



## **ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2013**

MEMBER STATE: **PORTUGAL**

FUND: **External Borders Fund**

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY: **DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION**  
**(Direção-Geral de Administração Interna - DGAI)**

YEAR COVERED: **2013**



## **1. GENERAL RULES FOR SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED UNDER THE PROGRAMME**

### **a) General Rules**

The Responsible Authority is the General Directorate of Internal Affairs within the Ministry of Internal Affairs which provide technical, administrative and financial management for the General Programme on Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows.

The Responsible Authority can act as the contracting authority and / or as a execution body, according to article no. 7 of the Rules of Implementation of the Fund, approved by Commission Decision n. ° 2008/456/EC of 5 March 2008.

The Responsible Authority acts as awarding body where, in general, selects projects running based on annual call proposals.

In duly justified cases, including the pursuit of multiannual projects under paragraph. 6 of Article 16 of the Decision, which have been selected in under a call for proposals earlier or in emergency situations, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals.

The Responsible Authority acts as execution body where opts for direct execution of projects, when the characteristics of these projects do not permit other choice due to monopoly situations de jure or for safety reasons, in which case, the rules concerning the final beneficiary shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Responsible Authority.

The reasons that lead to the responsible authority to act as execution body of certain projects will be identified and communicated to the Commission European under the annual program concerned, along with and the identification of the national authorities involved in the implementation.



The Responsible Authority may execute the projects identified directly and / or in combination with any competent national authority due to their technical expertise, their level of expertise or its administrative powers.

This model is supplemented by the appointment of two bodies with full technical, administrative and financial autonomy: the Certifying Authority (CA) and the Auditing

It was guaranteed a complete separation of functions between the RA, the Certifying Authority (CA) – which is the Financial Institute for Regional Development, and the Auditing Authority (AA), which is the Inspectorate-General of Finance.

In the case of the CA, the separation of functions is further reinforced by the fact that the team responsible for certifying expenditure under the Funds of the Framework Programme has no involvement in matters relating to the implementation, if any, of projects, as was the case, moreover, under the EBF.

The AA, which is part of the Ministry of Finance and therefore occupies a position of complete independence in relation to all potential beneficiaries, is the body responsible, at national level, for auditing all Community financing, which fact alone attests to its competence and impartiality in exercising the functions in question.

The RA is also part of a Joint Committee, an advisory body made up of representatives of those members of the Government with competence in the area in which the Fund is active which becomes involved either at the stage of drafting the programming under the Fund or at the stage of approving projects.

The general rules for selection of projects to be financed under the Annual Programme are consistent with those laid down in the specimen description of the management and control system for the four Funds that make up the Framework Programme on Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows, which was sent to the European Commission at the appropriate time.



The RA organises all the procedures for the selection and award of co-financing by the Fund, in accordance with the principles of transparency, equal treatment and non-duplication of support.

The rules are contained in the national legislation relating specifically to the Fund – *Portaria* No 269/2013, of august 20<sup>st</sup> and can also be found in the manual of procedures for the Fund as well as on the RA's own website (<http://www.fundoscomunitarios.mai.gov.pt> ).

When appropriated the process for the selection of projects (awarding mode) laid down in those documents as follows:

- Announcement – Applications are made to the RA following the publication of an announcement in a newspaper with extensive national coverage and on the RA's own website. The announcement contains, either directly or by reference to a web page which it will specify, all information relevant for this purpose, in particular the Fund objectives which the applications must meet, the eligible beneficiaries, the temporary eligibility period for the Annual Programme (1 January 2013 to 30 June 2015) during which projects must be implemented, the selection criteria and the value of the financial appropriation available.

General selection criteria:

- Degree of consistency with the national situation and national requirements;
- Relevance, appropriateness and consistency of the objectives and activities of the project in relation to the Multiannual Programme;
- Fitness of the profile of the body applying for financing, proven experience and track record;
- Cost effectiveness of the anticipated expenditure;
- Degree of complementarity with other publicly-financed projects.
- Other criteria set by the AR and duly advertised in the notice of call for proposals.



The minimum criteria laid down in Article 16(5) of the basic act establishing the Fund will also be observed.

Submission of applications – Applications are submitted by electronic form, so as to provide the information necessary for the approval decision and the subsequent monitoring, control and evaluation processes. A table of indicators of implementation and results is annexed to the form so that the body applying for funding can select the indicators most appropriate to the proposed project. This will make it possible to assess the project's contribution to the objectives of the Programme.

- Admissibility of the application – This involves a formal analysis of the application to verify compliance with the general conditions governing the eligibility of the applicant and of the project.
- Analysis of the application and technical opinion – Analysis of the application will be based on the forms themselves and will include assessment against the selection criteria and an examination of the eligibility of the expenditure proposed and whether it is reasonable for the purposes of achieving the objectives of the application.
- Opinion of the Joint Committee – Following analysis, applications are ranked in accordance with the rating arrived at after their assessment against the selection criteria and on the basis of the funds available, and submitted to the Joint Committee for its opinion. Once this opinion has been obtained, a decision can be made.
- Decision – Instrument validating approval of the application for financing.
- Financing contract – The financing decision is formalised by a written contract concluded between the RA and the body applying for financing.

The procedures for the conclusion of contracts will be in conformity with the provisions of Article 11 of the rules governing the implementation of the Fund and will ensure compatibility between the national and European Union rules applicable to public procurement.

Once the activity of the actions under this Annual Programme of the External Border Fund are de Jure State monopoly, managed by governmental bodies, and in most



cases the activity is highly linked with security, they will be implemented through executing mode.

Thus, the Actions 1, 2, 5 and 6 the will be implemented by the RA in association with the Foreign Nationals and Borders Service (SEF), the action 3 in association with the Directorate-General of Infrastructures and Equipments of Ministry of Internal Affairs (DGIE) and the action 4 in association with the National Republican Guard (GNR), all based on execution agreements to be duly signed between the parts.

The Foreigners and Borders Service (SEF - Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras) is responsible for national border control being responsible under this to ensure and strengthen the national security through the implementation of various processes and procedures for incident prevention, control and safety in borders of the Schengen area.

It has administrative autonomy and its fundamental objectives within the internal security policy include border control of persons, leave to stay and the activities of foreigners in Portugal, as well as the study, promotion, coordination and execution of measures and actions related to these activities and migratory flows.

As a criminal police body, in terms of criminal procedural law, SEF acts in the process under the direction and operational dependence of the competent legal authority, implementing the measures determined by that authority and the acts delegated by the same authority.

Its mission is to implement the Portuguese policy for immigration and asylum in agreement with the provision on Constitution and law and the Government guidelines.

Some of the main SEF legal attributions are:

- To watch and control the border crossing, including the area of international ports and airports, the movement of people, prevent the landing of passengers and crew of ships and aircraft undocumented or in an irregular situation;



- To control the circulation of persons at border crossings, preventing entry or exit from the country of people who do not meet the necessary legal requirements for the purpose; To authorize and check the entry of persons on board ships and aircraft;
- To control and monitor the residence and activities of foreigners throughout the country;
- To issue opinion concerning requests for consular visas;
- To introduce, instruct and deciding upon the administrative expulsion of foreigners from the country and implementing the decisions of administrative and judicial eviction and trigger, instruct and deciding upon readmission and ensure its implementation;
- To carry out escorts of citizens object of removal;
- To decide on the acceptance of examining applications for asylum and to proceed to the instruction of the procedures for granting, establishing the State responsible for examining the respective applications and the transfer of candidates among member states of the European Union;
- To ensure the management and reporting of data related to the National Schengen Information System (NSIS) and, without prejudice to the duties of other entities, other information systems common to the member states of the European Union under the control of movement of persons, including the Visa Information System (VIS) and the System Advance Passenger Information (APIS), as well as those relating to the information system of the Portuguese Electronic Passport (SIPEP);
- To Ensure compliance with the obligations provided for in the law on the entry, stay, exit and removal of foreigners from the country;
- To issue the temporary passport and ordinary Portuguese passport.

The National Republican Guard (Guarda Nacional Republicana - GNR) is a security force of a military nature, which is composed by military elements who are organized in a Special Body of Troops and endowed with administrative autonomy, whose mission is to ensure democratic legality, guarantee internal security and citizen's rights, as well as collaborate in the national defence policy enforcement under the terms of the Constitution and of the Law.



The GNR Coastal Control Unit (UCC), which is entrusted with fulfilling the GNR mission along the coast and in the territorial sea, has as specific mission the terrestrial and maritime surveillance, patrolling and interception along the coast and in the territorial sea of the continent and autonomous regions. This mission also includes the monitoring of vessels and passengers in order to combat illegal immigration and others.

Some of the GNR legal attributions are:

- To prevent crimes and carry out criminal investigations;
- To carry out the surveillance and patrolling of the coast and territorial sea (European Union external border);
- To collaborate in the control of all entries and exists pertaining to national and foreign citizens and goods into and out of the national territory;
- To participate in international missions and represent the country in international organisms/institutions;
- To serve as the national point of contact for international exchange of information on vehicle related crimes with cross-border repercussions.

The Directorate-General of Infrastructures and Equipments of Ministry of Internal Affairs (DGIE) was the mission of study, design, coordination, implementation and technical support in the domain of asset management, infrastructure and equipment necessary for carrying out the tasks of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MAI).

Some of the legal competencies are:

- Conduct studies towards establishing of policies and logistics infrastructure of the security forces and MAI services;
- Coordinate and monitor the policy premises of the security forces and the services of the MAI, and update their registration;
- Planning, contracting and monitor the works of construction of new facilities and other infrastructure, as well as the improvement works, where it will be determined;
- Develop and propose, with the cooperation of the security forces and MAI services, on plans of equipment, and execute them when legally approved





- Proceed to the procurement of goods and services related to equipment and applications, police equipment and information systems and communications;
- Define and promote standardization of concepts and general rules and specific provisions relating to the negotiation and administration of procurement, as well as procedures for use of equipment and applications, and provide technical assistance in that areas;
- Ensure the management systems of common use between security forces and MAI services;
- Study and planning the architecture of information systems and communications, and coordinate the management of existing systems in the security forces and other services of the MAI;
- Ensure the provision of common services by contributing to the continued modernization of the information systems of the MAI, promoting interoperability between information technology and communications structures and MAI institutions , the provision of information technology and communications for common use or shared, the guarantee of adequate levels of security access, communication and storage of information and streamlining the acquisition and use of media and technology resources available.

## **b) State of play on the five strategic objectives 2011 – 2013**

### **SIS II project**

Until now, and regarding the SISII, the following tests have been performed:

- April 2011: CTE&QT (Compliance Tests Extended and Quality Tests);
- November/December: Central System Qualification Tests (CSQT) – Portugal was voluntary for the realization of this central tests;
- February 2012: Central test of the CU-BCU switch over and return – Portugal was also voluntary for the realization of this central tests;
- March/April 2012: Provisional System Acceptance tests – in this case, Portugal was also voluntary;
- April 2012: SIRENE basic connections tests;
- May 2012: Milestone 2 tests;



- June 2012: global tests;
- September: SIRENE connection tests;
- October 2012: Migration simulation exercise (simplified phase);
- November 2012: SIRENE functional tests;
- November/December 2012: complete migration simulation test;

For the performance of all the above mentioned tests and exercises, it was necessary the development of the NS.SISII according to the ICD 3.0, the development of the SIRENE application and the national interfaces.

In the several testing phases it is also necessary to create tools in compliance to the tests to be performed and data bases, verify the performance of these tools and the necessary disk space to store the entire log files, and finally to analyze the results obtained.

### **VIS roll-out**

Portugal is associated to this project through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Foreign Nationals and Borders Service (SEF). The information is sent to the Central VIS and handled through a national interface in each Member State.

The national component of the VIS is composed by the National Visa System (SNV) and by the Automatic and Secure Process of Entries/Departures (PASSE), both SEF's responsibility.

The VIS central system came into operation on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 with the registration of all visas issued in the consular offices in Algeria, Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia, as scheduled by the European Commission, and in the border posts in national territory.

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2011, the border posts began to carry out the monitoring of visas already issued by the VIS.

Portugal has fulfilled all the objectives proposed by the European Commission, under this project, in the stages of development, testing and production, and intends to have all the service stations and border posts equipped with biometric data collecting devices and biometric data readers until the end of this year.



### **Consular co-operation programmes between Member States**

In 2010 was concluded the project of the Common Visa Center (CCV – Centro Comum de Vistos) co-financed by the European Commission. This project was led by Portugal in partnership with Belgium and Luxembourg and also with the representation of Austria, Slovenia and the Czech Republic. The CCV opened in the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2010.

### **European Borders Surveillance System (EUROSUR)**

Regarding the EUROSUR, Portugal will have a type 1 National Coordination Center, wich means that this NCC will be connected to the one in the adjacent country through an interconnection network.

This NCC will be installed in the Guarda Nacional Republicana (GNR), due to its competences in the surveillance of the maritime external border, in the cooperation of all the authorities with responsibilities in border management, namely the SEF.

Untill the present time, the following activities have been pursued :

- April 2012 : participation of portuguese officers in a trainig action for network system administrators ;
- May 2012 : the General Commander of the GNR signed the Memorandum of Understanding of the EUROSUR Pilot Project with the Executive Director of the Frontex agency;
- June 2012 : assembling of equipments in the NCC and training action to its operators ;
- July 2012 : operation of the equipment for training purposes ;
- August 2012 : operation of the equipment introducing occurrences relating to immigration and cross-border crime ;
- Presently : extensioN of the EUROSUR training to all operators who perform duty in the Operational Command and Control Centre of the Coastal Control Unit of the GNR.

### **State of the art technology (integrated border management concept)**



The SEF, through the use of new technologies in the border management and control (ABS – Automated Border Checks), developed projects like the RAPID and is presently seeking the acquisition of the last generation of this solution that incorporates several improvements, namely:

- Last version of facial recognition software (faster and more effective);
- Distinction between not passing and interception/sending to 2<sup>nd</sup> line.
  
- New functionality allowing the automatic positioning of the camera according to the height of the passenger;
- Liveness detection;
- More adequate design to airports (narrower and ergonomic eGates);

Servers with more processing power.

## **2. CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS**

The Portuguese Management and Control System was revised in 2013, and notified to the Commission in July 31, in accordance with article 21, 1., of the Commission Decision no. 2008/458/EC, of March 5, 2008.

## **3. ACTIONS TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAMME UNDER THE PRIORITIES CHOSEN**

### **3.1. Actions to be executed under priority 1 – Support for the establishment of an integrated border management system as regards the checks of persons at and surveillance of the external borders**

#### **Action 1 – to modernize operating equipment and border crossing infrastructure**

The action will seek to contribute to the modernisation of operating equipment and infrastructure at border crossing points.

It consists of investments for the benefit of public bodies involved with control activities at the external borders, at the airports and at the maritime external border.



The investments expected to be financed in the context of AP 2013 are related to the RAPID System, the acquisition of technical and operational equipments for border control and the gradual establishment of a common and integrated system for border management regarding the control of individuals and surveillance of the external border.

- a) The project related to the RAPID System intends to upgrade of the current RAPID eGates, regarding software and hardware. The RAPID System consists in boxes (eGates) for automated border control through electronic passport readings. The main improvements resulting from this upgrade are:
- Implementation of the last version of the facial recognition software (faster and more effective);
  - Distinction between not passing and interception/sending to 2<sup>nd</sup> line;
  - New functionality allowing the automatic positioning of the camera according to the height of the passenger;
  - Liveness detection;
  - More adequate design to airports (narrower and ergonomic eGates);
  - Servers with more processing power.

Some additional considerations must be done about this project. The RAPID last generation of multi-modal ABC eGates (vb I – match 5) have been developed to support iris, fingerprint and facial recognition validation. The passage time in the control gates has been trimmed down and the passport validation and facial recognition are done simultaneously, reducing the passage time.

The RAPID rely on facial recognition technology that is used to identify the passenger, in an environment of security equipped with multiple sensors with different functions whose combination allows a better performance in detection of exceptional situations (for example: Detection of a second user within eGate or Detect if the user is using a photograph for validation of the face). The captured image is compared to the photo on the passenger's e-passport and if the information matches, the gate automatically opens for the passenger to pass border control.

If the information doesn't match, the passenger is referred on to an immigration officer, who will undertake a traditional manual check (*not*



*passing and interception/sending to 2<sup>nd</sup> line*). Another situation that can occur depends on an evaluation made by the border officer: if an officer thinks there it is necessary to do an extra check, for example through interview, he will act accordingly, sending the passenger to 2nd line.

This project was already presented under the previous AP however, due to budgetary constraints, the beneficiary was forced to reprogram it. The project now foreseen represents a sequel of the previous.

The development of the investment decision was supported by the economic viability analysis and the investments' timing was made accordingly with the idea of being more suitable to have a multi-phased investment rather than only one large investment.

Furthermore, the amounts available on the action inset on the Annual Program of 2012 were insufficient due to financial needs of the beneficiary.

- b) Concerning the acquisition of technical and operational equipments for border control, the purpose is to reinforce the security of the operatives on the border controls, both on the maritime border and airports, and adequate the control levels to the risk assessment.

It is intended the purchase of operational equipment, such as bulletproof vests, protection helmets, binoculars, live scan fingerprinting and life vests, but also all-terrain vehicles and vehicles equiped with border control systems.

- c) The project concerning the gradual establishment of a common and integrated system for border management regarding the control of individuals and surveillance of the external border intends to refurbish the equipments for detecting fraudulent documents, namely spectral video comparators, microscope with integrated camera, electronic reader of passports, visas and identification documents, among others.

### **Beneficiaries of this action**



Once the competencies to decide the quality, the type and to use the infrastructures at border crossing points are exclusive of the Foreign Nationals and Borders Service (SEF), ie, legally and administratively only this service can perform these functions (de Jure a State Monopoly), this project will be pursued by the RA acting as implementing body, in association with the SEF. To this effect will be signed an implementation agreement between the RA and the SEF.

### **Expected quantified results**

- a) Improvement of the border control capacities at the Lisbon airport, both in security and velocity, as well as an increase in the quality of the statistics generated. More specifically, the expected results of the planned investments are:
  - Number of eGates upgraded: 12;
  - Execution rate of the project: 100%;
  - Decrease in the average time to passport control on the RAPID system: from 20 to 12 seconds.
  
- b) Operational equipments acquired: 100 (21 binoculars; 29 metal detector rackets; 29 fingerprinting kits; 21 live scan fingerprinting).

Vehicles: 8

(Bearing in mind the length of the international area of some seaports (for example Lisbon has approximately 40km of length on the northern margin of the Tagus River and a similar length on its southern side) and the variety of vessels that can enter and dock, 6 vehicles will be acquired in order to, not only upgrade the mobility and readiness of our border guards, but also to allow the transportation of any suspect of illegal immigration that is detected.

The other 2 vehicles are to be used in border patrols. They will be equipped with border control systems.)

Improvement of the service and quality levels of the border guards, according to the Schengen Acquis.



- c) Increase in the number of second line skills made: 10%  
 Number of equipments for document analysis acquired and correspondent laptops: 8  
 Increase in the levels of detection of fraudulent documents.  
 Increase in the border control levels enhancing a more effective intervention in cooperation actions.

**Financial Information:**

Action	Community contribution	Public contribution	Private contribution	TOTAL	%EC
	1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5=1/4
<b>Action 1</b>	1.018.248,98	339.416,33	0,00	1.357.665,31	75%

Since this action 1 has three major components **it was planned the following (indicative) financial allocation:**

Action	Community contribution	Public contribution	Private contribution	TOTAL	%EC
	1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5=1/4
<b>Action 1</b>	<b>1.018.248,98</b>	<b>339.416,33</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>1.357.665,31</b>	<b>75%</b>
a) RAPID system (eGates upgrade...)	552.338,71	184.112,90	0,00	736.451,61	75%
b) Technical and operational equipments for border control	302.928,85	100.976,29	0,00	403.905,14	75%
c) Integrated system for border management (Equipments for detecting forged docs...)	162.981,42	54.327,14	0,00	217.308,56	75%

**Categorization of the action according to the typology for the Fund**

- Checks [infrastructure, operating equipment and systems (ICT)]





## **Action 2 – To upgrade national communication systems**

The action concerns investments in national communication systems aiming at improving processes to enhance border security and control.

In this Annual Programme it is foreseen the acquisition of equipment to the Center of Border Situation, namely ICT equipments (servers, computers, laptops), risk assessment software, interactive board, multimedia projector, projection screen, one vehicle, among others.

Although the same action was already foreseen in the 2011 and 2012 AP, due to financial constraints the governmental decisions to reduce costs and investments at ministerial level had a direct impact on the submitted Projects, obliging the beneficiary to discontinue them. Thus, no achievements are to be reported.

The pertinence of the purchase of one vehicle (24/7days) relates to the need for rapid deployment to an external border in order to provide for technical support or any other incident that may occur, related to any of the technical components of the communication systems.

Therefore, it was planned to acquire the following 18 ICT equipment to the Center of Border Situation: 8 Desktops; 2 Laptops; 4 Tablets; 1 Server; 1 Storage; 1 Videoconference System; 1 Multifunction Printer.

### **Beneficiaries of this action**

Once the activities of this action are de Jure State monopoly and highly linked with security, they will be implemented through executing mode in association with the Foreign Nationals and Borders Service (*SEF - Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras* – SEF). To this effect will be signed an implementation agreement between the RA and the SEF.

### **Expected quantified results**

- Centralization, accreditation, analysis and dissemination of operational information;



- Elaboration of tactical plans for operational activity;
- Production of activity and incidents reports;
- Effective centralization of the information produced in the external borders posts;
- Adequate the levels of control to the risk assessment;
- Acquisition of ICT equipments: 18
- Acquisition of vehicles: 1
- Interactive screen: 1

**Financial Information:**

Action	Community contribution	Public contribution	Private contribution	TOTAL	%EC
	1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5=1/4
<b>Action 2</b>	138.185,88	46.061,97	0,00	184.247,85	75%

**Categorization of the action according to the typology for the Fund**

- Checks [operating equipment and systems (ICT)]

**3.2. Actions to be implemented under priority 2 – Support for the development and implementation of the national components of a European surveillance system for the external borders and of a permanent European patrol network at the southern maritime borders of the EU Member States**

**Action 3 – Investments in establishing an integrated national surveillance system**

The main purpose of this action is the strengthening and modernisation of the surveillance and control system at the external maritime borders, as well as providing for more efficient coordination, interconnection and interoperability of such arrangements.



The projects contributes to the development of an integrated national system for the surveillance of the maritime external border which is able to disseminate relevant information on an ongoing basis to all entities involved in external border control, insuring interoperability with other internal and external systems for the management, control and surveillance of borders and fixed and mobile observation posts.

The action concerns the portion of the implementation of a national coastal surveillance system, the "Integrated Coastal Control and Surveillance System (SIVICC)" national project, attributed to the fight against illegal immigration and border control security.

Since SIVICC also has another scope as a support system for detecting and combating threats in the context of tasks assigned to the National Republican Guard (GNR), only 50% of the global investment will be considered eligible to be supported under this action.

The system will set up an operational mechanism distributed along the sea border based on an integrated technology platform that will facilitate the surveillance of the maritime external border providing real time information to the command and control centres to process and interpret data and information allowing for making decisions concerning interception means. The system is a wider configuration linked to the Open Sea (maritime apparatus) and Morcego & Mobile (terrestrial) national projects, which in turn constitute its operational branches.

The SIVICC will help to strengthen border control on the coast, develop and implement new tools and integrate the components of the coastal surveillance in the scope of EUROSUR.

This action is developed in stages regarding different geographic areas and has already been included in the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Annual Programmes.

The project included in this AP consists in the final payment due on the end of the implementation period, when all the components of the SIVICC are supposed to be fully operational, namely the observation posts (Type 1 – containerized, sharing fixed infrastructures in a pre-determined location in normal circumstances; Type 2

– fixed and installed in already existing infrastructures (buildings) of the GNR; Type 3 – mobile) as well as the technical training needed to operate the system, and the installation of the elements of the subsystems in the national and regional Command and Control Center and connections with their observation posts, namely detection and identification, communications, command and control, application and management, and location.

This action will be developed by the Directorate-General of Infrastructures and Equipments (DGIE), the public body within the Ministry of internal Administration responsible for the major investments in equipments and infrastructures and GNR will be the final user of the system.

As referred this action is developed in phases regarding different geographic areas and has already been included in the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Annual Programmes. The overall project development depends of the beneficiary financial capacity and of technical and administrative procedures. The project is now in the final phase, and since the beginning it was been acquired the necessary equipment to the observation posts and to the subsystems in the national and regional Command and Control Center (CCCN and CCCR).

The next two tables show the type of equipment acquired related to the Annual Programmes:

	<b>Projects</b>	<b>Overall at national level January 2007 to July 2012</b>	<b>Observation post Localization</b>
Number and localization of observation posts	2009/FFE/A2/06	2 Observation Posts type II 3 Observation Posts type III	OP 'S Ancão e Sardão
	2010/FFE/A4/01	1 Observation Posts type I 2 Observatiom Posts type II 2 Observation Posts type III	OP 'S da Galé, Foz do Arelho e Fonte da Telha
	2011/FFE/A3/01	1 Observation Posts type I 4 Observation Posts type II 2 Observation Poststype III	OP 'S da Armona, Praia Verde, Leirosa, São Jacinto, Espinho, Aguçadoura, Montedor.
	2012/FFE/A3/01	4 Observation Posts type I 4 Observation Posts type II (under development)	OP 'S Paimago, Tocha, Ponta da Galhofa, S. Pedro de Moel, Sines, Comporta, Cabo da Roca, Ponta da Piedade



Components	Projects	Overall at national level	Notes
Radar system; electro-optical system; work station; communications system; interface for remote control of sensors; weather station; GPS; applications for command and control system with data fusion and digital mapping; video and data backup system; surveillance system (for peripheral security) security system to the perimeter of the vehicle with motion detector sensors and CCTV cameras..etc	2009/FFE/A2/06	20 Portable cameras	
	2010/FFE/A4/01	Installation of Sub-Systems Communications, applicational and Management in CCCN and CCCR, necessary for its operation and functioning of Fixed POS Installed in Phase I (PA 2009).	PA 2010 (Phase II) the sub-Systems communications were not fully implemented since had not been made the connection VTS (was dependent on the signing of the contract with the consortium)
	2011/FFE/A3/01	Installation of Sub-Systems Communications, applicational and Management in CCCN and CCCR, necessary for its operation and functioning of Fixed POS Installed in Phases I, II, III (AP 2009, AP 2010, AP 2011).	In AP 2011 (Phase III) the Communications Sub-system were implemented but no tests were conducted
	2012/FFE/A3/01	Installation of Sub-Systems Communications, applicational and Management in CCCN and CCCR, necessary for its operation and functioning of Fixed POS Installed in Phases I, II, III and IV (AP 2009, AP 2010, AP 2011 and PA 2012)	AP 2012 (phase IV) ongoing

It may be referred that with the help of the equipment acquired until now there was increased the area covered by the sensors and the creation of conditions for the operation of centralized PO'S and minimized the need for personnel assigned to monitoring the national coast.

**Beneficiaries of the action**

Once the activities of this action are de Jure State monopoly and highly linked with security, they will be implemented through executing mode in association with Directorate-General of Infrastructures and Equipments (DGIE). To this effect will be signed an implementation agreement between the AR and the DGIE.

**Expected quantified results**

Entry into operation of:



- 8 Type I observation posts;
- 12 Type II observation posts;
- 7 Type III observation posts;
- 1 National Command and Control Centre;
- 1 Regional Command and Control Centre;
- All the connections between all the elements of the SIVICC.

Completion of at least 16 training actions.

**Financial Information:**

Action	Community contribution	Public contribution	Private contribution	TOTAL	%EC
	1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5=1/4
<b>Action 3</b>	2.822.850,00	940.950,00	0,00	3.763.800,00	75%

**Categorization of the action according to the typology for the Fund**

- Operating equipment
- Systems (ICT and surveillance systems)

**Action 4 – Purchase of equipment for detection, identification and intervention at borders**

The action will seek to provide the operational means necessary for intervention at borders and will be implemented through the purchase of equipment under two national projects, namely Open Sea and Morcego & Mobile by the National Republican Guard (GNR – *Guarda Nacional Republicana*).

These two national projects are linked to the deployment of a multiphase national coastal surveillance system, designated "Integrated Coastal Control and Surveillance System (SIVICC)" aiming to reinforce the conditions to fight the illegal immigration and increase border control security. The GNR constitute its operational branches and is of crucial importance to increase and update the operational means for GNR intervention operations.



The investments included in AP 2013 represent a continuation of the projects submitted under previous AP. In this scope it is planned the acquisition of several equipment that was not possible to acquire over the previous Annual Programs, but still needed for the operational activity of the National Republican Guard (GNR – *Guarda Nacional Republicana*), generically listed in the table below.

Project	Item description	Quant.
<b>Open Sea</b>	Auxiliary vessels (muranzel)	1
	Maintenance maritime kits	3
	Maintenance technology kits	3
	Mobile maintenance unit	3
	Maintenance technology unit	3
	System for transport vessels	1
	Boat semi-rigid (Surveillance)	5
	Boat semi-rigid (Interception)	2
<b>Morcego &amp; Mobile</b>	Portable thermal camera night vision	12
	Vehicles TT (all terrain)	9

### **Beneficiaries of the action**

Once the activities of this action are de Jure State monopoly and highly linked with security, they will be implemented through executing mode in association the National Republican Guard (GNR – *Guarda Nacional Republicana*). To this effect will be signed an implementation agreement between the AR and the GNR.

### **Expected quantified results**

- Increase in the surveillance and interception capabilities;
- Increase in the number of patrols and interventions to fight illegal immigration;
- Increase in the enforcement actions at sea;
- Reduction of the inoperability time of the equipments.

### **Financial Information:**

Action	Community contribution	Public contribution	Private contribution	TOTAL	%EC



	1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5=1/4
<b>Action 4</b>	235.343,09	78.447,70	0,00	313.790,79	75%

### **Categorization of the action according to the typology for the Fund**

- Means of transport (sea vehicle, land vehicle)
- Operating equipment
- Systems (ICT and surveillance systems)

### **3.3. Actions to be implemented under priority 4 – Support for the establishment of IT systems required for implementation of the Community legal instruments in the field of external borders and visas**

#### **Action 5 – Investments linked to Schengen Information System (SIS)**

The SIS is the main compensatory measure of free movement within the Schengen area, which in return requires not only the strengthening of common external borders but also the rapid and efficient exchange of information in the context of border controls and police and judicial cooperation.

The SIS is a database on a large scale and acts as a joint information system that allows the competent authorities of Member States, through an automatic inquiry process, search and obtain information relating to people and objects. It consists of national sections (N-SIS) containing data provided and verified by the national authorities for a central system located in Strasbourg (CSIS) which ensures that the data is identical for all Member States and for the SIRENE (Request Supplementary Information Entering the National Territory), through which the authorities exchange information.

The SIS II is obligatorily used in border control and for all entities with responsibilities for internal security of all MS, as well as the services of Customs, judges and Consulates.

The development / update of the national component of the SISII intends to implement the requirements defined in the last version of the Interface Control





Document and the Detailed Specifications defined by the European Commission for the development of the respective changes in the application system, either in the interactive component and interface side.

When all systems at national and central level are certified will be held the migration from the old system (SIS 1) for the new (upgraded) SIS II. In the meantime it will be also necessary training for users of the new features of the system.

The development of the national component of SIS II will be carried out in accordance with the technical standards and Legal defined at Community level. If Portugal fail to make the necessary changes within the set time frame will be unable to apply Schengen rules.

The main objectives of this action under the present Annual Programme are:

- Insure the continuity of the System;
- Insure the accomplishment of good practices regarding the safeguard of data and critical systems supporting national and European security;
- Development of new functionalities;
- Creation and configuration of the alternative system;
- Software adaptation to the alternative system;
- Carrying out of comprehensive tests.

### **Beneficiaries of the action**

Once the activities of this action are de Jure State monopoly and highly linked with security, they will be implemented through executing mode in association with the Foreign Nationals and Borders Service (*SEF - Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras* – SEF). To this effect will be signed an implementation agreement between the AR and the SEF.

### **Expected quantified results**

- % of tests concluded in the alternative system: 100%
- Execution rate in the end of the project: 100%



- Increase in the detection and disclosure of occurrences.

### **Financial Information:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Community contribution</b>	<b>Public contribution</b>	<b>Private contribution</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>%EC</b>
	1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5=1/4
<b>Action 5</b>	206.438,89	68.812,96	0,00	275.251,85	75%

### **Categorization of the action according to the typology for the Fund**

- SIS

### **Action 6 – Investments linked to Visa Information System (VIS)**

The implementation of the Visa Information System (VIS) is a "Project" common and compulsory for all Member States.

It is a system of exchange of information between Member States visas. It consists of the issuance of visas with biometric data and subsequent confrontation with a database AFIS to validate the information. The information is sent to a central system and is handled through a national interface in each Member State.

At Border Control is made the match between the fingerprint collected when the visa application was made with the fingerprint collected at the time of crossing the border and may also be issued visas in specific situations which meet the conditions imposed by VIS.

Thus, the implementation of VIS national component involves the creation of conditions to the issue of biometric visa by the Foreign Nationals and Borders Service (*SEF - Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras*) and so that the border posts can validate and control biometric visas presented.



The interface (gateway) developed by SEF, currently in operation, ensures communication with the Visa Information System, the PASS system (border control), both belonging to the SEF and the Registration Request Visas. In order to ensure the ongoing continuity of service is necessary to acquire equipment and services to guarantee the functioning of the system in case of disaster by the development of an alternative gateway to the VIS.

Taking into account the identified needs in this Annual Programme it is foreseen the acquisition of several equipments in order to insure the continuity of the capability of issuing biometric visa and create the necessary conditions to enable the border posts to control and validate biometric visas.

The equipments planned are:

- Application servers;
- Data base servers;
- Backups capacity;
- Data storage capacity.

It is also foreseen the acquisition of the following services: creation, configuration and implementation of the alternative system (redundant); definition and implementation of continuity procedures; adaptation of the gateway software.

### **Beneficiaries of the action**

Once the activities of this action are de Jure State monopoly and highly linked with security, they will be implemented through executing mode in association with the Foreign Nationals and Borders Service (*SEF - Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras* – SEF). To this effect will be signed an implementation agreement between the AR and the SEF.

### **Expected quantified results**

- Increase of the security levels in the document issuing;
- More effective capacity of detecting false or misused documents;
- Number of acquired servers: 4
- Number of installed and configured servers: 4



**Financial Information:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Community contribution</b>	<b>Public contribution</b>	<b>Private contribution</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>%EC</b>
	1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5=1/4
<b>Action 6</b>	290.652,84	96.884,28	0,00	387.537,12	75%

**Categorization of the action according to the typology for the Fund**

- VIS

**3.4. Common features**

Implementation Schedule

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Visibility of co-financing by the Fund

Co-financing by the Fund of any component relating to management of the Programme and the projects to be approved will be clearly visible. Methods for ensuring visibility will include:

- Placing the EU logo and specifying co-financing by the Fund on all material produced to implement the programme (invitations to present project proposals, manuals of procedures, guidelines, forms, correspondence, etc.);
- Placing the EU logo on all equipment purchased for the project;
- Placing the EU logo and specifying co-financing by the Fund on all relevant publicity material, prospectuses, headed paper, public relations activities, etc;
- Placing the EU logo and specifying co-financing by the Fund at the premises of subsidy beneficiaries (for example, office walls, entrances, etc.);



- Publicising co-financing by the Fund, in particular where projects are mentioned in the context of seminars or conferences;

The following text will be used to specify co-financing by the Fund:

**“Project co-financed by the European External Borders Fund”.**

Complementarity with similar actions financed by other Community instruments

Complementarity with other Community instruments and the prohibition of overlapping financing are basic principles of management which are laid down in the national legislation applicable to the implementation of the Fund and which find expression at all stages of the Programme’s execution, in particular as follows:

- The Joint Committee, which is the advisory body of the Programme’s Responsible Authority, comprises representatives of those members of the Government with competence in the area in which the Fund is active and becomes involved at the stage of drafting the corresponding programming as well as at the stage of approving projects, its specific responsibilities being, among others:
  - Providing the information necessary to ensure that there is consistency and complementarity between the financing from the Fund and other relevant national and Community instruments;
  - Deliver opinions on developments in national investment priorities in the area in which the Fund is active.
- During the various stages of the Programme’s implementation, in particular at the stages of submitting applications and monitoring and reviewing projects, the RA asks the body applying for financing or the body to which financing has been awarded, as the case may be, for information on the compatibility of the action in respect of which financing has been applied for or awarded with other national or Community instruments and ascertains whether there is any overlapping financing; for this purpose, the application form contains a specific field in which the applicant must specify any



complementarity between the application being submitted and any other project(s) executed or in the course of being executed; when examining the application, the RA checks for consistency and to ensure that there is no overlapping support, inter alia by consulting the information systems of the authorities managing the national programmes, in particular with Community support.

- The RA represents the Ministry of Internal Administration within the monitoring bodies of the National Strategic Reference Framework for the period 2007-2013, which monitor implementation of the programmes supported by the Structural Funds;
- Within the Ministry of Internal Administration the RA centralises all information relating to projects or actions in respect of which any form of Community financing has been applied for or awarded, and is responsible for ensuring that that financing is consistent and that there is no overlapping support.

#### **4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

##### **Purpose of technical assistance**

Technical assistance is specifically intended to promote maximum effectiveness and efficiency in the implementation of the Programme, and therefore seeks to provide, through the RA's, AA's and CA's technical support structure, a range of management activities which are essential for executing, monitoring and reviewing projects financed under the Programme so as to ensure that the objectives proposed are achieved.

To that end, technical assistance helps equip the RA's, AA's and CA's management structures, with the logistical facilities essential to its proper operation and to effective monitoring and review.

It is also responsible for taking action to promote, communicate and publicise financing, particularly the results achieved through the projects supported by the Fund.

Accordingly, the main expenditure headings to be taken into account are as follows:



- Expenditure relating to financing the RA's, AA's and CA's management support structures, including spending on the human and material resources allocated to them;
- Purchase of services for preparing midterm evaluation reports, implementation reports, final reports or some other reports that may be at any time required by the Commission, in particular expenditure incurred by the Responsible Authority in connection with the provision and monitoring of those services;
- Purchase of services for auditing and reviewing the projects supported, in particular expenditure incurred by the Auditing Authority in connection with the provision and monitoring of those services;
- Purchase of services for certifying expenditure, in particular cost incurred by the Certifying Authority in connection with the provision and monitoring of those services;
- Purchase of IT services and equipment to support the RA's management, monitoring and evaluation activities;
- Collection and processing of the information required to monitor the material and financial implementation of the projects financed;
- Information and publicity sessions with potential Programme beneficiaries and production of the corresponding media and tools;
- Communications and publicity sessions, in particular with respect to the results achieved through the projects supported;
- Technical preparation of the frameworks earmarked for the management support structure;
- Information sessions on the implementation of the Multiannual Programme results obtained via the projects supported by the annual programme.

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 11 of Council of Ministers Resolution No 155-A/2006 of 17 November 2006, the budgetary costs of this measure are to be borne by appropriations from the budget of the Ministry of Internal Administration. The Directorate-General of Internal Administration (DGAI) was the responsible for providing logistical support to the RA and for budgetary implementation, and is accordingly the final beneficiary of the technical assistance.



The DGAI's accounting system is organised in accordance with the Accounting Information System (AIS), and complies with the principles and concepts of accounting and the cost accounting criteria laid down by law.

### **Expected quantified results**

The expected results of this measure have to do with achieving the goals and objectives set out for the Programme and will therefore manifest themselves in management tasks and procedures, which, in accordance with the applicable rules, will make it possible to maximize the national and Community resources assigned to the Programme.

The following indicators will therefore be used:

- Rate of execution of the Fund expenditure at 31.03.2016 - 100%
- Average time taken to assess applications – 30 days

### **Beneficiaries of the action**

The Responsible Authority, the Certifying Authority and the Auditing Authority.

### **Visibility of Community financing**

See point 3.4.

### **Financial Information**

Action	Community contribution	Public contribution	Private contribution	TOTAL	%EC
	1	2	3	4=1+2+3	5=1/4
Technical Assistance	191.113,32	0,00	0,00	191.113,32	100%





**DRAFT FINANCING PLAN**

Annual Programme - Draft Financing Plan								
Table 1 - Summary Table								
Member State: Portugal								
Annual Programme: 2013								
External Borders Fund								
(All numbers in euros)	Priority No	Specific priority No -1	Community contribution (a)	Public contribution (b)	Private contribution (c)	TOTAL (d =a+b+c)	EC % (e = a/d)	Share of total (d/total d)
Action 1	1		1.018.248,98	339.416,33	0,00	1.357.665,31	75%	21%
Action 2	1		138.185,88	46.061,97	0,00	184.247,85	75%	3%
Action 3	2		2.822.850,00	940.950,00	0,00	3.763.800,00	75%	58%
Action 4	2		235.343,09	78.447,70	0,00	313.790,79	75%	5%
Action 5	4		206.438,89	68.812,96	0,00	275.251,85	75%	4%
Action 6	4		290.652,84	96.884,28	0,00	387.537,12	75%	6%
Technical assistance			191.113,32	0,00	0,00	191.113,32	100%	3%
Other operations(2)								
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>4.902.833,00</b>	<b>1.570.573,24</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>6.473.406,24</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>100%</b>
(1) If applicable.								
(2) If necessary, specific measures defined in the basic act, in particular emergency measures.								

*Signature of person responsible*

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