II

(Acts adopted under the EC Treaty/Euratom Treaty whose publication is not obligatory)

DECISIONS

COMMISSION

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of 14 November 2007

drawing up the list of regions and areas eligible for financing under the Cross-border Cooperation Component of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance for the purpose of cross-border cooperation between Member States and beneficiary countries for the period 2007 to 2013

(2007/766/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) [1],

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 [2], and in particular Article 88(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the IPA Cross-border Cooperation component may support cross-border cooperation between beneficiary countries and Member States. In that event, assistance pursuant to the IPA Cross-border cooperation component shall cover the regions on both sides of the respective border or borders, either terrestrial or maritime.

(2) Pursuant to Article 88(1) of Regulation (EC) No 718/2007, for the purpose of cross-border cooperation between Member States and beneficiary countries, the eligible areas for financing shall be the NUTS level 3 regions or, in the absence of NUTS classification, equivalent areas, along land borders between the Community and the beneficiary countries and along maritime borders between the Community and the beneficiary countries separated, as a general rule, by a maximum of 150 kilometres, taking into account potential adjustment needed to ensure the coherence and continuity of the cooperation action.

(3) Article 88(1) of Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 provides that, immediately after its entry into force, the Commission should adopt the list of the eligible regions in the Community and in the beneficiary countries, which shall be valid until 31 December 2013,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

For the purposes of cross-border cooperation between Member States and IPA beneficiary countries as referred to in Article 88(1) of Regulation (EC) No 718/2007, the areas eligible for financing under the IPA Cross-border Cooperation component shall be those listed in Annex I (Member States) and in Annex II (beneficiary countries).

Done at Brussels, 14 November 2007.

For the Commission
Olli REHN
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.
[2] OJ L 170, 29.6.2007, p. 1.

ANNEX I

LIST OF NUTS LEVEL 3 REGIONS IN MEMBER STATES ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND IPA BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES

BG412	Sofia
BG414	Pernik
BG415	Kyustendil
BG341	Burgas
BG343	Yambol
BG311	Vidin
BG312	Montana
BG413	Blagoevgrad
BG422	Haskovo
GR111	Evros
GR112	Xanthi
GR113	Rodopi
GR115	Kavala
GR123	Kilkis
GR124	Pella
GR126	Serres
GR127	Chalkidiki
GR132	Kastoria
GR134	Florina
GR143	Magnisia
GR212	Thesprotia
GR213	Ioannina
GR222	Kerkyra
GR242	Evvoia
GR411	Lesvos
GR412	Samos
GR413	Chios
GR421	Dodekanisos
GR422	Kyklades
ITD35	Venezia
ITD36	Padova
ITD37	Rovigo
ITD42	Udine
ITD43	Gorizia
ITD44	Trieste
ITD56	Ferrara
ITD57	Ravenna
ITD58	Forlì-Cesena
ITD59	Rimini
ITE31	Pesaro-Urbino
ITE32	Ancona
ITE33	Macerata
ITE34	Ascoli Piceno
ITF12	Teramo
ITF13	Pescara
ITF14	Chieti
ITF22	Campobasso
ITF41	Foggia
ITF42	Bari
ITF44	Brindisi
ITF45	Lecce
CY000	Kypros/Kibris
HU223	Zala
HU231	Baranya
HU232	Somogy
HU331	Bács-Kiskun
HU333	Csongrád
RO413	Mehedinți
RO422	Caraș-Severin
RO424	Timiș
SI011	Pomurska
SI012	Podravska
SI014	Savinjska
SI016	Spodnjeposavska
SI018	Notranjsko-kraška
SI024	Obalno-kraška
SI017	Jugovzhodna Slovenija

ANNEX II

LIST OF AREAS EQUIVALENT TO NUTS LEVEL 3 REGIONS IN THE IPA BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES, ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND IPA BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES

Albania

Regions of:

Durrës

Fier

Gjirokastër

Korçë

Lezhë

Shkodër

Tirana

Vlorë

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Herzegovina Economic Region, which includes the following municipalities:

Bileča

Čapljina

Čitluk

Gacko

Grude

Jablanica

Konjic

Kupres

Livno

Ljubinje

Ljubuški

Mostar

Istočni Mostar

Neum

Nevesinje

Posušje

Prozor/Rama

Ravno

Široki Brijeg

Stolac

Berkovići

Tomislav grad

Trebinje

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Regions of:

East

North-east

Pelagonija

South-east

Vardar

Croatia

Counties of:

Dubrovnik-Neretva

Istria

Karlovac

Koprivnica-Križevci

Krapina-Zagorje

Lika-Senj

Međimurje

Osijek-Baranja

Primorje-Gorski kotar

Šibenik-Knin

Split-Dalmatia

Varaždin

Virovitica-Podravina

Zadar

Zagreb

Montenegro

Municipalities of:

Bar

Budva

Cetinje

Danilovgrad

Herceg Novi

Kotor

Nikšić

Podgorica

Tivat

Ulcinj

Serbia, including Kosovo (*)

Districts of:

Borski

Branicevski

Central Banat

Jablanicki

Nisavski

North Backa

North Banat

Pcinjski

Pirotski

South Backa

South Banat

West Backa

Zajecarski

Turkey

Provinces of:

Antalya

Aydin

Balikesir

Canakkale

Edirne

Izmir

Kirklareli

Mersin (Içel)

Mugla

(*) As defined in UNSCR 1244.