

PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH GERMANY

NAME:

Analysis, feasibility study and preparation of proposal for mechanism of investment between Bulgaria and Germany in support to the investment priority directions – e-government, infrastructure, new technologies and environment.

PRIORITY FIELD:

- Encourage the economic reforms, Small and medium enterprises /SMEs/;
- Encourage the Public administration;
- Creation of an appropriate investment framework for joint projects;

GOAL AND BASE:

Main goal: Creation of an appropriate mechanism between Bulgaria and Germany, which:

- to support the preparation and implementation of investment projects;
- to train specialist;
- to carry out auditing and Setof the companies in line with the EU requirements;
- facilitating the participation of German companies in the investment projects in Bulgaria as well as of Bulgarian companies in Germany;

The proposal is in line with the Government management program, the National strategy for e-government, the Program “Industry 2002”, the memorandum between Bulgaria and Bavaria and others;

The proposed mechanism of investment should carry out activities on :

- issue of guarantees and risk coverage of financial losses, related to investments in Bulgaria and realization of Bulgarian investments in Germany;
- increase of competitiveness of Bulgarian companies in front of German investors, as well as through the investment markets in Germany;
- financial losses protection, caused by failure to pay on investment contract on behalf of Bulgarian or German partners;

- reliable assessment of the Bulgarian or German partners solvency;
 - wider access to pre-investment financing;
 - wider access export financing;
- The German experience will be used for the project implementation, where organizations of such type exist.

DURATION AND STAGES:

Duration – 8 months;

Stages:

I stage – analysis of barter, partners and investments, including hi-tech organizations, scientific developments, markets; Work meetings, expert assessments, discussions and wide-range presentation and results discussion;

Time limit - 2 months

II stage – opportunities study in Bulgarian or German и Германия, legal frame; expert analysis and assessments, work meetings, wide-range presentation and discussion;

Time limit – 2 months

III stage – Elaboration of proposal for mechanism of investment; seminars, expert analysis, discussions of possible proposals, work meetings, wide-range presentation and results discussion;

Time limit - 3 months

IV stage – Co-ordination of proposal with governmental institutions, financial organizations, donors and others and proposal submission to the respective competence institution in Bulgaria and Germany; Analysis of variants, work meetings, co-ordination and coordination, procedures implementation in the respective institutions;

Time limit - 1 months

BENEFICIARIES

Ministry of Finance and State administration: Interministerial Expert subgroup on e-government on local level– project manager a - Krasimir KAtew- Deputy Minister of Finances, according to order P-24 of Prime- minister of Bulgaria, on March the 7th, 2003;

Partners:

State administration- co-ordination centre between UNDP and State administration and Department Information technologies;

Ministry of Finances – Department “External finances”;
Ministry of Economy – Department “Project Co-ordination”;
Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Department “Europe”;
Agency for Sustainable Development and Eurointegration;

TARGET GROUPS

- Companies and business structures, having interests towards investment projects in the main directions;
- State and local administration;
- Structures related to the EU accession process of Bulgaria;

APPROXIMATE COST:

280 000 BGN;

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION:

- Analysis of the existing investment problems in front of joint investment initiatives, between Bulgarian or Germany;
- Study and assessment of possible mechanism of investment – solutions of variants;
- Elaboration of joint proposal and start of procedure for investment mechanism between Bulgarian and German, in support of investment priority directions – e-government, infrastructure, new technologies and environment;
- Package of proposals for changes in laws and relation instruments, in case of proved necessity;

Priority Directions :

First priorityu :

- e-government – public services, orientated to business, registers, integration of department information systems, geographic information systems, systems for distant observation, security systems;

Other priorities:

- infrastructure–transportation corridors, management of resources на пещиси, communication;
- new technologies – energy efficiency in new energy sources, information technologies, biotechnology;



- environment – rehabilitation of degraded lands, eco-audit and eco-profit systems, biodiversity protection, timber resources protection, recycling and waste management;

PROJECT PROPOSAL:

The expert group for investment mechanism with leader Krasimir Katev – Deputy Minister of Finances;

COORDINATION:

Co-ordinator from the Ministry of Finance:

Lachezar Stefanov – Head of Department “External finances”;

Co-ordinator from the State administration:

Nikolai Gelev – Head of Department Information technologies and communications;

Co-ordinator from the Interministerial council – e-government:

Hristo Traikov – Head of Co-ordination centre for Information and management technologies;

Co-ordinator from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

Maia Dobрева – Head of Department “Europe”;

General Co-ordination :

Kristian Milenov – Secretary of Interministerial expert working group – e-government on local level, according to order P-24 of the prime minister of Bulgaria съгласно, from, March, the 7th 2003; and Stefan Daskalov – Projects Co-ordinator with FRG at AURE “Ecoregions”.

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