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The 1996 Phare Partnership Programme

The Phare Partnership Programme is an NGO co-financing programme initiated by the European Commission. It fits within the wider framework of the European Community (EC) Phare programme, which goal is to support the process of economic and social reform in the central and eastern European countries (CEECs).

The overall objective of the 1996 Partnership programme is to provide financial support for initiatives that encourage local economic and socio-economic development. The programme aims more specifically:

- to promote sustainable local development;
- to strengthen decentralised and non-profit organisations contributions and initiatives;
- to encourage cross-country co-operation and sustainable partnerships among NPOs based in the European Union and in the central and eastern European countries (CEECs);
- to encourage the development of civil society.

The 1996 Partnership programme supports in particular projects operating within one or more of the following areas of activity:

- Local and Regional Development;
- Business and Enterprise Development;
- Human Resource Development and Training
- Socio-Economic Development.

A number of the selected projects presented in this compendium are currently running¹ and are financed through the 1996 Phare Partnership budget (global allocation for the 1996 programme: 10 million ECU).

The information contained is based on data available on 31 August 1998.

The following tables illustrate the evolution of the programme since 1995, its second year of running. Please note that several countries can benefit from one selected project and that several organisations co-operate together within one selected project. These added figures may not correspond to the numbers of selected projects per country.

Number of project proposals received and selected:

	1995	1996
N° of projects received	315	362
N° of projects conform to formal and eligibility criteria	299	324
N° of selected projects	85	59
Amount in ECU	10,610,582	8,689,190 ²

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² This is the total amount of the Phare grants requested by the selected projects.

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Number of project proposals selected per beneficiary countries:

Beneficiary countries	1995	1996
Albania	6	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina ³	0	3
Bulgaria	8	7
Czech Republic	11	6
Estonia	8	6
FYROM ³	0	2
Hungary	17	15
Latvia	4	3
Lithuania	5	4
Poland	20	8
Romania	19	12
Slovak Republic	9	10
Slovenia	3	1

Participation of Phare organisations in selected projects

Phare countries	1995	1996
Albania	10	5
Bosnia-Herzegovina ³	0	4
Bulgaria	9	14
Czech Republic	16	8
Estonia	13	12
FYROM ³	0	6
Hungary	21	23
Latvia	4	4
Lithuania	7	4
Poland	26	9
Romania	19	14
Slovak Republic	11	16
Slovenia	5	1

Distribution of selected projects by areas of activity

Areas of activity	1995	1996
Business - Enterprise Development	24	15
Human resource Development and Education	13	9
Local Development	12	} 26
Regional Development	11	
Institutional Strengthening	25	Not applicable
Socio Economic Development	Not applicable	9

³ Not eligible for funding under the 1995 Phare Partnership Programme

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Albanian vocational education and training

Beneficiary country Albania

Summary

The project will build on the previously successful development of competence based vocational education and training to pilot a national system of assessment, verification, accreditation and awards for the Albanian Agricultural and Horticultural Industries. Education and training will be developed at craft and technician levels for young people preparing to enter the land based industries. Also practical training programs will be developed for farmers and their families involved in the production processing marketing of crops and livestock and the management and control of agricultural and horticultural businesses.

Areas of activity :

Human Resource Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 360 000

EC grant (ECU) : 200 000

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

A sustainable local development plan, through agribusiness consulting and training initiatives

Beneficiary country Albania, Romania

Summary

The project will be implemented in the greater area of Korca-Albania and in the South East rural area of Bucharest. In both regions a large number of agribusiness firms exist facing rather severe problems due to the new management-marketing environment in the international markets.

The project has a twofold objective :

- to support the restructuring of the agribusiness firms by providing to their employees vocational training in the fields of management and management marketing in order for them to achieve faster economic development and establish their place in the global market,
- to establish a development agency-organization to ensure the vitality of the agribusiness firms in the long run and to provide advice and services to local private and public services and production units.

In addition the project will contribute to the sustainable local development by providing knowledge information, and institutions to support the regional agribusiness firms.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 253 886

EC grant requested (ECU) : 76 166

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Support for the implementation of efficient goat-farming in Bosnia-Herzegovina
(Appui à la mise en place d'une filière caprine performante en Bosnie-Herzégovine)

Beneficiary country Bosnia - Herzegovina

Summary

The aims are as follows:

- increasing the goat population in Bosnia-Herzegovina. As a result of the war in Bosnia, the number of goats has gone down from almost 50,000 to less than 10,000.
- allowing farmers to gain a proper income from products made from goats' milk.
- offering a rich and healthy diet to the local population in a very rugged region where the goat has a natural place.

The activities of the project will in the main be directed towards initiatives on information, training, technical assistance and support in setting up an organization for goat-farmers which is subsequently capable of managing its branch of farming on its own. Activities will be pursued throughout the branch of farming, in other words, production, processing and marketing.

Areas of activity :

Human Resource Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 172 400

EC grant (ECU) : 119 450

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Project title

Assistance to trade unions of Bosnia Herzegovina in developing sectoral economy strategies

Beneficiary country Bosnia - Herzegovina

Summary

Objectives of the project are:

- 1) to assist professional branches of Bosnian trade union organizations in developing strategies of sectoral policy for a systematic and unified reconstruction of Bosnia Herzegovina;
- 2) to restore a climate of constructive dialogue between the employees from the companies from both entities;
- 3) to relaunch the labour organizations and the involvement of workers in the economic reconstruction and restructuring.

In order to achieve those objectives, working groups will be set up, formed by managers and workers representatives from firms and sectors mostly affected by the paralyses of production caused by the disgregation of the former decision making structures (i.e. former state companies). Periodically, the working groups will meet in joint seminars of the two entities representatives on sectoral policy issues, and a final conference will be held with the relevant ministries of Bosnia Herzegovina.

Areas of activity :

Socio Economic Development

Project duration : 10 months

Total budget (ECU) : 158 476

EC grant (ECU) : 110 933

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Project title

Partnership with a locally based NGO, TALDi to provide business and enterprise development

Beneficiary country Bosnia - Herzegovina

Summary

This project will provide know-how to assist TALDi to develop its capacity and capability to assist entrepreneurs to start and develop sustainable businesses. There are five strands to this project:

- 1) a "Positioning Document";
- 2) study/Training Visits to UK and Brussels;
- 3) institutional Capacity Building, and a Business Plan;
- 4) training actions for TALDi staff in SME Support;
- 5) dissemination for wider use in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Partners will identify the place of TALDi in local institutional structure and produce a "Positioning Document" to focus the direction of project. Training of TALDi staff in techniques to support and develop entrepreneurs and also existing SME's will place in the UK and Tuzla. The will be on going support in capacity building and also networking with international partners. Finally experience will be disseminated in seminars and by preparation of a Handbook.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 213 452

EC grant (ECU) : 149 053

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Project title

A program of reinforcing the Bulgarian industry association in the non ferrous metals sector

Beneficiary country Bulgaria

Summary

Concerted action at sectorial level, relations with the Bulgarian authorities and the links to be developed with the mining and non ferrous metals industries of the EU require structures which will enable a sectorial approach to be adopted which represents the industry's interests. The follow-up of a vast action program will require coordination and close cooperation between the Bulgarian and Community Industry Associations playing a key role in orchestrating the implementation and development of the industry's initiatives.

EUROMETAUX therefore proposes its expertise in order to reinforce the industry Association representing the interests of Bulgarian mining and non ferrous metals industry, in particular by taking into consideration the environmental problems.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 15 months

Total budget (ECU) : 102 945

EC grant (ECU) : 71 845

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Assistance for the implementation of the new regulations on land registry and land advertisements
(Assistance à la mise en place de la nouvelle réglementation sur le cadastre et la publicité foncière)

Beneficiary country Bulgaria

Summary

In order to help Bulgarian municipalities to develop their geographical data processing in a manner that is consistent with the future organization of the land registry and land advertisements in Bulgaria, ADEF and its partners propose a project consisting of:

- a pilot sites aspect aimed at supervising and standardizing the work of computerization decided locally and at the vary degrees of advancement at Pleven, Plovdiv and Sofia (the district of Krasno Selo);
- a training aspect intended to allow the various municipal and local leaders to anticipate trends in regulations.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 14 months

Total budget (ECU) : 246 140

EC grant (ECU) : 172 290

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Development of investment and small-scale projects in the hydroelectric sector in Bulgaria

(Développement des investissements et des entreprises du secteur de la petite hydroélectricité en Bulgarie)

Beneficiary country: Bulgaria

Summary

The aim of the project is to develop small-scale hydroelectric projects in the mountains of the Rhodopes by setting up independent Bulgarian electricity-producers on the model widely used in the European Union.

Activities will be based on existing studies which show the strong unexploited potential for small-scale hydroelectricity in Bulgaria: almost 2 TWh of annual production (or 2 M. Euro in investments) on a large number of workable mountain rivers have been found, in particular in the Rhodopes.

The project will be part of the regeneration of the economic fabric of economically fragile regions and the strengthening of local authority budgets. It will contribute to the development of mountain areas and in the management of Bulgaria's water and energy resources.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 12 months

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

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Project title

Strengthening local government social welfare services

Beneficiary country: Bulgaria

Summary

Aims of the project are:

- 1) to strengthen the Social Welfare Departments of four municipalities in Bulgaria and increase their capacity to plan, improve, and sustain the provision of support and care to people with a mental disability in their communities,
- 2) to improve the quality of life and care for clients and their families by promoting local government and NGO co-operation in providing services and by supporting the expansion of client-centered income-generating activities by local institutions.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 333 353

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Project title

Support to LEDA and establishment of a long term cross border partnership

Beneficiary country Bulgaria

Summary

The main aim of the project is strengthening the functioning of LEDA through improvement of its infrastructure, connection with business information networks, upgrading of its personnel and creation of business opportunities with potential partners from Greece and Spain. The project will contribute to the enhancement of the investment activities in the region promoting through an interactive multi media touristic guide the sustainable and ecological use of the natural resources as well as the lasting local economic development through closer collaboration between the local actors. The project will also address the social-economic problems through retraining of unemployed people in order to give them the possibilities for self employment. Sustainable partnerships will also be developed.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 284 320

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Project title

*Development of the region "White Carpathians".
Landscape development in the Czech and Slovak regions
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Tschechien und der Slowakei)*

Beneficiary country Czech Republic, Slovak
Republic

Summary

The project concentrates on the cooperation of NGOs with the population and the regional self-government organs, or transfer of information and strengthening of the economic potential and also landscape conservation in the Czech and Slovak territory. Objectives of the project are:

- 1) Support for the economic and socio-economic development of the border region 'White Carpathians' according to the principles of sustainable agriculture and environmentally-compatible enterprise activities.
- 2) Strengthened cooperative work with the decentralised NGOs in the border region in the White Carpathians and with the associations of BIO farms in both countries.
- 3) International exchange of specialised knowledge and experience in ecological agriculture, landscape protection and landscape development, non-harmful interaction with natural resources and landscape conservation in the Czech and Slovak region.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 22 months

Total budget (ECU) : 249 983

EC grant requested (ECU) : 185 983

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Project title

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Beneficiary country: Czech Republic

Summary

The project will establish an office for cross-country co-operation between worker and disabled cooperative associations of CEECs. The objective is to decentralize their representation and service away from Brussels, from where their specific needs cannot be addressed satisfactorily. The office will be the vehicle for building capacities within the partner organizations to provide enterprise support services for their existing member enterprises (training, quality management, marketing, trade and technology transfer), but also for supporting new enterprise start-ups. Training placements in Cooperative Development Agencies will study successful E.U. community enterprise and self-help initiatives and be the basis for cooperative development strategies in the beneficiary countries. The country co-ordinators will also study European policies and programmes relevant to the sector in preparation for eventual entry into the Single Market. One third of the project time and resources will be devoted to the cooperatives of the disabled whose needs are particularly acute.

Areas of activity :

Socio Economic Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 260 590

EC grant (ECU) : 179 320

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Project title

Havirov

Beneficiary country Czech Republic

Summary

Drawing up and implementing a plan for developing the real estate stock of the town of Havirov accompanied by the modernization of the operation and organization of its municipal structure for investment and construction.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 115 442

EC grant (ECU) : 72 610

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Project title

Development of Sindi Region (Desire)

Beneficiary country Estonia

Summary

The main idea is to promote the local development and welfare in Sindi region, which consists of three small communities with 10 000 inhabitants. A local geodetic control network will be measured to create an essential base on all land surveys and mapping. A municipal digital map system will be designed to meet the map needs for the land reform and for the developing and planning activities of the communities. A draft to enhance the map system into a municipal GIS will be prepared, to open new scenes of qualified planning and administration. Municipal self-government will be encouraged by improving the local planning system and by working out a comprehensive strategy for developments. The inhabitants will be informed of the project and the results achieved, in order to strengthen local democracy and sustainable cooperation between authorities and private persons and organizations.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 22 months

Total budget (ECU) : 146 000

EC grant requested (ECU) : 102 200

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Setting-up the Estonian network of Chambers of Commerce and Industry

(Ausbau des Zweigstellennetzes der Estnischen Industrie- und Handelskammer)

Beneficiary country Estonia

Summary

The goals of the project lie in the building up of the service offers of five regional Chamber offices, the institutional strengthening of the EIHK in the regions and in the strengthening of the internal organisation of the Chamber offices. These goals are to be reached through advice and educational measures in favour of the employees of the Estonian IHK and of small and medium-sized Estonian enterprises. The project measures especially affect the area of Chamber organisation, foreign trade and investment market, European Union, public relations work and cooperation with local authorities

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 323 233

EC grant requested (ECU) : 187 589

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

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Project title

Support to ETKL-Naised-exchange between rural women organizations in Sweden and Estonia

Beneficiary country Estonia

Summary

As a development of the co-operation between the women organizations within the Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF-Women) and the Estonian Farmers Union (ETKL-Naised) the Swedish Farmers Assistance and ETKL-Naised will carry out a project with the objectives:

- 1) to establish ETKL-Naised as the national representative for Estonian rural women,
- 2) to develop a self-financed informations system and
- 3) to give the members and elected members of ETKL-Naised knowledge in organization, cooperation, personal development and EU-integration. The activities that will be carried through in order to achieve this can be divided into three areas: training of the board of ETKL-Naised, seminar for members at local level, and the development of a newsletter.

Areas of activity :

Socio Economic Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 183 800

EC grant requested (ECU) : 128 517

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

The Development of adult education in Voru County

Beneficiary country Estonia

Summary

The project is focused on human resource development and training and its objective is to train teachers to qualify in their own subject field (languages, textiles and crafts design studies and music) and to act as teachers' educators, tutors and project leaders in their subject fields. It also aims at improving the management and planning capabilities of the Võru Institute and organizing liberal adult education. The project seeks flexible ways of launching adult education programs for the adult population, aiming at life long learning processes. Exchange of experience and skills in adult education using the means of electronic networks and multimedia would encourage cross-country contacts between adult education institutes in Helsinki, Tartu and Võru. Special emphasis on the training will be paid on learner-centered methods and techniques, in the use of educational software and multimedia tools, electronic networks and distance and open learning tools and techniques. Through this the adult population will gain potentials for social, economic and personal development.

Areas of activity :

Human Resource Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 314 847

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

The pilot project for the fuel wood harvesting, heating plant technology and silviculture in Otepää upland of Estonia

Beneficiary country Estonia

Summary

The main objective of the project is to encourage the regional, sustainable usage of fuel wood received from the necessary amelioration cuttings in Estonia. An important target is to promote the local socio-economic development by offering employment and improving the heat supply as a primary "life support".

Accordingly the main activities are

- 1) to build a modern, automatic boiler house in the town of Otepää,
 - 2) to ensure the qualified fuel wood supply for the whole existing heat production capacity in Otepää by organizing the logistics of fuel wood harvesting, transportation, procurement and the economical supervision of the heating plant, and
 - 3) to contribute by adult education and training improvement of know-how and technical skills in silviculture as well also in safe and ergonomic forest work.
- Another important objective is to analyze knowledge, experience and updated logistics gathered in this project to be transferred and exploited in other similar areas in Estonia and Baltic countries.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 408 129

EC grant requested (ECU) : 194 510

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Bridging enterprises : Thessaloniki - Skopje

Beneficiary country FYROM

Summary

The project aims to promote trilateral co-operation among SMEs of Greece, Germany and the F.Y. Republic of Macedonia through the bridging and networking of enterprises and thus to enhance sustainable growth in the SME sector in the F.Y. Republic of Macedonia. This will be accomplished through the establishment of a Business Support Centre (BSC) for SMEs in Skopje, specialized in business relations and activities among Greece, Germany and the F.Y. Republic of Macedonia. The BSC will assist local SMEs with practical business and management advice tailored to their needs. Training for entrepreneurs and participation in German exhibitions is also envisaged, in order to assist enterprises acquire new skills to diversify their operation or to develop export market strategies. Special emphasis is placed on the creation of an electronic information pool for SMEs for the linkage of enterprises so that they share interests, expertise and resources.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 284 898

EC grant requested (ECU) : 199 429

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Development and stabilisation of an entrepreneurial training and advice service in Eger
(Entwicklung und Stabilisierung der institutionellen Bildungs- und Beratungsdienstleistungen zum Nutzen von KMU im Wirtschaftsraum Eger)

Beneficiary country Hungary

Summary

Through the project the institutional structure of the Corporation of Businesses and Industries and the Chamber of Crafts of Eger will be supported and its useful performance for the development of SMEs in the Eger economic area will be promoted.

To be mentioned as specific project goals and the activities required to meet them:

Support of the institutional structure of the Corporation of Businesses and Industries and the Chamber of Crafts in Eger by training an enterprise adviser and an educational expert.

Strengthening of the competitiveness of SMEs through strengthening of the entrepreneurial ability (through the newly created possibility of entrepreneurial advice) and through continuing and further educational offers tailored to needs (which are to be worked out, coordinated and organised by the educational expert).

Competition stabilisation and safeguarding of the existence of Hungarian firms by bringing together German and Hungarian firms in Eger and Münster.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 198 245

EC grant (ECU) : 138 772

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

*Economic regional development of the South Trans-Danube region
(Wirtschaftliche Standortentwicklung in Süd-Transdanubien)*

Beneficiary country Hungary

Summary

The South Trans-Danube region is among the slowly developing regions in Hungary. There are initial promising beginnings for an active economic development, which is of especial significance for Hungary on the border with Croatia. The existing parallels to the development in the Riesa region are to be used in order to actively impart a mutual exchange of experience in re-structuring and development of outlying economic districts, to transfer know-how for local economic and socio-economic development and to build up cross-border cooperation and lasting partnerships between the two regions. After the completion of the project this partnership is to be carried on through a centre for contact and cooperation to be created in both regions, with a view to Hungary's projected joining of the EU.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 283 529

EC grant (ECU) : 197 886

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Environmentally sound regional planning model for rural development in Hungary

Beneficiary country Hungary

Summary

The overall objective of the project is to further develop and disseminate an environmentally sound rural regional planning concept. TÉT, an environmental organisation in the South-East of Hungary will be the first beneficiary of dissemination, while the Gyûrûfû Foundation itself will focus on the regional planning aspects of the scheme, including training and educating individuals in different kind of economic activities having sound environmental impact. Activities suggested include

- 1) training and pilot projects in ecological building technologies (solar thermo-collector installations, livestock husbandry, mud-brick manufacture, felt making)
- 2) permaculture design courses for Hungarian individuals,
- 3) an experimental forestry and agriculture scheme as well as
- 4) an animal husbandry project constituting of a vertical approach to processing and aiming at a narrow section of the international markets.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 149 320

EC grant requested (ECU) : 104 320

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

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Project title

Establishment of a land stewardship advisory service for the protection important bird areas in Hungary

Beneficiary country Hungary

Summary

The project objectives are:

- 1) identify opportunities for sustainable rural development on IBAs in Hungary;
- 2) promote development of partnership between local branches of BirdLife Hungary and local municipalities and farming society on IBAs;
- 3) provide face to face and written advice for local governments and economic sector in IBAs. In the framework of the project the RSPB will assist BirdLife Hungary to establish a small advisory unit within its staff and to develop a national network of local caretakers on IBAs who will be able to work directly with farmers and local governments.

Activities include 1) organizing training courses for BirdLife Hungary's members; 2) providing training materials for BirdLife Hungary's members; 3) organizing training courses for farm advisors; 4) publish materials about sustainable land use practices; 5) organizing workshops on sustainable rural development and IBA protection with participants from non-profit organizations, land owners, local governments, relevant authorities; 6) provide practical advice for farmers and local governments on sustainable land use.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 108 250

EC grant (ECU) : 73 990

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Hungarian youth business Foundation

Beneficiary country Hungary

Summary

The project is a youth business trust which will provide micro-credit through a revolving loan scheme to young unemployed and disadvantaged entrepreneurs (18-30 years). This main operations phase follows three years of feasibility and establishment and will include the active training phase of the Business Advisers recruited from the private sector. Training, in partnership with the corporate sector, will provide individual advice and guidance to each young entrepreneur supported. The young people will be selected from those trained through Eletpalya Alapitvany (Live Wire in Hungary) which assists young people to consider self-employment and to develop their business ideas. MIVA and Eletpalya Alapitvany have together co-located in the Youth Enterprise Centre at the Business Polytechnic, Budapest to make a success of this project. An in-depth evaluation will result in a model defined for national replication. MIVA has the potential to become the model for replication in other interested countries in central and eastern Europe.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 297 011

EC grant requested (ECU) : 196 889

Project reference : 96PP/UK/26

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Project title

Netform

Beneficiary country Hungary

Summary

The globalization of the market economy generalizes in every country the issues of economic development-jobs-training. For the countries of central Europe, accepting the challenge of widespread competition at all levels requires adaptation and retraining of workers in order for them to be able to master today's systems of production and management. These skills, with a question-mark constantly over them through the countless innovations of every kind which endlessly appear on the market, demands the introduction of permanent machinery for the vocational training of adults, working in a Network at European level. The end purpose of this adult vocational training network most be:

- 1) optimizing human resources;
- é) making training a central instrument for economic development, both for the mastering of technological developments and also for management techniques;
- 3) encouraging the integration of Hungary into Europe by linking up with an Adult Vocational Training Network already in existence in France, Germany and Spain.

Areas of activity :

Human Resource Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 219 912

EC grant requested (ECU) : 151 047

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

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Project title

Quality networking in Hungary

Beneficiary country Hungary

Summary

Final goal of the project is the forming of a long lasting network structure of "Quality Circles" (QC's) in three Hungarian counties, to be supported, stimulated and organized by the regional Chambers of Commerce. Quality Circles (QC's) allow companies to exchange quality-related experiences. To accomplish this objective, experience exchange meetings, training courses and working groups dealing with specific subjects, will be organized.

The catalysts of these QC's will be formed by 15-20 selected "quality professionals" (middle ad top management, quality engineers etc.) who will be invited to follow a training and practice in The Netherlands. After their return they will form the "hard core" of three regional QC's to be established and run by the participating Hungarian Chambers of Commerce.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 148 413

EC grant requested (ECU) : 103 889

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Setting up a regional Chamber of Crafts in Szolnok (Hungary)
(Aufbau einer leistungsfähigen regionalen Handwerkskammer in Szolnok)

Beneficiary country Hungary

Summary

Through continuing contact, exchange of information and experience, training courses and short-term use of specialists, for example trainers and disseminators, the Chamber of Crafts of Szolnok (Hungary) will be supported in the building up and further development of an efficient regional chamber and an attractive range of services. In addition to the strengthening of the efficiency of the Hungarian chamber, the project will make a contribution to the development of intensive relationships.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 164 110

EC grant (ECU) : 114 875

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Training for teaching personnel
(Ausbildung für Ausbilder)

Beneficiary country Hungary

Summary

The project goals are:

- 1) the introduction of the Hungarian teaching personnel to modularisation of training content for the standardisation of professional education in the EU as the focal point of a model project task.
- 2) the development of subject-specific language abilities of teaching personnel
- 3) the further development of specialist theoretical and practical knowledge of instructors
- 4) the further development of professional teaching methods and abilities
- 5) insights into social education
- 6) insights into building up modules for educational content / instructions for action
- 7) the development of modules through team work (trainers/social educators/specialist instructors)
- 8) the qualification of teaching personnel as disseminators for other teachers and students

Areas of activity :

Human Resource Development

Project duration : 9 months

Total budget (ECU) : 183 263

EC grant requested (ECU) : 127 225

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Pollution prevention and environmental management system consultation program in small and medium-sized enterprises

Beneficiary country Hungary, Czech

Summary

The goal of the project is to create an integrated and simultaneous approach to Waste Minimisation, Cleaner Production, and Pollution Prevention, and the introduction of environmental management systems, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The activities include: Inexpensive supervision and assistance for companies that introduce Waste Minimisation, Cleaner Production and Pollution Prevention and the development of an environmental management system (EMS) simultaneously. This will be accomplished by the monthly meetings to exchange experiences over the course of a year, and by visits to company sites. This type of consultation will make it possible for SMEs to obtain advice.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 22 months

Total budget (ECU) : 278 912

EC grant (ECU) : 161 610

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Promotion of agricultural integration on the basis of the organisation development system of the European Union

Beneficiary country Hungary, Romania

Summary

Our objective is to launch such agricultural provincial development in the partner regions that it will throw light on the whole system of agricultural resources:

- 1) to determine the relevant development trends of each region;
- 2) to establish civil organizations required for the development of human infrastructure;
- 3) to establish an educational and consulting system for each development trend;
- 4) to establish a model or organizational development that can be connected to the agricultural economy of the European Union.

Our long-term objective is to establish such organizations through the realization of co-operative development in accordance with the norms of the European Union that are compatible with the system of the European co-operative organizations.

Areas of activity :

Socio Economic Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 37 500

EC grant requested (ECU) : 30 000

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Cross-border business development co-operation in Hungary and Slovakia

Beneficiary country Hungary, Slovak Republic

Summary

The objective are the dissemination of current knowledge on business skills, customs, the law, the market, taxation, accounting, social insurance and so on the form of edited brochures.

The activities will involve the organisation and realization of training in the above mentioned themes for the entrepreneurs of the area and the organisation of professional forums and meetings of specialists for the entrepreneurs of the adjacent regions.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 12 months

Total budget (ECU) : 25 804

EC grant (ECU) : 20 643

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Hungarian-Slovakian Partnership for regional tourism development

Beneficiary country Hungary, Slovak Republic

Summary

The objectives are the improvement of local and regional services, rural (eco)tourism and small business development and human resource development and training

The activities will comprise the development of regional information services, publishing joint brochures and guides, the development of existing camp services and the improvement of regional folk art and cultural services as well as programme exchanges.

A long term joint marketing strategy, a joint training programme in rural tourism involving a study tour for trained people in Austria will be prepared. A joint training programme on local development and EU regional and rural policy is also envisaged.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 12 months

Total budget (ECU) : 112 500

EC grant requested (ECU) : 90 000

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Baltic sea planet

Beneficiary country Latvia

Summary

The projects main aim is to transfer knowledge and experiences with a focus on the preconditions typical for peripheral and maritime regions. The main activities will be:

- 1) cross-sectorial seminars, workshops and exchange of professionals.
- 2) the creation of a professional, cross-sectorial network for regional planners and decisionmakers in coastal and island regions in the Baltic Sea Region - "PLANET".
- 3) the management training for planning departments in the regions involved.
- 4) the launching of pilot projects aiming at introducing and implementing up-to-date, democratic planning methods and processes. Methods for team-building and project management will be introduced.

Studies and analyses of current spatial development initiatives in the Baltic Sea Area as a background for future common planning efforts coordinated with efforts supported by PHARE and other donors.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 288 000

EC grant requested (ECU) : 200 000

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Business links and cooperation with the Baltic countries

Beneficiary country Latvia, Lithuania

Summary

The objectives are to strengthen the role of the Chambers of Commerce in Latvia and Lithuania as active and effective SME support institutions and establish a substantial cooperation relationship between the partner Chambers.

The project also aims to contribute to the economic development of these countries by increasing SMEs competitiveness and, in particular, by encouraging SME export activity and to encourage and strengthen cross-country cooperation.

The above mentioned objectives will be accomplished by means of sending a qualified Trade Specialist from Madrid to the Latvian and Vilnius CCIs; organizing Informative Business Opportunities seminars in Madrid, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland; holding Business meetings in Madrid, Riga, Vilnius and Turku; as well as, Training Programmes addressed to the Chamber's local staff. An exchange of business opportunities and trade related information will also take place between the partner Chambers, and a partnership agreement will be signed by all of them at the end of the project.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 12 months

Total budget (ECU) : 204 125

EC grant requested (ECU) : 142 887

Contract number : 97-5005

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Women business in Lithuanian countryside. Network development

Beneficiary country Lithuania

Summary

The project is dedicated to women in business in the rural areas of Lithuania. The two main objectives of the project are: a) to contribute to reduce women's unemployment in rural areas, b) to help business women to make contact with other business actor and strengthen their cooperation.

Courses in business planning will be arranged in three Lithuanian countries and a study travel to Sweden will be arranged. Finally three seminars for women in business from the Phare partner countries will be arranged in Lithuania.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 12 months

Total budget (ECU) : 103 394

EC grant (ECU) : 72 374

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Assistance to the TBS Forum, the national union of local (non-profit-making) construction and management companies for Polish rented accommodation (TBS)

(Assistance au forum TBS, Union Nationale des Sociétés (à but non lucratif) locales de construction et de gestion de logements locatifs en Pologne (TBS))

Beneficiary country Poland

Summary

Assistance to the TBS Forum, (the national union of local, non-profit-making, construction and management companies for Polish rented accommodation) to become a thoroughgoing professional organization dedicated to the development of these new companies which have the task of producing a new supply of accommodation, to manage them and take over the management of municipally-owned housing stocks, modernizing them.

The aim of the programme is to develop the advice and training capacities of the professional organization (TBS Forum) and its members: local companies in construction and rented housing management, already set up or being set up, through the transfer of expertise in the area of ownership and management of housing stock and management of TBS companies

Areas of activity :

Socio Economic Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 254 480

EC grant (ECU) : 172 800

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Co-operative development and restructuring in the Bydgoszcz region, Poland

Beneficiary country Poland

Summary

The main project objective is the assistance in process of merging and restructuring of existing small co-operatives into large scale strong co-operatives, providing a complete package of service to the farmers-members.

The main project activities will be:

- gaining overall commitment within the present small co-operatives to achieve structural changes,
- training of co-operative management in modern management, marketing techniques and business planning,
- development and implementation of a business plan/operational plan for the new co-operative structure,
- realization of an assistance programme via pilot projects.

Areas of activity :

Socio Economic Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 272 990

EC grant (ECU) : 191 060

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Cooperation of rural women in the border region between Germany and Poland

(Zusammenarbeit der Landfrauen in der Grenzregion Deutschlands und Polens)

Beneficiary country Poland

Summary

Building up a network for cooperation of rural women's associations and other interested women's groups in Germany and Poland in the territories of the euroregions named above, in order to effectively support structural change in the rural area.

Cross-border initiative for shaping and changing rural life in preparation for Poland being accepted into the European Union.

Cooperation is to take place in areas such as the exchange of specialist knowledge, economic and socio-economic further education for the unemployed, ecology, cultural and social exchange of thoughts, support for European integration, development of rural areas and development of the cultural heritage.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 205 400

EC grant requested (ECU) : 161 750

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Practical solutions for affordable housing in the city of Plock, Poland

Beneficiary country Poland

Summary

The main objectives of this project are to introduce framework conditions for sustainable production of affordable housing, to improve local housing provision, bridge the gap between local governments, the private citizens and PTBS. As well as promoting sustainable socio-economic development and practical citizens' participation in solving housing needs.

The main activities are to produce a policy framework for the local authority, prepare the institutional framework and train the personnel of PTBD. It will involve preparing, executing and evaluating the pilot project and consequently adjusting the policy and framework conditions.

Areas of activity :

Socio Economic Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 194 598

EC grant (ECU) : 136 218

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Preserving and supporting of SMEs in the retail trade sector

(Erhaltung und Förderung von Klein- und Mittelständischen Unternehmen im Einzelhandel)

Beneficiary country Poland

Summary

On the basis of analyses in selected cities and villages, international trends and the knowledge of the expansion plans of large West European trading concerns in Poland, a programme for the maintenance and targeted promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises, especially in the retail trade of the Wojewodschaft Zielona Gora, will be worked out and generalised for other Wojewodschaften.

The idea is the development of a concept for sustainable development, that is, lasting development which meets current needs without the risks of not being able to satisfy future needs, as well as the creation of lasting coordination between economic and ecological systems.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 180 000

EC grant (ECU) : 126 000

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

***Socio-economic development in the Warta Mouth Region
: Eco-tourism, sustainable agriculture, nature protection***

Beneficiary country Poland

Summary

Through linking three aspects:

- 1) the promotion of sustainable development principles,
- 2) the promotion of sustainable agriculture practices and Eco-tourism, and
- 3) the strengthening of the Lubusian Naturalist Club.

The project aims at strengthening the capacity of regional institutions/organizations to foster decentralized socio-economic development. Polish-German trans-border co-operation will in particular benefit Polish NGOs and citizen groups, strengthening their capacity to influence the regional socio-economic and environmental decision making process. Being closely linked to the existing project of WWF-Germany "Green Belt Oder-Neisse" the project also aims at deepening and expanding the impact on the polish side. The project will contribute to strengthening local/regional Polish-German co-operation with view to sustainable regional development.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 185 606

EC grant (ECU) : 129 920

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Women into employment

Beneficiary country Poland

Summary

This project is designed to improve the quality of vocational training for unemployed women in the Lodz region central Poland, through making training generic and establishing close links with employers while ensuring that courses offered meet actual areas of skill shortage.

Through the project, a women's training center will be established in Lodz and supported by a welfare advise center. A pilot group of 60 unemployed women will be re-trained in the 4 skill areas of garment manufacture, sales assistant, production supervising and receptionist work, for which there is a real skills shortage in Lodz. Close links will be established with local employer's associations and government offices working with the unemployed in the region to ensure that the training courses offered by the center in the future continue to reflect known demand in actual areas of skill shortage.

Areas of activity :

Human Resource Development

Project duration : 19 months

Total budget (ECU) : 132 962

EC grant (ECU) : 93 047

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Accountancy in new perspective

Beneficiary country Romania

Summary

The project aims to provide the Romanian auditing/accountancy profession with the knowledge and skills according to Western European standards and to create an international environment in which the Romanian accountants can meet their Western European colleagues.

The planned activities will be:

- the training of 240 Romanian expert accountants in order to meet the international professional requirements in an open market economy environment;
- three seminars will be organized on very specific topics: Liquidation, Mergers and Starting up of an Enterprise;
- the mediation between Romanian and Dutch accountancy firms in order to establish particular partnerships, twinning or joint venture and the like.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 234 175

EC grant (ECU) : 163 725

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

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Project title

Agricultural and advisory centre for farmers in Romania

Beneficiary country Romania

Summary

The project aims

- 1) to establish an Agricultural Training and Advisory Centre in Cluj (Romania) in order to promote innovative methods in agriculture for the socio-economic development for better earnings for farmers and their families,
- 2) to provide education, training and study visit programs in order to exchange skills, experience and know-how for the target group and to disseminate factual operative information from the partners in order to promote agricultural innovation,
- 3) to produce newsletters, handbooks and other useful leaflets on modern agriculture and conduct meetings and seminars for the target groups together with Danish experts.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 16 months

Total budget (ECU) : 305 322

EC grant (ECU) : 194 316

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Crafts development project

Beneficiary country Romania

Summary

The project aims:

- 1) to improve the quality of product, efficiency of production, standard of presentation, and business professionalism of selected crafts enterprises / makers working in the broad field of textile design and production, through training and practical experience,
- 2) to facilitate increased trade in Romanian crafts, and to stimulate the interest of the media, commercial organizations, the travel / tourism related business, and relevant institutions locally and abroad through providing a significant marketing opportunity at a major trade fair of international importance,
- 3) to extend the knowledge and expertise of Crafts Foundation staff and other specialists of the needs and potential of craftspeople as a basis from which to develop future services, and to provide a model which may be adapted or reproduced to assist the wider crafts community.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 20 months

Total budget (ECU) : 70 000

EC grant requested (ECU) : 49 000

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Development of Romanian enterprises in international competitiveness and training of managerial staff of industry sector in quality assurance certification
(Développement des entreprises roumaines à la compétitivité internationale - Formation des cadres de l'industrie à l'assurance qualité-certification)

Beneficiary country Romania

Summary

The objectives are:

- 1) to promote the development of human resources and economic development in vital industries such as mechanical engineering through the high-level training of managerial staff in modern methodological and technical procedures, giving a stimulus to product quality and the improvement of productivity;
- 2) to strengthen SRAC through its contribution to the development process by training trainers competent in this discipline, who will subsequently provide the technical knowledge which is indispensable to industrialists in order to develop QUALITY teams within the company;
- 3) to facilitate the exchange of experiences, skills and knowledge;
- 4) to prepare managerial staff to deal confidently with quality assurance and certification in order to pursue product development strategies against an international background;
- 5) to enable them, through work placements in France, to try out French methodologies and to develop networks for cross-border cooperation.

Areas of activity :

Human Resource Development

Project duration : 12 months

Total budget (ECU) : 72 970

EC grant requested (ECU) : 51 020

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Establishment of home care services for elderly and handicapped people

Beneficiary country Romania

Summary

The objectives of the project are (i) to establish a Home Care Service Center for the Elderly and Handicapped in Craiova, Dolj, (ii) to train 60 women, of which 40 are unemployed middle-aged women in unemployment, as home care assistant, and (iii) to develop a curriculum for the training of home care assistants and train 8 instructors who can continue this training activity.

The core activities are training courses training of trainers activities and the establishment of a Home Care Service Center in connection with Camin Spital, Craiova. Further, is intended to make 2-days seminars focusing on the home care as an important contribution to the socio-economic development of the region. The project will emphasize the concrete implementation both involving transfer of know-how and do-how.

Areas of activity :

Socio Economic Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 566 361

EC grant requested (ECU) : 199 536

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Local economic development of mountain tourism activities in Romania

(Développement économique local basé sur les activités touristiques de montagne en Roumanie)

Beneficiary country Romania

Summary

The aim of the project is to make possible local and regional development around the commune of Fundata.

1) In winter: creating a Scandinavian zone allowing the activities of:

- cross-country skiing
- Scandinavian skiing excursions

2) In summer:

- mountain bike excursions
- hiking

3) Possibility of extending to other activities (canoeing/kayaks, horse-riding, etc)

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 164 861

EC grant (ECU) : 85 278

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

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Project title

Pilot project for rural development in the administrative district of Arges - Romania

(Projet d'appui au développement rural dans le département d'Arges - Roumanie)

Beneficiary country Romania

Summary

The objectives of the project are:

- to consolidate and increase the capacity of family farming in a pilot area;
- to contribute to a dynamic of local development;
- to strengthen the operational capacity of the Romanian administrative district of Arges on the basis of pilot work in the rural area.

The activities will be:

- setting up and running a Technical Support Unit;
- diagnosis-action;
- establishing Valley Committees and a Strategic Orientation Committee;
- support in marketing , processing and production;
- training: France/Romania cross-exchanges for producers, technicians and elected representatives; organizing training placements for professionals.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 279 766

EC grant (ECU) : 189 059

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

*Setting-up an autonomous body at 'basin' level for the concerted management of water resources
(Création d'un comité de bassin pour une gestion concertée des ressources en eau)*

Beneficiary country Romania

Summary

The aim of the project is to set up autonomous bodies for water management at basin level, which are capable of putting together the financial resources for water supply and the protection of the environment. These bodies will work to organize broad consultation between decentralized administrative departments, local councillors, industrialists and other users in order to obtain a consensus over decisions about the development and management of the basin concerned.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 284 930

EC grant requested (ECU) : 199 130

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Training and consulting for microenterprise development

Beneficiary country Romania

Summary

Training and Consulting for Enterprise Development provides innovative case method training and consulting on new technology and practices to develop managerial, technical, and marketing skills of rural entrepreneurs of five surrounding cities, local Craiova women, and individuals interested in starting a small business. The seminars program facilitates better access to local and regional business development resources directed largely at two underserved groups in the region: women in business and rural entrepreneurs. By providing appropriate managerial tools with customer-oriented applications, participants will realize greater profitability in business and productive activities, and in so doing, facilitate long-term sustainable economic development in the region. A small business advisory board formed during the project will represent small business initiatives in the region after project completion.

Areas of activity :

Business and Enterprise Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 254 256

EC grant requested (ECU) : 177 411

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

The regional tourism development in Romania and Hungary

Beneficiary country Romania, Hungary

Summary

The project aims to support the development of the tourism between their countries. Maramures (ROM) and Heves (HUN). This will be achieved through:

- a regional survey concerning information and documentation activities,
- the edit materials concerning tourist opportunities in both region (brochures and leaflets) which will be distributed by the tourist operators,
- the organisation of seminars (concerning the opportunities to develop regional connection in tourism), study tours (in Romania and in Hungary), and a business meeting for the project beneficiaries. These activities will be opportune for a Romanian-Hungarian exchange of experience among organizations and companies with activity oriented to tourism. For the dissemination of the information an Office for the Regional Tourism Promotion at Sighetu Marmatiei (ROM) will be created.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 12 months

Total budget (ECU) : 173 840

EC grant requested (ECU) : 138 830

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

NEPOLD (*Network of European partners in open learning delivery*)

Beneficiary country Slovak Republik, Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary

Summary

The primary objective of the project is to link existing study centres and network of study centres in East, Central and West Europe in order to create a pan-European delivery structure for open and distance learning.

Within the NEPOLD 17 study centres in 12 countries will be active in a higher educational network.

Through the twinning of study centres, diversified and cost-effective activities can be implemented in a European context because the specific needs of envisaged target groups and various regions can be met via this approach. As a result an overall structure for future development in this educational environment will be realized. ODL has the potential to generate new patterns of teaching and learning. In order to realize these educational innovations, developments in information and communication technologies are major incentives. As a result of the NEPOLD project innovation in mainstream (higher) education in CEE will be stimulated.

Areas of activity :

Human Resource Development

Project duration : 20 months

Total budget (ECU) : 274 951

EC grant requested (ECU) : 186 575

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

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Project title

Community based economic development and heritage tourism in the Carpathian mountain regions

Beneficiary country Slovak Republic

Summary

The project objectives are:

1) to develop local leadership and competency in rural communities, providing them with diagnostic tools, training and technical expertise in order to stimulate local initiatives towards environmentally sustainable community based economic strategies and to enhance opportunities for heritage tourism, agriculture diversification and traditional rural industries in the Carpathian mountain areas.

2) working with SPARC and its advisory partners to strengthen a leadership position of the FDCE in providing assistance to rural communities in the region, develop an expertise for the FDCE to support local initiatives in a more systematic way and complement thus existing FDCE's activities.

3) to help the area organizations (including the FDCE) to absorb and attract foreign donors and create a position for entering transnational network of organization active in rural areas of Europe.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 179 550

EC grant (ECU) : 125 260

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

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Project title

Podhorie micro region enterprise and resource development programme

Beneficiary country Slovak Republic

Summary

The project is to establish a Local Area Development Company. It will involve the provision of training for Professional Management for this Company, and the preparation of an Area Action / Development and Employment Creation Plan.

Another objective is Tourism product Development and the Marketing of the Area. The project will include the preparation and Implementation of Training Programmes for Entrepreneurs, the programmes for the Re-integration of the Marginalised into the Community and Workforce and the creation of an effective replicable development model using the bottom-up approach.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 250 600

EC grant (ECU) : 174 920

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Technology transfer in the Cad-Cam sector

Beneficiary country Slovak Republic

Summary

The project's aim is to promote CAD-CAM and CNC technology within the professional junior high schools and amongst small and medium-sized business in the Slovak Republic. This will provide the target businesses the opportunity, above all in the mechanical sector, to regain the necessary competitive spirit on the international market thanks to an adequate preparation of their technicians.

The following activities will be carried out:

- the formation of a governing committee and a team whose task is to monitor and evaluate;
- an intensive first stage training course to be held at Motta di Livenza (I) and directed towards the Slovak technical team;
- a training and technical assistance course in the CED-CAM and CNC sector to be held at Saca Kosice (SK);
- the setting up of CAD-CAM and CNC computer labs in Saca Kosice (SK);
- the production of multi-medial didactic material in HTML format on CAD-CAM and CNC; its subsequent spread to the professional junior high school in the Slovak Republic by means of Internet.

Areas of activity :

Human Resource Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 267 829

EC grant requested (ECU) : 187 453

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Sustainable rural development through the promotion of ecological and cultural tourism

Beneficiary country Slovak Republic, Bulgaria

Summary

The overall aim of the project is the stimulation of local economic activity in rural areas through the development and promotion of sustainable tourism. The operational objectives and corresponding activities include:

- the creation of an integrated tourism development plan for each region based on the refinement and application of the Heritage Trails model, which promotes ecological and cultural tourism,
- the development of an international marketing strategy for tourism in the two regions,
- the encouragement and support through training of tourism-related business activities,
- the provision of support to the two regions through technical assistance and animation from EU partners,
- the cross-fertilization of experience and ideas between the two regions and the dissemination of results to other similar regions.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 24 months

Total budget (ECU) : 285 200

EC grant requested (ECU) : 199 640

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Rural development through sustainable tourism in three central European countries

Beneficiary country Slovak Republic, FYROM,
Czech Republic

Summary

The objective of the project is the regeneration of rural regions, and the generation of resources to protect the natural and cultural heritage through the development and marketing of sustainable tourism. In each region, a tourism project will be developed on the basis of the natural and cultural heritage of the region - a "heritage trail". This project and the approach adopted in creating the project, will be promoted within the tourism sector in particular, as a demonstration of good practice.

A participatory process will be employed in order to ensure that the projects meet local development and conservation objectives. An association will be created in each region to manage the project and market it domestically and internationally. It will bring together representatives of local government, businesses and conservation organizations. The associations will be assisted to organise a launch of the project on the international tourism market.

Areas of activity :

Local and Regional Development

Project duration : 18 months

Total budget (ECU) : 274 811

EC grant (ECU) : 191 613

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PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

PHARE PARTNERSHIP - 1996

Project title

Establishing of capability of Slovenian local authorities for energy planning

Beneficiary country Slovenia

Summary

The project will encourage development of decision making skills in the municipalities with respect to the development of local energy services. This will promote the application of energy service projects by members of the secondary target groups.

The activities will involve an awareness and information campaign, workshops and site visits; based on material to be prepared by the project team concerning technical solutions, analysis methods, administrative procedures and financial considerations. One of the goals of the activities is enhancement of communication between all parties involved in the decision making and implementation process (primary and secondary target group), and the central government authorities.

Areas of activity :

Socio Economic Development

Project duration : 15 months

Total budget (ECU) : 169 766

EC grant requested (ECU) : 118 836

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