

**General approach to enable the ENP partner countries to participate in Community agencies
and Community programmes**

List C (second part): Programmes that enable cooperation with ENP partners in certain activities

Policy area	Title	Legal base
<i>Financial control</i>	HERCULE II	<p><i>Decision (EC) N° 878/2007 of the European Parliament and the Council of 23 July 2007 amending and extending Decision (EC) 804/2004 establishing a Community action programme to promote activities in the field of protection of the Community's financial interests (Hercule II Programme)</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 143/9 of 30 April 2004</i> <i>O.J. L 193 of 25 July 2007, p.18</i></p> <p>Note: The Hercule II programme finances actions aimed at improving the protection of the Community's financial interests. It finances training, seminars, dissemination of best practices, associations involved in protection of the EC's financial interests, etc.</p> <p>Article 2(a): The following bodies shall be eligible for Community funding under the programme:</p> <p>a) all national or regional administrations of a Member State or a country outside the Community, as defined in Article 3, ... b) all research and educational institutes that have had legal personality for at least one year, are established and operational in a Member State or in a country outside the Community, as defined in Article 3,... c) all non-profit-making bodies that have had legal personality for at least one year, are established and operating in a Member State or in a country outside the Community, as defined in Article 3,...</p>

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		<p>Article 3: In addition to beneficiaries and bodies located in the Member States, participation in the Community action programme shall be open to those located in:</p> <p>a) acceding countries; b) the EFTA/EEA countries, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA Agreement; c) candidate countries associated with the European Union, on the basis of the conditions stipulated in the association agreements or their additional protocols on participation in Community programmes concluded or to be concluded with those countries.</p> <p>Note: Whilst these provisions clearly do not apply to ENP partner countries, however, the cost of participation of individuals from ENP partner countries in training events, organised by eligible bodies can be borne according to</p> <p>Article 2(d): Expenditure in connection with the participation of representatives of the Balkan countries forming part of the stabilisation and association process for countries of south-eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, the countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy, and certain countries with which the Community has concluded an agreement for mutual assistance in customs matters, shall also be eligible.</p>
	Pericles	<p><i>Decision (EC) N°75/2006 of the Council of 30 January 2006 amending and extending Decision (EC) 2001/923 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the Euro against counterfeiting (the “Pericles” programme)</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 339/50 of 21 December 2001</i> <i>O.J. L 36 of 8 February 2006, p. 40</i></p>

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		<p>Note: Pericles, the Community programme for exchange, assistance and training in the protection of the Euro against counterfeiting, is designed to support and supplement the measures undertaken by the Member States and in existing programmes to protect the Euro against counterfeiting. Such measures include information exchange (seminars, workshops, meetings and conferences), placements and exchanges of staff, as well as technical, scientific and operational back-up.</p> <p>Article 12 (1): Projects under the programme may emanate from the Member States' competent authorities or from the Commission.</p> <p>Article 7 (2): In addition, the programme shall, if necessary, be open to non-member countries in so far as appropriations are available in the Community budget, under condition and in accordance with arrangements to be agreed with those countries.</p>
<i>Justice, freedom and security</i>	<p>Fundamental Rights and Justice</p> <p>The general programme comprises five specific programmes covering the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal justice • Fundamental rights and citizenship • Fight against violence (Daphne) 	<p>1) <i>Decision (JHA) 2007/126 of the Council of 12 February 2007 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013, as part of the General Programme on Fundamental Rights and Justice, the Specific Programme "Criminal Justice"</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 58 of 24 February 2007, p. 13</i></p> <p>Note: The objectives of the programme include to promote judicial cooperation with the aim of contributing to the creation of a genuine European area of justice in criminal matters based on mutual recognition and mutual confidence and to improve the contacts and exchange of information and best practices between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions.</p> <p>2) <i>Decision (EC) 2007/252 of the Council of 19 April 2007 establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme</i></p>

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		<p><i>“Fundamental rights and citizenship” as part of the General programme “Fundamental Rights and Justice”</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 110 of 27 April 2007, p. 33</i></p> <p>Note: The objectives of the programme include to promote fundamental rights as recognised in Article 6(2) of the Treaty on European Union; to support non-governmental organisations and other bodies from civil society in order to enhance their capability to participate actively in the promotion of fundamental rights, the rule of law and democracy and to create relevant structures in order to foster an interfaith and multicultural dialogue at the level of the European Union.</p> <p><i>3) Decision (EC) No 779/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007 establishing for the period 2007-2013 a specific programme to prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk (Daphne III programme) as part of the General Programme Fundamental Rights and Justice,</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 17 of 3 July 2007, p. 19</i></p> <p>Note: The objectives of the programme include to contribute to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence and to attain a high level of health protection, well-being and social cohesion and to contribute to the prevention of, and the fight against, all forms of violence occurring in the public or the private domain against children, young people and women, including sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings, by taking preventive measures and by providing support and protection for victims and groups at risk.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs prevention and information • Civil justice 	<p>Communication and legislative proposals establishing for the period 2007-2013 a Framework Programme Fundamental Rights and Justice, COM(2005)122</p> <p>Note: The general programme includes pending proposals for specific programmes covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs prevention and information • Civil justice <p>Projects may associate candidate countries not participating in this programme where this would contribute to their preparation for accession, or other third countries not participating in this programme where this serves the objectives of the projects.</p>
	<p>Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and other Security related risks</p>	<p><i>Decision (EC, Euratom) No 2007/124 of the Council of 12 February 2007 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013, as part of General Programme on Security and Safeguarding Liberties, the Specific Programme “Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and other Security related risks”</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 58 of 24 February 2007, p.1</i></p> <p>Article 3(1): The Programme shall contribute to support Member States' efforts to prevent, prepare for, and to protect people and critical infrastructure against terrorist attacks and other security related incidents.</p> <p>Article 6(2): As regards trans-national projects, third countries and international organisations may participate as partners but are not permitted to submit projects.</p>

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	Prevention of and Fight against Crime	<p><i>Decision (JHA) No 2007/125 of the Council of 12 February 2007 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013, as part of General Programme on Security and Safeguarding Liberties, the Specific Programme “Prevention of and Fight against Crime”</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 58 of 24 February 2007, p. 7</i></p> <p>Article 2(1): The Programme shall contribute to a high level of security for citizens by preventing and combating crime, organised or otherwise, in particular terrorism, trafficking in persons and offences against children, illicit drug trafficking and illicit arms trafficking, corruption and fraud.</p> <p>Article 5(3): As regards trans-national projects, third countries and international organisations may participate as partners but are not permitted to submit projects.</p>
Transport	Marco Polo	<p><i>Regulation (EC) No 1692/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 establishing the second Marco Polo programme for the granting of Community financial assistance to improve the environmental performance of the freight transport system (Marco Polo II)</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 328 of 24 November 2006, p. 1</i></p> <p>Note: The objectives of the programme include actions to reduce congestion, to improve the environmental performance of the transport system and to enhance inter-modal transport, thereby contributing to an efficient and sustainable transport system which provides EU added value without having a negative impact on economic, social or territorial cohesion.</p>

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		<p>The programme supports actions in the freight transport, logistics and other relevant markets. These actions should contribute to maintaining the distribution of freight between the various modes of transport at 1998 levels by helping to shift the expected aggregate increase in international road freight traffic to short sea shipping, rail and inland waterways or to a combination of modes of transport in which road journeys are as short as possible.</p> <p>Article 3 (1): The Programme shall cover actions:</p> <p>a)...</p> <p>b) involving the territory of at least one Member State and the territory of a close third country.</p> <p>Article 3 (2): Where an action involves the territory of a third country, costs arising in the territory of that country shall not be covered by the Programme, except in the circumstances set out in paragraphs 3 and 4.</p> <p>Article 3 (4): The Programme shall also be open to participation by EFTA and EEA countries and close third countries, on the basis of supplementary appropriations in accordance with procedures to be agreed with those countries.</p> <p>Article 4 (1): Actions shall be submitted by a consortium of two or more undertakings, established in at least two different Member States or in at least one Member State and one close third country, or may in the case of a transport link with a close third country, in exceptional cases, be submitted by a single undertaking established in a Member State.</p> <p>(2): Undertakings outside the participating countries referred to in Article 3 (3) and (4) may be associated with a project, but may under no circumstances receive Community funding under the programme.</p>
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<p><i>Information society</i></p>	<p>Interoperable Delivery of European e-Government services to Administrations, Businesses and Citizens (IDABC programme)</p>	<p><i>Corrigendum to Commission Decision (EC) N° 2004/387 of 28 April 2004 - Decision 2004/387/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on the interoperable delivery of pan-European e-Government services to public administrations, businesses and citizens (IDABC) (OJ L 144, 30.4.2004)</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 181 of 18 May 2004, p. 25</i></p> <p>Note: The objective of the IDABC programme is to identify, support and promote the development and establishment of pan-European eGovernment services and the underlying interoperable telematic networks supporting the Member States and the Community in the implementation, within their respective areas of competence, of Community policies and activities, achieving substantial benefits for public administrations, businesses and citizens.</p> <p>Article 14 (2): Cooperation with other third countries, in implementing projects of common interest and horizontal measures, shall be encouraged, notably with public administrations in Mediterranean countries, the Balkans and eastern European countries. Particular attention shall also be given to international cooperation in support of development and economic cooperation. Related costs shall not be covered by the IDABC programme.</p> <p>Note: A bilateral agreement, such as a memorandum of understanding, would be necessary to ensure participation of ENP partner countries in the IDABC programme. Following this agreement, the ENP partners can participate in projects of common interest and make use of horizontal measures.</p>
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<i>Disaster response</i>	Civil Protection Financial Instrument	<p><i>Decision (EC, Euratom) N° 2007/162 of the Council of 5 March 2007 establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 71 of 10 March.2007, p. 9</i></p> <p>Note: The Financial Instrument provides for a legal basis for granting Community assistance to civil protection actions in the field of prevention and preparedness to the countries inside the Community and other participating states as well as response under the Community Civil Protection Mechanism (see below) inside and outside the Community. It supports and complements the efforts of the Member States for the protection of people, the environment and property and facilitates reinforced cooperation between the Member States in the event of natural and man-made disasters.</p> <p>Article 7: Participation in the Instrument shall be open to candidate countries. Other third countries may cooperate in activities under the Instrument where agreements between these third countries and the Community so allow.</p>
	The Community Civil Protection Mechanism	<p><i>Decision of the Council (EC) 792/2001 of 23.10.2001 establishing a Community civil protection mechanism (recast)</i></p> <p><i>Recast text adopted by Council on 6 June 2007</i></p> <p>Note: The Mechanism is established to facilitate reinforced cooperation between the Community and the Member States in civil protection assistance interventions and consists of a series of elements and actions financed through the Civil Protection Financial Instrument.</p>
<i>People-to-people issues</i>	Lifelong Learning	<p><i>Decision (EC) No 1720/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 establishing an action programme in the field of lifelong learning</i></p>

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		<p><i>O.J. L 327 of 24 November 2006, p .45-68</i></p> <p>Article 1 (2): This programme aims to foster interchange, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the Community so that they become a world quality reference.</p> <p>Article 7 (2): Key activity 1 of the Jean Monnet Programme referred to in Article 3(3) (a) shall also be open to higher education institutions in any other third country.</p> <p>Article 8: Under the Lifelong Learning Programme, and in accordance with Article 9, the Commission may cooperate with third countries and with the competent international organisations, in particular the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).</p> <p>Article 14 (2): Up to 1% of the allocations under the Lifelong Learning Programme may be used to support the participation in partnership, project and network actions under the Lifelong Learning Programme of partners from third countries which do not participate in the Lifelong Learning Programme under the provisions of Article 7.</p>
	Culture	<p><i>Decision (EC) No 1855/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 establishing the Culture Programme (2007 to 2013)</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 372 of 27 December 2006, pp. 1-11</i></p> <p>Note: The programme aims to enhance the cultural area common to Europeans through the development of cultural cooperation between creative artists, cultural players and cultural institutions of the countries</p>

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		<p>taking part in the programme, through inter alia trans-national mobility, circulation of works and cultural and artistic products and inter-cultural dialogue.</p> <p>Article 5 (2): The programme shall also be open to cooperation with other third countries which have concluded Association and Cooperation Agreements with the European Community which include cultural clauses, on the basis of supplementary appropriations and specific procedures to be laid down.</p> <p>Annex I.1 (1.3): Special actions: Support may also be given in this context to cooperation with third countries and international organisations, as set out in Articles 5(2) and 6 of the Decision.</p>
	European Audiovisual Sector (MEDIA 2007)	<p><i>Decision (EC) No 1718/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 concerning the implementation of a programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007).</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 327/12 of 24 November 2006</i></p> <p>Note: The global objectives of the programme are to preserve and enhance European cultural diversity and its cinematographic and audiovisual heritage and promote inter-cultural dialogue, increase the circulation of European audiovisual works inside and outside the European Union and strengthen the competitiveness of the European audiovisual sector.</p> <p>Article 8 (2): The programme shall be also open to the participation of States which are parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Trans-frontier Television ..., assuming that supplementary appropriations are received in compliance with the conditions to be agreed upon between the parties concerned.</p>

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		<p>Article 8 (3): Opening up of the programme to European third countries covered by paragraphs 1 and 2 may be subject to prior examination of the compatibility of their national legislation with Community legislation, including Article 6(1)(5) of Directive 89/552/EEC, as amended by Directive 97/36/EC. This provision does not apply to actions under Article 3.</p> <p>Article 8 (4): The programme shall be also open to cooperation with other third countries which have concluded Association and Cooperation Agreements with the European Union incorporating clauses on the audiovisual sector and on the basis of supplementary appropriations and specific arrangements to be agreed upon.</p> <p>Note: The Commission regards ratification of the UNESCO Convention on Cultural Diversity as part of the EC audiovisual <i>acquis</i>.</p>
	Youth in Action	<p><i>Decision (EC) No 1719/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2006 establishing the “Youth in Action programme” for the period 2007-2013</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 327 of 24 November 2006, pp. 30-44</i></p> <p>Note: The general objectives of the programme are to promote young people’s active citizenship, to develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, to foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries, to contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organisations as well as to promote European cooperation in the youth field.</p> <p>Article 5 (2): The actions in points 2 (European Voluntary Service) and 3 (Youth of the World) of the Annex shall be open to cooperation with</p>

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		<p>third countries that have signed agreements with the Community relevant to the youth field, hereinafter referred to as “partner countries”.</p> <p>This cooperation shall be based, where relevant, on additional appropriations from partner countries to be made available in accordance with procedures to be agreed with these countries</p> <p>Note: A special scheme has been introduced for the Mediterranean countries – the Euro Med Youth programme. Projects submitted by EU organisations are funded by the programme budget (including ENP costs) whereas projects submitted by organizations from ENP countries are funded from external support instruments.</p>
<i>Research and development</i>	Seventh Framework Programme for Research	<p><i>Decision (EC) No 1982/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013)</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 412 of 30 December 2006, p. 1</i></p> <p>Article 1: The Framework Programme for Community activities in the area of research and technological development ("RTD"), including demonstration activities ("the Seventh Framework Programme") for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013.</p> <p>Article 2: The Seventh Framework Programme shall support the activities set out in point (i) to (iv). The objectives and the broad lines of those activities are set out in Annex I.</p> <p>Annex I: Activities of International Cooperation: The international actions carried out under the different programmes within the seventh Framework Programme will be implemented in the</p>

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		<p>context of an overall international cooperation strategy.</p> <p>Cooperation with third countries in the Seventh Framework Programme will be targeted, in particular, at the following groups of countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Candidate countries; -Countries neighbouring the EU, Mediterranean partner countries, Western Balkans countries (WBC) [17] and the Eastern European and Central Asian countries (EECA) [18]; -Developing countries, focusing on the particular needs of each country or region concerned [19]; -Emerging economies.
<i>Statistics</i>	Statistical Programme 2008-12	<p><i>Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012 [COM (2006) 687 final of 16 November 2006]</i></p> <p><i>Adoption expected in 2nd semester 2007</i></p> <p>Article 4 (1): The programme shall ensure continued statistical support for decisions and evaluations in current Community policy areas and provide statistical support for any additional requirements arising from new Community policy initiatives</p> <p>Annex II.Title XXI– Economic, Financial and Technical Co-operation with Third countries states:</p> <p>Main initiatives 2008-12:</p> <p>Key areas to develop are economic statistics, national accounts and price statistics, external trade, migration statistics and social statistics. In addition, other sectors like energy and environment statistics and more broadly, sustainable development indicators should progressively emerge as a key input for policy making. The co-operation should also aim at building up and enhancing the institutional capacities of the national statistical offices and inter-institutional co-operation.</p>

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		<p>“Statistical co-operation with the countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) aims at supporting the development of these countries’ statistical systems with a view to provide a basic set of harmonised data meeting EU requirements in areas where EU policies would demand. The statistical assistance for these countries is implemented through the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument.</p>
<i>Regional policy</i>	European Regional Development Fund	<p><i>Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the European Regional Development Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1783/1999</i></p> <p><i>O.J. L 210 of 31 July 2006, p. 1</i></p> <p>Article 21 (3): In the context of cross-border, trans-national and interregional cooperation, the ERDF may finance expenditure incurred in implementing operations or parts of operations on the territory of countries outside the European Community up to a limit of 10% of the amount of its contribution to the operational programme concerned, where they are for the benefit of the regions of the Community.</p>

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