

**COMMISSION DECISION**  
**C(2009) 5215 of 01/07/2009**

**approving the second part of the 2009 Annual Action Programme in favour of the  
Mediterranean region to be financed under Article 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of  
the European Communities**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted, in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy<sup>2</sup>, the Regional Strategy Paper (2007-2013) and the Regional Indicative Programme (2007-2013) for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership<sup>3</sup>, which prioritises regional cooperation on the environment, including the depollution of the Mediterranean, energy, transport, strengthening of the dialogue between government and non-government stakeholders, and the creation of a common area to promote intercultural exchange and increased awareness of the partnership via the media.
- (2) The second part of the 2009 action programme is designed to take account of these priorities by supporting the following measures: Euro-Mediterranean research and dialogue on economic cooperation; Sustainable water management and depollution of the Mediterranean; Mediterranean Motorways of the Seas II; Euro-Mediterranean Gas Market Integration project – second phase; MEDSTAT III; Euromed Audiovisual III; Euromed Youth IV and Global Allocation.
- (3) This Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>4</sup> and of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>5</sup>.
- (4) This Decision covers all potential requests for the payment of default interest based on Article 83 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and Article 106(5) of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> This action programme concerns the following Mediterranean partners: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, the Palestinian Territories and Tunisia.

<sup>3</sup> C(2007)672.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 248, 16.09.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1995/2006 (OJ L 390, 30.12.2006, p. 1).

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 478/2007 (OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p. 13).

- (5) For the purposes of applying this Decision and in order to ensure that all substantial changes made to the Decision are adopted by means of the same procedure as the one followed to adopt the Decision being amended, the term "substantial change" is to be understood in the sense given to it by Article 90(4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee established pursuant to Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The second part of the 2009 action programme for the Mediterranean region, consisting of the following measures: Euro-Mediterranean research and dialogue on economic cooperation; Sustainable water management and depollution of the Mediterranean; Mediterranean Motorways of the Seas II; Euro-Mediterranean Gas Market Integration project – second phase; MEDSTAT III; Euromed Audiovisual III; Euromed Youth IV and Global Allocation, the text of which is annexed hereto, is hereby approved.

*Article 2*

The Community's maximum contribution is set at EUR 62 million, to be financed from line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009.

*Article 3*

Within the maximum indicative budget allocated to all the specific actions, cumulative changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum Community contribution shall not be considered to be substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the 2009 action programme.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*  
*Benita FERRERO-WALDNER*  
*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEXES

### 2009 Annual Action Programme for the Mediterranean Region

- Annex 1: Euro-Mediterranean research and dialogue on economic cooperation**
- Annex 2: Sustainable water management and depollution of the Mediterranean**
- Annex 3: Mediterranean Motorways of the Seas II**
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