS central system” was the acquisition of IT&C equipments, as well as the necessary software in order to sustain the production environment for SISOne4ALL and SIB when connecting to SIS 1.

Through Annual Programme 2010 it was envisaged the implementation of the following specific objectives:

1. Establishing compatibility between NISA which was implemented through RO-FSCH 2.1 contract according to the current versions of ICD 2.5.3 and DTS 1.32, with SIS II Central System version implemented with ICD 3.0 and DTS 3.0 technical requirements.
2. Security and users - rights management functions improvement in NISA system, implemented through RO-FSCH 2.1 contract, with final purpose the integration of NISA with all national systems that provides or query data in NISA, as well as with the PKI infrastructures that correspond to these systems.
3. Monitoring and administration functions improvement in the NISA system, implemented through RO-FSCH 2.1 contract with final purpose the integration of all the N.SIS components, including the national institutions that provide or query data in NISA.
4. Hardware and software infrastructure acquisition for the production and test environments of SIS II national copy, in order to connect Romania to SIS II.
5. SIS II national copy upgraded in order to correspond to software upgrade of the application and data base servers, after connecting to the new SIS II version.

6. N.SIS participation at the connectivity and conformity tests with SIS II, as well as at the data load procedures from SIS II national copy in SIS II central system.

Through Annual Programme 2011 it was envisaged the implementation of the following specific objectives:

- Extension of monitoring and administration functions in the NISA system implemented through contract RO-FSCH 2.1 in order to integrate with all the N.SIS components
- Training and support activities in order to achieve the interconnection and migration of data to SIS II, at render operational the new version of SIS II
- Synchronization activities of the existing national alerts (active alerts) to the central system with the corresponding alerts at the level of N.SIS and at the level of national systems in the context of migration of the SIS 1+ alerts to SIS II, at the moment of rendering operational SIS II system
- Development and implementation of an automatic solution for verification of data consistency and for ensuring the synchronization between NISA and the national copy of SIS II
- Delimitation of interrogation functionalities from line 1 and line 2 for national authorities
- Sending to NISA the data loaded in the national copy for synchronization of the Romanian alerts between the NISA and SIB data bases
- Upgrading the N.SIS II national component management solution, according to hardware and software upgrade, as a result of the requirements detailed in ICD 3.0, implemented;
- Adding new security and user management functions from NISA in order to integrate with all the national systems which consult or provide data in NISA as well with the PKI's solutions related to those systems;
- New management and monitoring functions from NISA system in order to integrate with all N.SIS components, as well as the national systems level which consult or provide data in NISA, added;
- SIS II national copy, upgraded according to the database and application server updates in order to connect to SIS II new version.

2. VIS roll-out

Regarding the VIS component, the 2002 Phare project contributed to the creation of a pilot system that included 10 consular offices. The system has been developed further in 2003 (Phare project RO 02/000-586.04.14/D - "Further implementing visa on line system") to include another 59 consular offices. The two Phare projects were being followed by a national project to connect the remaining consular offices thus leading to the full implementation of the Romanian Visa Online System.

Following to the Schengen National Strategy, National Schengen Action Plan, Romania started in 2007 the implementation of National component of VIS (N-VIS) in order to:

- development of the national visa network in order to be connected to the national interface and, further, to the VIS Central System;
- data checking regarding visas in the national and central databases;
- increase the consular cooperation with the Member States;
- ensure timely information flow between consular offices and border crossing points;
- ensure accuracy and security of visa processing operations;

- provide a resource framework for risk analysis, statistics and comparisons, leading to better decisions and just politics;
- improve Romania's capacity to fight against illegal migration and visa shopping;
- consolidate the cooperation with Schengen Member States for managing visa application registrations from all over the world;
- contribute to development of a common identifying system of persons for data regarding visas, with the purpose to improve the administration of common visa policy;
- facilitate application of the Dublin Convention.

This action was financed under the Schengen Facility Indicative Programme. Through this project, the diplomatic missions and consular offices were equipped with N-VIS related equipment.

Also, the Romanian Border Police Crossing Points located at the external border were equipped with latest technology in order to facilitate checks, to identify and return illegal immigrants and also to ensure the accuracy and security of visa processing operations in border crossing points. Using this equipment in line 1 and line 2 of the border crossing points, the Romanian Border Police officers can process data checking regarding visas in the national and central databases and other data which support the control activity in this area.

Bearing in mind that this system was developed using EC funds (mainly Schengen Facility funds) for the equipment installed at the Romanian Consular Offices and national budget allocations for those provided to the Romanian Border Police and the period of implementation is quite recently, all the equipment used were state of the art technology, especially those designated for the line 1 in the border crossing points (i.e. mobile equipment for visa checking and other personal documents).

3. Consular co-operation programmes (according to Visa code articles 40 & 41)

Not applicable at this moment for Romania.

4. European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR)

According to Stage One – Improvement and extension of border surveillance systems and interconnection of national infrastructures in a communication network relative to European Commission's information regarding the establishment of EUROSUR - Member States were invited to create a National Coordination Centre designed to coordinate 24 h /7 days activities of control and surveillance of external borders and to create an operational information exchange with similar centres from EU countries and with FRONTEX.

So far, relative to EUROSUR the following measures were carried out:

- within EUROSUR Pilot Project 6 Member States are participating,
- at the level of General Inspectorate of Border Police it was created Operational Coordination Centre having as main objective the development of EUROSUR concept through the establishment of National Coordination Centre. Within Functioning and Organizing Regulation were envisaged specific attributions in order to implement the EUROSUR concept,
- on 24-th May 2012 Romania acceded to EUROSUR by signing the Understanding Memorandum with FRONTEX. Also, it is envisaged the cooptation of the representatives of other authorities having competencies at the external borders in order to create the premises of OCC structure compatible with the existing NCC in other Member States,
- on September 2012 it was installed within National Coordination Centre the EUROSUR's node which ensures the access of Romanian Border Police to data base

through system's information input and access; operational information regarding the activities on the external borders are related to the following domains: migration, cross border criminality, crisis situations, other types of alerts which are in the competency of Border Police having a major interest for FRONTEX member states on land and maritime borders.

- within Operational Coordination Centre there is a maritime component named National Coordination Centre which responds to the requirements of the project European Patrol Network (EPN).
- through the maritime component National Coordination Centre it is achieved an information exchange in the maritime domain with FRONTEX and river States of Black Sea (submission of monthly reports and incidents reports to FRONTEX and Member States).
- hereafter for the development of Integrated System of Border Security it is envisaged the performance of a graphic representation through an information application which is designed to use the symbols foreseen in the Events/Incidents Catalogue for EUROSUR and to perform in real time on line monitoring of all the registered events at the external border – requirement of general surveillance of EU external borders.

In order to implement the EUROSUR concept at the level of Border Police it was created National Coordination Centre and at the central and territorial levels were established Local Coordination Centres.

The activities performed at the level of NCC are as follows:

- gathering data and information from its data base and other sources regarding registered events at the external borders,
- tactical and operational analysis of the managed information aiming creation of a general situational image for all types of borders (maritime, land and air) regarding the registered specific events at EU external borders,
- operational dissemination of data, information and proceeding for proper structure so to act in due time,
- performing an operational exchange of information both with FRONTEX and other National Coordination Centres from other Member States regarding the surveillance of external borders,
- sustained knowledge of the operational activities from its competency,
- evaluation of operational situation at the local level.

5. State-of-the-art technology (integrated border management system)

The concept of integrated border management is based on guidelines set out by National Strategy for Integrated Management of State Border of Romania.

It is important to underline that the integrated border management system was designed and implemented in conjunction with other measures in order to strengthen the security at the national borders, including also the external borders. The external borders control serves not only for the national interests but, on the basis of solidarity, for all Schengen Member States.

Integrated System for State Border Security (SISF) is the main instrument in order to ensure the security of the European Union external borders, and in fact includes multiple autonomous subsystems, different from the contextual point of view, operationally and geographically, but in a close inter-connection with each other.

The system is complex, scalable, independent and open and develops series of activities in order to contribute to the achievement of its primary objective, namely to secure the national border. SISF is

developed to be able to interconnect with other national or international systems such as: the public order and national security, national crisis management system, NISA system, Eurodac, EUROPOL, VIS, AFIS, SCOMAR (Black Sea Surveillance System).

SISF platform allows the interconnection and interoperability of equipment and various national and international databases, in order to facilitate to the authorized persons the access to relevant information related to their duties.

The state border integrated management reflects, in the present National Strategy, a bivalent approach, depending on the status that Romania has or will have in the Schengen area.

Therefore, in the Strategy's context it is envisaged the determination of the measures and instruments compatible with the latest trends that are used at this moment at European level.

The integrated system for border security is a system specially designed to ensure the fulfillment of specific objectives and measures that arise from the provisions of the national Strategy, and its functionalities are represented at the level of each of the action targets of the present national Strategy.

Realization of the integrated system for border security represented and remains a priority for Romania, having in regard the security of both its own border security and EU external borders, in the perspective of integration in the European area of liberty, security and justice.

The actual implementation of the Integrated System for State Border Security Program is done through the SISF and covers, in a unitary concept, the deployment of all the activities at national level for the institutions with responsibilities in the field of integrated border management, and is coordinated by the Ministry of Administration and Interior.

SISF Program is financed, by avoiding the double funding, from the state budget, EU funds, foreign loans or other sources specified in the National Strategy for Integrated Management of State Border.

As results from above presentation, the financial resources, necessary to achieve these strategic objectives, including compatibility of the Romanian NISA with SIS II Central System (version ICD 3.0 and DTS 3.0), are partially funded from national budget, the main source remained the EC financing, particularly through EBF.

2. CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

Changes in the management and control system for External Borders Fund have occurred since the last version of this document has been submitted to the European Commission. In this respect, the Responsible Authority was reorganized, at the institutional level and European Affairs and International Relations General Directorate within Schengen European Affairs and International Relations Department has become Schengen Directorate. The coordinates for Responsible Authority are the following: Dorin Ionut GROSU as Responsible Person/Programme Responsible Officer Head of the Schengen Directorate and Contact Person - Crina Iulia BRATANOV, Head of European Funds Unit.

Also, the Delegated Authority has recently changed its name: General Directorate for Mechanisms and Non-reimbursable Financial Instruments, Responsible Person – Carmen ROSU, Head of Delegated Authority.

Given the institutional changes of RA, the organisational chart and the functions of EU Funds Unit within Schengen Directorate are fulfilled through 14 positions, as follows:

- 1 head of unit,
- 4 officers for programming,
- 4 officers for legislative acts, procedures, visibility, irregularities and risk analysis,
- 4 officers for monitoring and reporting,
- 1 officer for financial issues and payment.

In order to ensure a unitary exchange course and to relieve the payment process for the Final Beneficiary the Implementing Rules have been changed in this respect and all the financial transactions will be reported in euro through the provided exchange rate within the Financial Decision.

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

3.1. Actions implementing priority no. 1: Support for the further gradual establishment of the common integrated border management system as regards the checks on persons at and the surveillance of the external borders

Action 1: Building and rehabilitation of the Ministry of Administration and Interior' structures headquarters – Design and execution of consolidation, rehabilitation and modernization works

1. Purpose and scope of the action

This action is a continuation of the objectives proposed within 2010 and 2011 Annual Programmes. The purpose is of covering the existent necessities regarding the infrastructure.

Within 2012 Annual Programme there will be evolved services of designing and execution of new objectives:

- Helicopter landing platforms at General Inspectorates County Police from: Mehedinti, Caras Severin, Timis, Maramures, Galati, Suceava;
- designing services for building Mangalia Naval Group headquarter and Isaccea Border Police Sector headquarter
- designing services for rehabilitation, modernization and extension of headquarters for Border Police Sectors Valea Viselui, Falciu and Darabani
- design and execution works for rehabilitation, modernization and extension of headquarters for Border Police Sectors Bivolari and Mangalia Naval Group quay
- feasibility study and design services for modernization of the Conference Centre of Border Police Varciorova
- modernization of the heating system at the headquarter of Iasi TIBP
- modernization of the power supply capacity for Border Police Sectors Sulina and Berzeasca
- procurement of paddocks for duty dogs' accommodation

2. Expected grant recipients

Romanian Border Police

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

Having in mind the *de jure* monopoly situation, the Romanian Border Police, as the national authority responsible with the surveillance and control of the border, will implement this action as associated body in executing mode.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators

Outputs

- number of border police sectors headquarters upgraded - 2;
- number of helicopter landing platforms- 6;
- number of designing services – 6;
- number of Border Police Sectors' headquarters with power supply capacity modernized -2;
- number of modernized heating system – 1;

- one feasibility study for modernization of Conference Centre of Border Police Varciorova;
- 26 containers each item containing 2 paddocks for Henri Coanda international Airport and Timisoara TIBP.

Results

- ensuring appropriate working environment for the border police staff, according to EU standards;
- creating the appropriate needed infrastructure necessary for the functioning and maintenance of the naval mobility equipment used for border surveillance and control;
- creation of premises necessary for improvement of building capacity for realization of surveillance missions at external borders,
- Creating the proper conditions for the accommodation of duty dogs.

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visual identity of this action will obey the visibility rules for the EU financed contracts, through press releases, publicity materials containing EU logo, beneficiary logo, title of the project, mentions regarding the fund co-financing, publicity panels for temporary/permanent display located on the area where the civil works will be performed. For a good transparency, these panels will contain the following information: EU logo, Romanian Government logo, EBF co-financing, project title and number/code, the contracting authority, the beneficiary, the contractor, starting and ending date of execution of works, the budget.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

This action is a continuation of the action 1 included in 2010 and 2011 EBF Annual Plan and is a measure to continue the policy of rehabilitation of border police buildings located at the external border, financed under Phare and Schengen Facility Programmes.

Starting with the year 2011, the Romanian Border Police is the beneficiary of a single financing instrument.

According with the Decision no. 574/2007/CE, with the EBF financial assistance, Romania ensures the link with the previous EU financing contributions through PHARE and Schengen Facility.

7. Financial information

For Action 1- **“Design and execution of consolidation, rehabilitation and modernization works”**, the total foreseen budget is of **4,161,001.86 Euro**. The EBF contribution for this action will be 75% and the national contribution will be 25%.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under priority 1 “common integrated border management system - checks on persons and the surveillance of the external borders”, land and maritime border surveillance - infrastructure.

Action 9 Upgrade of the security system for the Integrated System for the Border Security locations (communications system’s sites)

1. Purpose and scope of this action

The project is aiming to increase the perimeter security of the communications system’s pillars in areas with high criminal activity related to cross border, specifically in the Integrated System for the Border Security locations (between 60 – 204 locations) through providing protection of the communication infrastructure, providing centralized monitoring of the elements of the system form multiple locations (regional dispatch), according to the geographical distribution of the sites in locations, flexibility and

access of the use and assuring a fast operational redundance with a minimum of alerts losses during the transfer to the redundant unity

There will be provided detection and alarming systems regarding the attempts of unauthorized access in protected areas based on the following components:

- Security control systems
- Video monitoring systems
- Network security systems
- Security platforms

Through 2012 Annual Programme the Final Beneficiary will upgrade the security system for **at least 78 sites** located in Timisoara, Mehedinți, Caras Severin, Iasi, Botosani, Vaslui, Galati, Tulcea, Maramures, Suceava counties.

The technical solution will include equipment for detection/monitoring, antiefraction/ prevention of losses, prevention/discouraging.

This action was also included for financing under 2011 and 2012 Annual Programmes within a framework agreement for a period of 3 years having as objective the upgrade of the security system for minimum 60 and maximum 204 locations.

2. Expected grant recipients

Romanian Border Police

3. Expected beneficiaries of financing

Having in mind the *de jure* monopoly situation, the Romanian Border Police, as the national authority responsible with the surveillance and control of the border, will implement this action as associated body in executing mode.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators

Outputs: There will be 2 types of standard locations with the following components:

- a) One type for the RBP's locations with communication towers containing the following:
 - Perimeter protection subsystem: central unit, white light lamp, barrier (barbed wire)
 - Access control subsystem: access filter, access control central unit, card reader
 - Closed television system: exterior video camera box, video recording equipment, switch equipment, ETH-E1/E1-ETH switch equipment
 - Breaking alarm subsystem- breaking alarm, operating monitor, movement detector, external alarming unit
- b) One type for regional location - one for each county containing the following:
 - Alarming management system, minim 7- maxim 11: software for the integrated security management system, video management system.

Results

- security system up-graded

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visibility of this action will be ensured trough press releases, publicity materials, self-adhesive stickers, small plates, containing the EU logo, the beneficiary logo, information regarding the project and the co-financing.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

Not applicable.

7. Financial information

For Action 12 “**Upgrade of the security system for the Integrated System for the Border Security locations (communications system’s sites)**” the total budget is of **1.111.132,11 Euro**. The EBF contribution for this action will be 75% and the national contribution will be 25%.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under priority 1 “common integrated border management system - checks on persons and the surveillance of the external borders”, surveillance - infrastructure.

Action 10 “Strengthening the control of external border control through the use of specific equipment”

1. Purpose and scope of this action

The purpose of this action is to support the control activities performed at the external borders in accordance with the European recommendations and requirements and to increase the reaction capacity of the personnel performing border surveillance activities.

This action is structured in two components:

Component 1 Aiming for the endowment of the Romanian Border Police with video spectral comparators and video photo equipment

Component 2 Training and specific equipment for ensuring the maintenance of the equipment used for communication infrastructure

Component 1

Through this project will be purchased the following equipment:

- Spectral video comparator VSC 6000 for the detailed analyse of the travel documents in different spectral lights relevant for the security elements and its particularities.
- Spectral video comparator VSC40 HD FS for the research of documents and visas. This type of equipment will verify and examine the documents using different sources of lights,
- DSLR professional photo cameras,
- DSLR entry level photo cameras,
- Full HD video cameras,
- Compatible flash with 350 D Cannon photo camera.

Comparing the year 2011, the rate of criminal facts in the field of falsified travel documents increased by 20%. The most affected areas were the external borders with Moldova and Serbia and Henri Coanda International Airport – the principal entrance in Romania for foreigners.

In this respect RBP will procure high quality equipment such as video spectral comparators which will allow the specialists from the Border Police to compare the travel documents in detail and in electronic format fulfilling the quality standards established by the FADO (False and Authentic Documents Online) system administrators. The instruments will be distributed at GIBP, BCP Henri Coanda International Airport, Iasi TIBP and Timisoara TIBP. Between 2002 – 2010 Border Police procured different types of video photo equipment for the roll out of investigation activities for border

crossing related crimes. Currently at the level of Border police there is registered a number of 115 cameras and 140 video cameras representing 30% of the totally necessary.

In order to ensure the awareness of operational situation at the level of border police structures it is necessary the endowment of RBP with highly equipped photo and video devices. The procured equipment will be distributed at the GIBP, Sighetu Marmatiei TIBP, Timisoara TIBP and Coast Guard. The aim of video-foto equipment is to ensure the management of migration flows through technical reports and alerts in case of irregular crossing border. The equipment is used **only** in specific border control activities. The video-foto equipment is needed to support and supply the national database and the European data base – Fado. It is also used for drafting the technical-scientific reports and taking pictures of the perpetrators in order to introduce them in the IMAGETRACK system.

The distribution of the procured equipment was estimated at the level of GIBP as it follows:

- Photo equipment

No.	Type of equipment	GIBP	BPT S Satu Mare	BPT S Mar amures	BPT S Suceava	BPT S Botosani	BPT S IASI	BPT S Vaslui	BPT S Galati	BPT S Tulcea	BPT S Constanta	BPT S Mehedinti	BPT S Caras	BPT S Timisoara	TOTAL
1	DSLR profesional photo camera	4													4
2.	DSLR, entry-level photo camera	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	2	33
3.	Video full HD camera	4	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	14
4.	Compatible flash with 350 D Cannon photo camera	2	1	1	1			1		1	1		1	1	10

- Spectral video comparators

No.	Type of equipment	GIBP	BCP Henri Coanda Airport	BCP Siret	BCP Albita	BCP Sculeni	BCP Stamora moravita	TOTAL
1	Spectral video comparator or VSC 6000	1						1
2.	Spectral video comparator or VSC40 HD FS		1	1	1	1	1	5

Component 2

At the level if the Romanian Border Police it was identified the need for the training of the personnel for the repairing and maintenance of the radio communication system in the field of practical climbing. Currently, 9 border police officers were trained in this field. Having in mind the number of RBP's

communication infrastructure- app 270 communication towers, located also in areas that cannot be covered by the already trained personnel, it is necessary the supplementation of the trained personnel by 8 border police officers.

Also, within this project it will be ensured the specific protection equipment for the total number of trained personnel- 17.

2. Expected grant recipients

Romanian Border Police

3. Expected beneficiaries of financing

Having in mind the *de jure* monopoly situation, the Romanian Border Police, as the national authority responsible with the surveillance and control of the border, will implement this action as associated body in executing mode.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators

Outputs

- one Spectral video comparator VSC 6000,
- 5 Spectral video comparator VSC40 HD FS,
- 25 trained border policemen,
- 4 DSLR professional photo cameras,
- 33 DSLR entry level photo cameras,
- 14 Full HD video cameras,
- 10 Compatible flash with 350 D Cannon photo camera,
- Training for pillar workers – 8,
- Protection equipment for pillar workers – 17.

Results

- enhance the technology used by the border policemen within the operational structures for the fulfilment of the control missions,
- improvement of the detection of false and falsified travel documents,
- ensure a surveillance technique compatible with the one used by the European Member states,
- increase the reaction and intervention capacity of the border policemen.
- increase the capacity of RBP personnel to ensure the proper functioning of the surveillance infrastructure

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visibility of this action will be ensured through press releases, publicity materials, self-adhesive stickers, small plates, containing the EU logo, the beneficiary logo, information regarding the project and the co-financing.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

Not applicable.

7. Financial information

For **Action 10 “Strengthening the control of external borders through the use of the specific equipment”** the total budget is of **328,800 Euro**. The EBF contribution for this action will be 75% and the national contribution will be 25%.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under priority 1 “common integrated border management system - checks on persons and the surveillance of the external borders”, surveillance - infrastructure.

3.2. Actions for the implementation of Priority 2: Support for the development and implementation of the national components of a European Surveillance System for the external borders

Action 2: Acquisition/modernizing/maintenance of the equipment used by the Romanian Border Police units for detection, identifying, intervention and communication

1. Purpose and scope of the action

This action is part of a multiannual project that will be developed during the eligibility period of 2012 and 2013 Annual Programmes. The purpose of the project is strictly related to Romania’s efforts for fulfilment of its obligations to secure the external borders, as an EU Member State and future Schengen state.

Within this project it was taken into account the role that the land mobility means play regarding the “acknowledge of operative situation” and the “capacity for reaction”. In order to ensure the best parameters of these two key elements it is necessary the existence of a proper endowment, from technical point of view, of the vehicles used in the surveillance missions at external borders.

In the context of notification of European Commission, through which there were created the premises of using the External Borders Fund for actions that regard the ensurance of maintenance of the goods purchased through other European funds, it was identified the necessity to include within this action the procurement of maintenance services; the financial value proposed and approved through the Multiannual Programme remains unchanged.

The objectives of this action are maintenance and repairing of portable surveillance equipment (repair/replacement of parts or subsystems, repair/replacement of batteries, periodical maintenance services including the cooling for surveillance portable cameras).

Within 2012 Annual Programme the following activities will be accomplished:

- modernization for 18 special vehicles out of the total of 43 that are in the endowment of RBP, purchased through Phare programme and through governmental credit from BAE SYSTEMS OPERATIONS LTD, at present SELEX SENSORS & AIRBORNE SYSTEM.

Within 2012 Annual Programme the following activities will be implemented:

- modernization for 18 special vehicles with termovision equipement. The special vehicles were purchased through Phare programme and governmental credit from BAE SYSTEMS OPERATIONS LTD, at present SELEX SENSORS & AIRBORNE SYSTEMS,
- progressive and preventive maintenance services for Volkswagen and Land Rover special vehicles endowed with thermo vision. These vehicles were purchased through Schengen Facility,
- progressive and preventive maintenance services for optoelectronic portable equipment (portable cameras with/or without cold, night glasses).

2. Expected grant recipients

Romanian Border Police

3. Expected beneficiaries of financing

Having in mind the *de jure* monopoly situation, the Romanian Border Police, as the national authority responsible with the surveillance and control of the border, will implement this action as associated body in executing mode.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators

Outputs

The indicators will be changed due to several reasons, such as: resulted indicators after the diagnostic of vehicles, the time necessary for the replacement of parts, etc.

- number of modernized special vehicles endowed with thermo vision – 18,
- number of maintenance services for Volkswagen and Land Rover thermo vision special vehicles - minimum 27 maintenances,
- number of maintenance services for optoelectronic portable equipment – minimum 5 for each lot.

Results

- increasing the reaction capacity at best parameters and increasing the mobility of border police teams.

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visibility of this action will be ensured through press releases, publications, leaflets, self-adhesive stickers and plates, video materials, under the visibility rules regarding EU financed projects.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

Not applicable.

7. Financial information

For Action 2 - “Acquisition/modernizing/maintenance of the equipment used by the Romanian Border Police units for detection, identifying, intervention and communication”, the total budget is of **3,032,517,62 Euro**. The EBF contribution for this action will be 75% and the national contribution will be 25%.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under priority 2 “National components of a European Surveillance System for the external borders” – 90 % systems and 10 % and means of transport- land vehicles.

Action 3: Land mobility

1. Purpose and scope of the action

This action is a continuation of 2011 Annual Programme in order to improve the surveillance and control activities by equipping RBP with new modern vehicles. It is expected that this action will have a major impact on the activities performed for surveillance realized at external borders.

The implementation of this action is justified by the fact that, at the level of RBP, there are several vehicles with a high degree of depreciation and according to the legislation in force these need to be put out of service. Also, territorial structures revealed a reduced visibility of border signs, of border corridor and of protection border strip. In this respect, it is necessary to procure some specialized equipment in order to ensure an efficient maintenance for protection works of the state border strip.

Consequently, within 2012 Annual Programme, this action will be implemented through 2 projects as it follows:

- purchase of branded and unbranded special vehicles for patrolling,
- purchase of four wheel drive off-road (4wd) vehicles for operative work,
- purchase of specialized changeable equipment for the clearing of vegetation and shrubs at the external borders.

All envisaged vehicles will be used in the missions of countering illegal migration and cross border crime and to strengthen surveillance and control activity at the external border in order to serve the tactical and operational necessities of the Border Police seeing the border situation and the authorities' capacity to detect cross border illegal activities and to undertake the proper control measures

The purpose of this action is:

- the evolvement of RBP specific operative activities, in proper conditions and according to the best European practices in the field of external borders control;
- the functioning at proper standards of land mobility means involved in surveillance missions, preventing and fighting illegal migration and cross border crime.

2. Expected grant recipients

Romanian Border Police

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

Having in mind the *de jure* monopoly situation, the Romanian Border Police, as the national authority responsible with the surveillance and control of the border, will implement this action as associated body in executing mode.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators

Outputs

- branded special vehicles for patrolling – 52,
- unbranded special vehicles for patrolling -70,
- special vehicles for city operative work – 57,
- specialized changeable equipment for the clearing of vegetation and shrubs at the external borders – 12.

Results

- Increase of capacity, reaction rate and mobility of the RBP teams.

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visibility of this action will be ensured through press releases, publications, leaflets, video materials, under the visibility rules regarding EU financed projects.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

This action is a continuation of the action 6 included in 2011 EBF Annual Programme and is a measure to ensure a car park renewal, also financed under Phare and Schengen Facility Programmes.

7. Financial information

For Action 3 - “Enhancement and maintenance of thermo vision vehicles”, the total budget is of **2.719.324,66 Euro**. The EBF contribution for this action will be 75% and the national contribution will be 25%.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under priority 2 “Support for the development and implementation of the national components of a European Surveillance System for the external borders”. Means of transport - land vehicles.

Action 4: Naval mobility means

1. Purpose and scope of the action

The action is a multiannual project that will be evolved in the 2010-2013 programming period, and it is a continuation for the activities that are to be implemented within Action 7 included in the 2010 Annual Programme and Action 6 included in the 2011 Annual Programme.

The purpose of this action is the improvement of maritime surveillance activities through proper functioning of naval mobility means and of the equipment from their endowment.

Within 2012 Annual Programme the following projects are envisaged for implementation:

- modernization and maintenance for the surveillance maritime ship - OPV 6610, SHALAG MK IV patrolling and intervention boats
- modernization of the propelling system of the 500 CLASS and R1120 boats.

Border surveillance ship and patrolling and intervention boats were purchased through Schengen Facility in 2010 and they are used by the Border Police - Coast Guard.

Currently, the border surveillance ship and the patrolling and intervention boats are used for the missions performed at Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Danube River and Danube-Black Sea Canal.

The 500 Class and R1120 boats were purchased through PHARE RO 0006.16.01.03 and respectively PHARE RO 2002/000.586.04.14.-A1.2. After the modernization, the boats will be used in RBP’s specific missions for the surveillance of the external borders within the area of responsibility of the Coast Guard and on the Danube.

2. Expected grant recipients

Romanian Border Police

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

Having in mind the *de jure* monopoly situation, the Romanian Border Police, as the national authority responsible with the surveillance and control of the border, will implement this action as associated body in executing mode.

4. Expected quantified results and indicator

Outputs

Modernisation of one maritime ship and of 3 patrolling and intervention boats through the following:

- Technical revisions and current repairs for the propulsion systems
- Technical revisions for diesel generators, board systems, installations and equipment,
- Check of navigations equipment, naval communications and annual up date of navigation maps,
- Check of special surveillance and optoelectronic observation equipment,
- Check of collective rescue means (liferaft, lifekackets, safety belt, etc.),

- Check of the launching system for boats,
- Spare parts for revisions, repairs and supplies,

Modernisation of one 500 class boats through:

- removing the engines and the command-control system
- purchasing/ installing of the propulsion system, command and installation and the afferent accessories,
- training of 4 RBP' s specialists,
- new set of batteries
- spare airscrew- one set,
- Electric tester for the diagnose of the engine.

Modernisation of one R1120 boats through the following:

- uninstalling the engines and command-control system,,
- installing the new propulsion system,
- purchasing/ installing of the new propulsion system, command and installation and the afferent accessories
- new set of batteries
- refurbishment of the exterior of the boat
- training of 4 RBP' s specialists.

Results

- improvement the quality of first line surveillance missions;
- sufficient real time awareness of situation;
- increase the number of patrolling hours;
- ensuring of a sufficient reaction capacity;
- application of a new modern technology;
- participating in organized and coordinated FRONTEX missions in conditions of maximum safety.

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visibility of the action will be realized by using plates for immobile goods and adhesive stickers that will have encrypted the EU logo, the beneficiary's logo, information regarding the project and co-financing.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

Not applicable.

7. Financial information

For Action 4 - "**Naval mobility means**", the total budget is of **624,680 Euro**. The EBF contribution for this action will be 75% and the national contribution will be 25%.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under priority 2 "Support for the development and implementation of the national components of a European Surveillance System for the external borders". Means of transport- sea vehicles

Action 5: Post-warranty Maintenance and modernisation of the RBP's fixed surveillance and control systems

1. Purpose and aim of the action

The scope of this action is ensuring the proper functioning of the surveillance and control systems of the Romanian Border Police.

This Action will be implemented through a framework agreement within 2012 and 2013 Annual Programme. The framework agreement will be signed based on the selected final offers and taking into account a minimum and a maximum quantity afferent to each activity. The signature date for the framework agreement will determine the final list of integrated maintenance services, spare parts and modernizing services.

The project is structured in three contracts:

- *Post warranty and modernization of the SCOMAR system.* The project purpose is to ensure the smooth functioning and an efficient running of the Integrated System for Observation Surveillance and Control of traffic at the Black Sea (SCOMAR), starting from basic principles formulated by the EU in the programmatic documents relating to external border security. This system is dedicated only for surveillance/control of external border and is interconnected with other systems operated by Romanian Naval Authority, Ministry of National Defense in order to enable an efficient tool using real-time data provided by information exchange links. This project was included also in 2011 Annual Programme, but following the decision of the National Council for Solving Complaints, the public procurement for the framework agreement was launched.

- *Modernization of the data-voice communication system within Botoşani county.* This is a multiannual project which will be implemented through 2012 and 2013 Annual Programmes through a multiannual agreement including the following objectives: technical expertise and the execution design, consolidation of the infrastructure (communication towers), modernization of the radio communication systems, modernization of the air conditioning system and extension of the electrical branches. The fixed communication system within Botoşani county was implemented through *PHARE 2003 Extension of the Data Voice Communication system at the north-east Border*. The warranty of the system expired in 2009. Currently, due to the data traffic and the images transferred from the surveillance cameras, and also due to accessing the applications within the IT systems installed within border crossing points, there are registered delays within data transport. Maintaining a proper functioning of the systems is very important as it ensures the connection between Border Crossing Points and eSIF (Informatic Border System).

- *Post warranty maintenance and modernization of the Danube Surveillance system within Caras Severin county.* This is a multiannual project that will be implemented through 2012 and 2013 Annual Programmes through a multiannual agreement including the following objectives: maintenance services, modernization services and spare parts. The Danube surveillance system was implemented and modernized through the following projects: PHARE 2005/017-553.03.04.02.04 Communication facilities for surveillance at Danube, RO FSCH 23.9 Acquisition of the equipment for the surveillance integrated system, RO-EBF/2010/P4/A15/01 - Enhancing the transport capacity of radio – relay equipment for the Data Voice Communication System in Caras Severin county - the modernization of the system implemented through the Phare project for 3 links representing support for the Danube surveillance system. This project will ensure the support for data-voice transport along the Danube area within Caras Severin county.

2. Expected grant recipients

Romanian Border Police

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

Having in mind the *de jure* monopoly situation, the Romanian Border Police, as the national authority responsible for the surveillance and control of the border, will implement this action as associated body in executing mode.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators

Outputs

- I. Integrated services of maintenance:
- II. * Monthly subscription for integrated services of maintenance Minim 1, maxim 48 integrated services of maintenance which will include minimum the following activities:
 - preventive maintenance
 - corrective maintenance
 - level D maintenance
 - Replacement of the cryogenic systems from the FLIR cameras
 - extension of the warranty for the all equipment and their accessories installed within the system during the execution period of the contracts within the framework agreement.
- III. Modernization services
 - Optimization of radio links: the enhancement of the data transport capacity form the PDH technology network by replacing the existent equipment with minimum 1 maximum 5 new SDH type new equipment with a 155 Mbps capacity.
 - Optimization of the coast radio network: completing the capabilities of the integrated network of communication through the delivery, installation, configuration and integration within the actual voice communication system of a minimum 1, maximum 8 coast radio stations.
 - Integration of the surveillance platform of OPV 6610 and Shaldag boats within SCOMAR system- Developing the SCOMAR application in order to allow the integration of the mobile surveillance platform composed from SCANTER 2001 radar and SeaTalon II optoelectronic systems, and also the integration of POP300 optoelectronic system installed on the 3 SHALDAG boats.
 - The delivery of a solution for the supply with renewable energy for Portita sensors stations- installing of 1 hybrid „off grid” system which will allow the functioning of Portita sensor station, ensuring the wind and solar electric energy.
 - The delivery of a solution for the supply with renewable energy for Chituc sensors stations - Installing of 1 hybrid „off grid” system which will allow the functioning of Chituc sensor station, ensuring the wind and solar electric energy.
 - Optimization of the air conditioning systems from the equipment containers form the sensor stations- uninstalling the existent air conditioning systems and the delivery and installation in every equipment containers of 2 cooling systems with “free cooling” facility for minimum 1 maximum 10 SCOMAR locations
 - Optimization of the night light marking solution of the communication towers- uninstalling the existent equipment, replacing the connection cables installed on towers and the delivery and installation of 1 system based on LED lamp in minimum 1 location and maximum 10 location
 - The delivery and installation of a monitoring system for the backup electric supply systems -the delivery and installation of one software application for the monitoring and control in minimum 1 and maximum 10 SCOMAR locations compatible with the equipment installed within the system; the delivery and installation, if necessary of signal and/ or protocol switches.

Modernization of the data-voice communication system within Botoșani county. - technical expertise for radiocommunication towers, technical connection approvals and **technical economic evaluation of the solution for the implementation of the use of the installations**

- Designing and consolidation of infrastructure communication – 7
- Modernization of air conditioning system – 5
- Enhancing of the capacity for electrical connection - 12

Post warranty maintenance and modernization of the Danube Surveillance system within Caras Severin county

I. Integrated services of maintenance

Monthly subscription for integrated services of maintenance minim 1, maxim 48 integrated services of maintenance which will include minimum the following activities: corrective maintenance,- level D maintenance, Replacement of the cryogenic systems from the FLIR cameras, extension of the warranty for the all equipment and their accessories installed within the system during the execution period of the contracts within the framework agreement.

II. Modernization services

- Optimization of radio links - The enhancement of the transport capacity for radio relay equipment form 8 E1 to 16 E1 using supplementary Ethernet ports, minimum 1 maximum 3 radio links, without modifying the basic configuration or the replacement of the existent equipment
- The delivery of a solution for the supply with renewable energy for CS- Mold 09 sensors stations- Installing of 1 hybrid „off grid” system which will allow the functioning of CS- Mold 09 sensor station, ensuring the wind and solar electric energy.
- Optimization of the air conditioning systems from the equipment containers form the sensor stations - uninstalling the existent air conditioning systems and the delivery and installation in every equipment containers of 2 cooling systems with “free cooling” facility for minimum 1 maximum 18 locations
- Optimization of the night light marking solution of the communication towers - uninstalling the existent equipment, replacing the connection cables installed on towers and the delivery and installation of 1 system based on LED lamp in minimum 1 location and maximum 18 locations
- The delivery and installation of a monitoring system for the backup electric supply systems the delivery and installation of one software application for the monitoring and control minimum 1 and maximum 18 locations compatible with the equipment installed within the system.

Results

- ensure the proper functioning of the SCOMAR system in order to fulfil the surveillance tasks of the Romanian maritime border and also the future maritime border of EU
- ensure the proper functioning of the fixed surveillance and control systems

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visibility of this action will be ensured through self-adhesive stickers and plates under the visibility rules regarding EU financed projects.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

Not applicable, see Action 1.

7. Financial information

For Action 5 – **Post-warranty Maintenance and modernization of the RBP’s fixed surveillance and control systems**), the total foreseen budget is of **3,561,902.74 Euro**.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under Priority 2 “Support for the development and implementation of the national components of European Surveillance System for the external borders”. –systems (surveillance systems)

3.3. Actions for putting into practice priority 3: Support for the issuing of visas and the tackling of illegal immigration, including the detection of false or falsified documents by enhancing the activities organized by the consular and other services of the Member States in third countries

Action 6: Continuing the upgrade of Romanian consular offices

1. Purpose and scope of the action

This project is a continuation of the current activity undertaken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), to modernize the consular network and the Consular Personnel Training Centre, as well as to buy security systems and other specific equipment for consular offices. These actions will ensure quality management, good services and facilities in terms of infrastructure in the visa application process.

The following consulates have been selected as a target group for modernization works under AP 2012: **Beirut**, Erevan, New York, Beijing, **Ashabat**, Abuja, Alger, New Delhi, Cape Town, Minsk and Zajecar. The final destinations (minimum 5 consulates out of the initial 11), will be selected taking into account the following main conditions:

1. the total estimated costs for the selected locations should not exceed the allocated budget for 2012;
2. for the consulates located in rented buildings, the building owner’s agreement is necessary to perform renovation works;
3. the issuing of approvals/authorizations by the local authorities, allowing the construction works to be carried out;
4. successful and timely contracting, allowing to complete the modernization works and make the payments in due time, according to the deadlines set for AP 2012.

In the field of security systems and other specific equipment, the following categories of items will be bought (non-exhaustive list): outdoor/indoor video surveillance systems, alarm systems, metal/toxic materials detectors, IT equipment and accessories, voice and data communication systems, upgrade of existing equipment, IT&C systems and technical infrastructure, etc.

Also, through Action 6, Ministry of Foreign Affairs will develop through the use of information consular kiosks a network for consular information of both foreigners traveling in Romania and Romanian citizens traveling abroad. The latest evolution in the field of consular offices’ services has revealed the awareness of consular services’ applicants upon a more detailed information.

The necessity for more detailed information regarding the entrance in Romania of foreigners, travelling abroad, the limits of granting consular protection by consular offices have raised the need to develop this type of info consular kiosks.

Info-kiosks are designed to specifically provide information for foreigners regarding the conditions for granting/extension of visas/resident permits/documents/authorizations/their rights and obligations granted by these type of documents, data contacts for Romania’s abroad consular offices, data contacts of national authorities with competencies in the field of migration and granting stay rights on the territory of Romania.

This network will provide all type of consular information regarding traveling conditions, traveling alerts on MoFA's website, the responsibilities of consular offices and all other useful information for Romanian citizens and foreigners.

The Consular Personnel Training Center is located in Bucharest.

2. Expected grant recipients

Ministry of Foreign Affairs - the Romanian consular offices abroad

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

The entire process of the implementation of the EBF project will be managed by the Directorate for Schengen as RA, together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as associated body in executing mode. The expertise gathered by MFA during the period of managing the Schengen Facility has been positively appreciated by the evaluation missions carried-out so far.

4. Expected quantified results

Outputs Modernization works/ procurement of security systems and of other specific equipment for minimum 5 Consular Offices:

- Modernization, rearranging /extension works for waiting rooms and offices,
- Building of access control points and sidewalks for the consular office headquarter,
- Creating separate flow for consular personnel and citizens,
- Components for control access system: 300 items,
- Components for video surveillance system: 300 items,
- Components for alarm and fireproof systems: 300 items,
- Components for IT&C network: 300 items,
- Components for phone/communication system: 300 items,
- UPS sources: 50 items,
- IT equipment and office supplies: 300 items.
- Upgrade of existing equipment, IT&C systems and technical infrastructure,
- Develop a network for consular information of Romanian citizens and foreigners through the use of information consular kiosks.

Results

- investments in upgrading and modernizing the Consular Offices and the Consular Personnel Training Centre;
- investments in security systems and other specific equipment, including technical infrastructure, for Consular Offices;
- improvement and upgrade of security systems and specific equipment for several Consular Offices,
- increase the information level of applicants on consular services,
- improvement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' image.

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visibility of this action will be ensured through press releases, publications, leaflets, self-adhesive stickers and plates, video materials, under the visibility rules regarding EU financed projects.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

Under the 2007-2010 Schengen Facility Indicative Programme, actions valued at 14,779,326.01 Euro were financed for the modernization at the Schengen standards of 11 Romanian Consular Offices, purchase of 5 consular offices and a building for the Consular Personnel Training Centre, endowed with all necessary equipment. The beneficiary of the funds was the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

7. Financial information

For Action 6 - “**Continuing the upgrade of Romanian consular offices**”, total budget is **2,019,314.67 Euro**. The EBF contribution for this action will be 75% and the national contribution will be 25%.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under Priority 3 “Activities organized by the consular and other services of the Member States in third countries on the issuing of visas (including the reception of applications) and the tackling of illegal immigration, including the detection of false and falsified documents”, – Infrastructure, Operating equipment and Systems (ICT). Infrastructure – 70%, Operating equipment and Systems (ICT) - 30 %.

3.4. Actions implementing priority no. 4: Support for the establishment of IT systems required for implementation of the EU legal instruments in the field of external borders and visas

Action 7: Procurement of IT&C equipment

1. Purpose and scope of the action

The purpose of this action is the development of information technology systems and the modernization of IT systems within RBP, by ensuring the necessary technical support for the efficient management of passenger flows on the external border crossing points and for specific activities of border control according to EU standards. This action is a continuation of the actions implemented under 2010 and 2011 Annual Programmes and it will be continued under 2013 Annual Programme.

The project will be implemented through a framework agreement having a minimum and a maximum quantity. Through 2012 Annual Programme there will be purchased black and color multiplication/copying/printing/scanning equipment, laptops and working stations which will be connected to RBP databases. The purchased equipment will be distributed on the external borders in Iasi TIBP, Timisoara TIBP, Sighetul Marmatiei TIBP, Coast Guard, GIBP, Iasi and Oradea Border Training schools for the following objectives:

- Enhancing the impact of the activities of countering the illegal migration at the external borders by ensuring the endowment of the RBP with superior and performing equipment,
- Improvement of the activities of operational missions of the Border Police Patrols from the border crossing points and for ensuring a higher level of knowledge of border police officers in the field of border surveillance and control,
- Supporting the operational activities related to border surveillance,
- Optimizing the management, coordination and monitoring of the activities regarding the border control and surveillance and countering cross border crime.

The laptops will ensure an easier and quicker access to the relevant databases- national databases, Visa on-line, SIS, VIS, Interpol, iFADO when performing on the spot missions and checks related to illegal migration cases.

Also, it should be noted that the concerned equipment will provide a high level of security in terms of radiation emissions, thereby preventing the possibility of interception by third parties of sensitive information processed in the activities of border control and surveillance. This information of interest for Border Police are provided also by national security structures or other law enforcement agencies

within the MAI and are directly linked to achievement of better results in surveillance and control missions.

Currently, the existing working stations of Border Police (more than 70% from the necessary) are older than 5 years. The procured equipment through Schengen Facility have exceeded their warranty period since June 2013. In this respect, the acquisition of new working stations will reduce the deficit of IT equipment.

The IT equipment of Border Police's training schools was procured between 2002 – 2004 and, currently, they are exceeded physically and morally. The improvement of RBP's technical support appears necessary in the context of institutional partnerships of RBP with specialized schools from Germany, Hungary and other European states. With the existing IT equipment RBP' training schools aren't capable to ensure a proper didactic activity.

2. Expected grant recipients

Romanian Border Police

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

Having in mind the *de jure* monopoly situation, the Romanian Border Police, as the national authority responsible with the surveillance and control of the border, will implement this action as associated body in executing mode.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators

Outputs

- Number of equipment procured:
 - 20 multiplication/ copying/ scanning equipment,
 - 1 IT application for the implementation of an integrated solution for the management of printed documents,
 - 73 laptops,
 - 1000 working stations.

Results

- Improvement of performances of IT systems within RBP.

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visibility of this action will be ensured through leaflets and self-adhesive stickers, according to the visibility rules regarding EU financed projects.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

Not applicable, see Action 1.

7. Financial information

For Action 7 - “**Procurement of IT&C equipment**”, the total budget is of **609,489 Euro**. The EBF contribution for this action will be 75% and the national contribution will be 25%.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under Priority 4 “Support for the establishment of IT systems required for implementation of the EU legal instruments in the field of external borders and visas”- Others.

Action 8 - Upgrade of N.SIS II's national component from the perspective of its interconnection to SIS II central system

1. Purpose and scope of the action

The objective of the action is upgrading of NSIS II's national component in order to improve the level of availability, security and performance from the perspective of its interconnection with SIS II central system.

Also, in order to fulfil the requirements regarding the availability and security of SIS II' and to achieve a high level of continuity for the business services of the system at the national level was undertaken the measure for the establishment of NSIS II Disaster Recovery Centre. This measure was provided for financial assistance through 2013 AP.

In order to achieve this measure - NSIS II Disaster Recovery Centre – it is necessary to elaborate the technical documentation for implementation and operationalization of the recovery technical solution in case of N.SIS II disaster for Romania.

The action will be implemented through three projects:

- upgrade of N.SIS II national component in order to optimize de availability, security and performance parameter of NSIS and of SIB components of N.SIS II interconnected to SIS II central system.
- one developing the feasibility study for NSIS II Disaster Recovery Centre and the technical and support documentations for the technical specifications in order to procure IT&C infrastructure necessary for installation, configuration and operationalization of the technical solution in case of N.SIS II disaster,
- upgrade of power supply solution of IT&C a N.SIS II's infrastructure.

2. Expected grant recipients

Ministry of Administration and Interior through SIS National Centre, and the following end users:

- The General Inspectorate of Border Police (GIBP);
- The General Inspectorate of Romanian Police (GIRP);
- The General Inspectorate of Romanian Gendarmerie (GIRG);
- The General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII);
- SIRENE Bureau;
- Directorate for Persons Record and Databases' Management (DPDM);
- General Directorate of Passports;
- Directorate for Driving Licenses and Vehicles Registration Certificates;
- National Customs Authority;
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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

Having in mind the de jure monopoly situation, National SIS Centre within the Ministry of Administration and Interior will implement this project as associated body in executing mode.

4. Expected quantified results and indicators

Outputs

- Upgrade of NSIS II's IT&C infrastructure at the level of NISA's preproduction environment, in order to ensure the conditions for testing of the performance, acceptance and operationalization of upgraded version of NSIS II national component compatible to the new specifications of SIS II,
- Upgrade IT&C infrastructure of the production environments of SIB and NISA in order to actualize and improve the critical hardware and software components of SIB and NISA systems and to install, configure and operationalize the back-up environments for the production environments of SIB and NISA,
- Ensuring of the post warranty maintenance and support for hardware products, communication equipment, security equipment, commercial software products and for the software afferent to the adequate production, preproduction , development, testing and training environments of N.SIS II,
- Ensuring of a high level of availability for general UPS of N.SIS's building, of optimal humidity and temperature conditions for all the equipment from the power supply room.

Results

- actualization and optimization of hardware and software critical components of SIB and NISA systems,
- ensuring of necessary IT&C infrastructure for installing, configuration and operationalization of back-up production environments of NISA and SIB,
- actualization of preproduction environment of NISA on a similar level of infrastructure to the existent production environment in order to ensure the conditions for testing of the performance, acceptance and operationalization of upgraded version of national component of NSIS II and in order to fulfil the requirements for the commutation of central system,
- ensuring of the functionality of the NSIS II's component systems (NISA and SIB) for the observance of availability, performance and security conditions (99,99%), the requirements of central system,
- ensuring of the permanent availability of the development and testing environments of NISA and SIB's systems in order to test the upgraded versions of the solutions and its operationalization,
- ensuring of the permanent availability of the training environment for NSIS II's final users,
- feasibility study for the achievement and operationalization of the technical solution in case of N.SIS II disaster,
- technical and support documentations for the technical specifications in order to procure IT&C infrastructure necessary for installation, configuration and operationalization of the technical solution in case of N.SIS II disaster,
- a proper power supply system for N.SIS's IT&C equipment.

5. Visibility of EC funding

The visibility of this action will be ensured trough press releases, publicity materials, self-adhesive stickers, small plates, containing the EU logo, the beneficiary logo, information regarding the project and the co-financing.

6. Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

This action is a continuation of the actions included in 2010 and 2011 EBF Annual Programmes and Schengen Facility projects

7. Financial information

For Action 8 – **“Upgrade of N.SIS II’s national component from the perspective of its interconnection to SIS II central system”**, total budget is **3.400.000 Euro**. The EBF contribution for this action will be 75% and the national contribution will be 25%.

The estimated total budget of this action will be split, as follows:

- feasibility study – 100.000 euro
- upgrade of power supply system for N.SIS II’s infrastructure – 100.000 euro
- contract 1 – 971.000 euro
- contract 2 – 160.000 euro
- contract 3 – 600.000 euro
- contract 4 – 395.000 euro
- contract 5 – 836.000 euro
- contract 6 – 28.000 euro
- contract 7 – 210.000 euro.

8. Categorizations of the action according to the typology for the Fund

This action falls under priority 4 “Establishment of IT systems required”, SIS.

3.5. Actions for putting into practice priority no. 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 Community Code on Visas

4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

4.1. Scope and objective

Technical assistance will aim to sustain the implementation of 2012 Annual Programme by supporting the Responsible Authority to:

- perform on the spot checks on projects implemented under EBF AP 2012 and monitoring reports on these projects,
- organize the information activity,
- produce stationary, stickers, flyers, folders with the European flag for publicity,
- procurement of the office stationeries,
- training for the designated authorities in the management and control system of the EBF,
- participation in working groups in Brussels, Belgium.

4.2. Expected quantified results

- number of publicity and visibility materials;
- number of training courses;
- number of verifications and spot checks performed;
- number of working groups.

4.3. Visibility of EU funding and complementarities with other financial instruments

On every publication or notification, the support by the European Commission for the activity will be mentioned. The logo of the European Union will be visible on every publication, as well as the mention “with the support of the European Commission”.

5. FINANCING PLAN

ANNUAL PROGRAMME- Draft Financial Plan								
Table 1- Overview table								
Member State: Romania								
Annual programme concerned: 2012								
Fund: External Borders Fund								
(all figures in euro)	Ref. priority	Ref. specific priority	Community contribution (a)	Public allocation (b)	Private allocation (c)	TOTAL (d=a+b+c)	% EC (e=a/d)	Share of total (f=d/total d)
Action 1: Building and rehabilitation of the Ministry of Administration and Interior' structures headquarters, Design and execution of consolidation, rehabilitation and modernization works	1	-	3,120,751.40	1,040,250.47	0	4,161,001.86	75.00%	18.84%
Action 9 Upgrade of the security system for the Integrated System for the Border Security locations (communications system's sites)	1	-	833,349.08	277,783.03	0	1,111,132.11	75.00%	5.03%
Action 10 Strengthening the control of external border control through the use of specific equipment	1	-	246,600.00	82,200.00	0	328,800.00	75.00%	1.49%
Action 2: Enhancement and maintenance of thermo vision vehicles	2	-	2,274,388.22	758,129.41	0	3,032,517.62	75.00%	13.73%
Action 3: Services of maintenance for RBP land mobility means	2	-	2,039,493.50	679,831.17	0	2,719,324.66	75.00%	12.31%
Action 4: Enhancement of naval mobility means	2	-	468,510.00	156,170.00	0	624,680.00	75.00%	2.83%
Action 5: Post-warranty Maintenance and modernisation of the RBP's fixed surveillance and control systems	2	-	2,671,427.05	890,475.69	0	3,561,902.74	75.00%	16.12%
Action 6: Continuing the upgrade of Romanian consular offices	3	-	1,514,486.00	504,828.67	0	2,019,314.67	75.00%	9.14%
Action 7: Procurement of IT&C equipment	4	-	457,116.75	152,372.25	0	609,489.00	75.00%	2.76%
Action 8: Upgrade of N.SIS II in order to connect to SIS II	4	-	2,550,000.00	850,000.00	0	3,400,000.00	75.00%	15.39%
Technical assistance			521,537.00			521,537.00	100.00%	2.36%
TOTAL			16,697,659.00	5,392,040.67		22,089,699.66		

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