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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR INSTITUTION BUILDING /TWINNING

Subject: Updated Common Twinning Manual 2007

Please find attached in Annex I the updated common Twinning Manual for all Twinning projects financed out of the Community budget under the respective financial instruments, i.e. IPA, ENPI and Transition facility.

This updated Common Twinning Manual will apply to all Twinning contracts for which the official letter of **notification of selection** will be issued as from **01 September 2007**.

It will also be made publicly available on the Twinning website of Directorate General Enlargement.

This comprehensive document is the outcome of a review and co-operation between the twinning teams in charge of the respective geographical areas in Directorates General Enlargement and EuropeAid.

It does not overhaul the existing Twinning rules and procedures, but aims at adjusting them to the new IPA regulation (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance) and the new ENPI regulation (European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument) which have recently come into effect. Wherever possible, convergence between the different areas has been reinforced.

For your easy reference you will also find in Annex II an Overview Document detailing the main changes to the existing twinning rules and procedures.

The present streamlining highlights the European Commission's determination to maintain Twinning as an efficient and flexible tool for public sector co-operation in a European context.

We would once again like to express the appreciation of the European Commission for the active participation of the public administrations in the Member states and in the beneficiary countries in the successful implementation of twinning.

We are looking forward to the continuation of the close and productive co-operation.


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Annex I: Updated Twinning Manual Annex II: Overview of main changes

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