

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS

1. Basic act and Financing source

No	Financial Memoranda	Number and title of the grant scheme
1.	FM 2005/017-453 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Turkey	BG 2005/017-453.01.02 - Promotion of sustainable development in the Strandja/Yıldız area
2.		BG 2005/017-453.02.01 - People to people actions
3.	FM 2005/017-454 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Greece	BG 2005/017-454.02.01 - Integrated support for economic development and promotion of employment
4.		BG 2005/017-454.03.03 - Sustainable development through protection and preservation of waters and biodiversity across the border
5.	FM 2005/017-455 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Romania	BG 2005/017-455.01.02 - Sustainable Development in the BG-RO Region
6.		BG 2005/017-455.01.03 - People to people actions
7.	FM 2005/017-456 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - fYRoM	BG 2005/017- 456.01 - Sustainable development grant scheme
8.		BG 2005/017- 456.02 - People to people actions
9.	FM 2005/017-457 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Serbia and Montenegro	BG 2005/017-457.01 - Joint grant scheme for sustainable economic development
10.		BG 2005/017-457.02 - People to people actions

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities for the projects under FMs - 2005 and expected results

No	Financial Memoranda	Number and title of the grant scheme	Eligible districts	Objectives and priorities
1.	FM 2005/017-453 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Turkey	BG 2005/017-453.01.02 - Promotion of sustainable development in the Strandja/Yıldız area	Burgas, Yambol and Haskovo	The project purpose is to promote sustainable development in Strandja/Yıldız Mountain through protecting natural resources, creation of "green networks" and "green activities", and thus contributing to the region's sustainable economic growth. It aims to raise the public awareness with respect to long-term management of natural and cultural resources. The programme will support actions in three main priority fields set out as separate grant scheme components: Environmental Agriculture and Farming, Forestry, Species and Habitats Conservation, Promotion of Natural "green" Tourism.
2.		BG 2005/017-453.02.01 - People to people actions		The overall objective of the Joint Small Projects Fund is to support small scale, "people-to-people" and "soft" local development activities involving local actors from the border regions. These actions may be defined on the basis of local/regional needs, and which have a cross-border impact. The Joint Small Projects Fund will finance small-scale people-to-people projects in the following priority areas: Economic Development, Tourism, Cultural exchange, Institutional capacity building at local level and justice and home affairs.
3.	FM 2005/017-454 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Greece	BG 2005/017-454.02.01 - Integrated support for economic development and promotion of employment	Blagoevgrad, Smolyan, Kardjali and Haskovo	The overall objective is to enhance the cross-border economic activities and employment through improved cooperation between the businesses in the cross-border region and encourage networking between local organizations with the aim to developing human resource capacities and skills and support the small-scale people-to-people actions across the border. The programme will support actions in three main priority fields set out as separate grant scheme components: Aid to Business Activities, Human Resources and Promotion of Employment, Cooperation between Educational and Research Institutions.
4.		BG 2005/017-454.03.03 - Sustainable development through protection and preservation of waters and biodiversity across the border		The overall objective of the Grant Scheme is to promote the wise use of natural resources in the cross-border region and ensure sustainable development. The specific objectives of the Grant Scheme are to: Strengthen co-operation between Bulgaria and Greece in the fields of biological and landscape diversity protection, through the establishment of three cross-border eco-networks, Preserve biodiversity in the Bulgarian/Greek border region and enhance water protection level. The Grant Scheme consists of two windows: Window 1: Water Protection with envisaged under it Soft and Investment Measures, Window 2: Biodiversity preservation with envisaged under it Soft and Investment Measures.

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5.	FM 2005/017-455 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Romania	BG 2005/017-455.01.02 - Sustainable Development in the BG-RO Region	Vidin, Vratza, Montana, Veliko Tarnovo, Pleven, Rousse, Silistra and Dobrich	The overall objective is to achieve economic and social cohesion by promoting the competitiveness in the eligible area as well as to improve and protect the environment well-being of the eligible region through coordinated environmentally friendly joint actions. The grant scheme will support projects with cross-border impact in order to reach synergies in the cross-border cooperation development and achieve the following specific objectives: Cross-border institutional cooperation in the field of nature conservation and sustainable development is facilitated and strengthened, Sustainable development models through business and initiatives, i.e. , environmental friendly / "green" technologies, eco- and rural-tourism initiatives and measures, organic agriculture, sustainable forestry, sustainable fisheries, etc. are demonstrated and mainstreamed into local sustainable development and biodiversity conservation agenda, Direct conservation and maintenance of biodiversity, i.e. restoration and/or protection of habitats, species conservation, effective management of protected areas, etc.
6.		BG 2005/017-455.01.03 - People to people actions		This project aims at increasing capability of the Romanian and Bulgarian local stakeholders to develop, manage and implement projects with clear regional cross-border impact in order to raise awareness and co-operation, to develop partnerships and establish local networks on both sides of the border. The Joint Small Projects Fund will finance small-scale people-to-people projects in the following priority areas: Economic Development, Environment, and Tourism, Cultural exchange, Local Democracy, Planning and Development studies.
7.	FM 2005/017-456 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - fYRoM	BG 2005/017- 456.01 - Sustainable development grant scheme	Blagoevgrad and Kjustendil	Enhancement, exploitation and management of the territorial and infrastructural integrity of the cross-border area in accordance to the sustainable development principles and extension of contacts towards a new level of cooperation and widening of the sectors and participants currently active in cross-border cooperation.
8.		BG 2005/017- 456.02 - People to people actions		The overall objectives of the programme are: to support local development activities of a cross-border nature by involving local actors from the border regions, to enhance the capability of local communities and NGOs to develop and implement joint projects within the border region. The Joint Small Projects Fund will finance small-scale people-to-people projects in the following priority areas: development or establishment of facilities and resources to improve the flow of information and communication between border regions, cultural exchanges, local employment, education and training initiatives, justice, freedom and security.

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9.	FM 2005/017-457 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Serbia and Montenegro	BG 2005/017-457.01 - Joint grant scheme for sustainable economic development	Vidin, Montana, Sofia (only Godech, Dragoman, Kostinbrod, Svoqe, Slivnitsa), Pernik and Kjustendil	The overall objectives of the Sustainable Economic Development grant scheme are: to exploit and manage the border area's territory in a co-ordinate and integrated way between the two sides of the border, thus creating the basis for a sustainable economic development, to maximize the social and economic cohesion between the border area by encouraging contacts and co-operations at various levels. The specific objective of the current grant scheme is to develop and implement projects with accent on the investment component concerning sustainable economic development of the border region from one side and from the other side - further development capability of local and regional social, institutional and economic cohesion. The Sustainable Economic Development Grant Scheme will finance projects in the following two priority areas: support for development and implementation of projects directed to improvement of business-related infrastructures and the safeguarding and management of the natural environment and Support to further capacity building within the spheres of cooperation between institutions and communities and cross-border social and economic cohesion.
10.		BG 2005/017-457.02 - People to people actions		The overall objective of the Joint Small Projects Fund (JSPF) is to encourage a wide variety of occasions for the citizens of the eligible border area to get involved in cross-border cooperation. Primarily, people to people actions will be directed to develop the flow of information and communication across the border region, mainly to enhance cultural exchanges, education related activities. The Joint Small Projects Fund will finance small-scale people-to-people "projects in the following priority areas: cultural exchanges and promotional events for cultural heritage or natural, education exchanges and training initiatives, organisation of local exhibitions or fairs, bilateral actions for the joint solution of common social problems, actions to improve the flow of information and communication between border regions, justice, freedom and security

3. Eligibility conditions

No	Financial Memoranda	Number and title of the grant scheme	Eligible applicants
1.	FM 2005/017-453 Phare Cross Border Co-operation	BG 2005/017-453.01.02 - Promotion of sustainable development in the Strandja/Yıldız area	Schools, colleges, universities, vocational training centres, museums, community centers (chitalista), cultural clubs, etc.; or municipalities, associations of municipalities, Euro regions, or non-profit making organizations working in the field of education, nature protection, environment or tourism.

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No	Financial Memoranda	Number and title of the grant scheme	Eligible applicants
2.	Programme Bulgaria - Turkey	BG 2005/017-453.02.01 - People to people actions	Municipalities, district level organizations, inter-communal co-operation organizations, chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, professional associations, NGOs, universities, colleges, schools.
3.	FM 2005/017-454 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Greece	BG 2005/017-454.02.01 - Integrated support for economic development and promotion of employment	Municipalities, associations of municipalities; chambers of trade and commerce, economic associations, industry or agriculture; professional and branch associations; economic development agencies, business centres, business associations, business incubators; trade union associations; Small and Medium Sized Enterprises according to the requirements of the Bulgarian SMEs Act, Educational and training institutions such as schools, colleges, universities, vocational training centres, research institutions; museums; non-profit making organizations working in the field of education, research and training; labour market service providers .
4.		BG 2005/017-454.03.03 - Sustainable development through protection and preservation of waters and biodiversity across the border	Municipality, non-governmental organizations, association of municipalities, research and training institutions.
5.	FM 2005/017-455 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Romania	BG 2005/017-455.01.02 - Sustainable Development in the BG-RO Region	Municipalities, associations of municipalities, Regional Development Agencies, business support organizations (such as economic development organizations, tourism associations or chambers of agriculture, etc), local enterprise agencies, other NGOs, educational institutions (such as high schools, colleges, universities, vocational training centers, research and training institutions, etc).
6.		BG 2005/017-455.01.03 - People to people actions	Municipalities and communities within the defined border region; associations of local and regional authorities; inter-communal co-operation associations; Euro regions; chambers of commerce, industry or agriculture; professional associations; trade union associations; non-governmental organisations (any non-profit organizations which are independent from government and typically value-based organizations that depend, in whole or in part, on charitable donations and voluntary service); schools, colleges, universities
7.	FM 2005/017-456 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - fYRoM	BG 2005/017- 456.01 - Sustainable development grant scheme	Local authorities, business support associations, municipalities, business support, organizations (local enterprise agencies, development agencies and chambers, NGO's, tourism, associations) and vocational training organizations.
8.		BG 2005/017- 456.02 - People to people actions	Local authorities (municipalities); associations of local and regional authorities; Euro regions; chambers; professional associations; trade unions; non-governmental organizations; schools, colleges, universities.

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9.	FM 2005/017-457 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Serbia and Montenegro	BG 2005/017-457.01 - Joint grant scheme for sustainable economic development	Municipalities, associations of municipalities, non-governmental organizations, chambers, educational and research institutions, business incubators, representative institutions of citizens, employment office, and also eligible only for Serbian applicants / Cross-Border applicants: public utilities bodies, authorities responsible for the nature protection or nature parks management.
10.		BG 2005/017-457.02 - People to people actions	Local and regional authorities (e.g. municipalities, regional authorities, etc.); Associations of local and regional authorities; Euro regions; Chambers; professional associations; Trade union associations; Non-governmental organizations; schools, colleges, universities (educational organizations),

4. Selection and award criteria

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions

5. Maximum rate of Community financing

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1.	FM 2005/017-453 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Turkey	BG 2005/017-453.01.02 - Promotion of sustainable development in the Strandja/Yıldız area	90 %
2.		BG 2005/017-453.02.01 - People to people actions	90 %
3.	FM 2005/017-454 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Greece	BG 2005/017-454.02.01 - Integrated support for economic development and promotion of employment	90 % (50 % for SMEs)
4.		BG 2005/017-454.03.03 - Sustainable development through protection and preservation of waters and biodiversity across the border	90 %
5.	FM 2005/017-455 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Romania	BG 2005/017-455.01.02 - Sustainable Development in the BG-RO Region	90 %
6.		BG 2005/017-455.01.03 - People to people actions	90 %

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7.	FM 2005/017-456 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - FYRoM	BG 2005/017- 456.01 - Sustainable development grant scheme	90 %
8.		BG 2005/017- 456.02 - People to people actions	95 %
9.	FM 2005/017-457 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Serbia and Montenegro	BG 2005/017-457.01 - Joint grant scheme for sustainable economic development	90 %
10.		BG 2005/017-457.02 - People to people actions	95 %

6. Schedule of calls for proposals

№	Financial Memoranda	Number and title of the grant scheme	Deadline
1.	FM 2005/017-453 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Turkey	BG 2005/017-453.01.02 - Promotion of sustainable development in the Strandja/Yıldız area	March 30, 2007, 16.00 h. at the MRDPW
2.		BG 2005/017-453.02.01 - People to people actions	April 6, 2007, 16.00 h. at the MRDPW
3.	FM 2005/017-454 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Greece	BG 2005/017-454.02.01 - Integrated support for economic development and promotion of employment	April 1, 2007, 16.00 h. at the MRDPW – this date should be corrected.
4.		BG 2005/017-454.03.03 - Sustainable development through protection and preservation of waters and biodiversity across the border	April 6, 2007, 16.00 h. at the MRDPW
5.	FM 2005/017-455 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Romania	BG 2005/017-455.01.02 - Sustainable Development in the BG-RO Region	March 28, 2007, 16.00 h. at the MRDPW
6.		BG 2005/017-455.01.03 - People to people actions	January 9, 2007, 16.00 h. at the TS-Silistra
7.	FM 2005/017-456 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria – FYRoM	BG 2005/017- 456.01 - Sustainable development grant scheme	September 2007 (exact date will specified later on)
8.		BG 2005/017- 456.02 - People to people actions	March 5, 2007, 16.00 h. at the JTS-Kjustendil

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9.	FM 2005/017-457 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Serbia and Montenegro	BG 2005/017-457.01 - Grant scheme for sustainable economic development	March 30, 2007, 16.00 h. at the JTS-Pernik
10.		BG 2005/017-457.02 - People to people actions	February 28, 2007, 16.00 h. at the JTS-Pernik

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

№	Financial Memoranda	Number and title of the grant scheme	Indicative amount of the project (in EUR)
1.	FM 2005/017-453 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Turkey	BG 2005/017-453.01.02 - Promotion of sustainable development in the Strandja/Yıldız area	1 600 000 EUR
2.		BG 2005/017-453.02.01 - People to people actions	465 000 EUR
3.	FM 2005/017-454 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Greece	BG 2005/017-454.02.01 - Integrated support for economic development and promotion of employment	4 000 000 EUR
4.		BG 2005/017-454.03.03 - Sustainable development through protection and preservation of waters and biodiversity across the border	5 250 000 EUR
5.	FM 2005/017-455 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Romania	BG 2005/017-455.01.02 - Sustainable Development in the BG-RO Region	2 220 000 EUR
6.		BG 2005/017-455.01.03 - People to people actions	744 000 EUR
7.	FM 2005/017-456 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - fYRoM	BG 2005/017- 456.01 - Sustainable development grant scheme	3 010 000 EUR
8.		BG 2005/017- 456.02 - People to people actions	450 000 EUR
9.	FM 2005/017-457 Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme Bulgaria - Serbia and Montenegro	BG 2005/017-457.01 - Joint grant scheme for sustainable economic development	4 107 000 EUR
10.		BG 2005/017-457.02 - People to people actions	600 000 EUR
TOTAL			22 446 000 EUR