Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA)

## PART II

### SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

## TITLE I

#### TRANSITION ASSISTANCE AND INSTITUTION BUILDING COMPONENT

# CHAPTER I

# Object of assistance and eligibility

### Article 64

#### Areas of assistance

- 1 Assistance under this component may be granted to the beneficiary countries in particular in the following areas:
  - a strengthening of democratic institutions and the rule of law;
  - b promotion and protection of the fundamental rights and freedoms contained in the European Charter of Fundamental Rights;
  - c public administration reform;
  - d reform in the field of justice and home affairs, such as reform of the legal system, the police, the prosecution, the judiciary, the penitentiary systems, and the customs and border control system, with particular emphasis on improving the fight against corruption, organised crime, terrorism, and illegal migration, and establishing information systems linked to these areas;
  - e modernisation of the regulatory framework, including support for investment to equip key institutions whose infrastructures or capacity to monitor and enforce legislation need strengthening;
  - f establishment or reinforcement of financial control systems;
  - g strengthening of the market economy, notably by helping self-organisation of economic actors and directly supporting economic activity, including through assistance to the private sector and help in industrial restructuring, as well as diversifying the economy, modernising key sectors and improving specific areas;
  - h development of civil society and dialogue between the government and nongovernmental bodies to promote democracy, the rule of law, human rights, respect for and protection of minorities, as well as civil society dialogue;
  - i establishment of social dialogue as an element of good governance and to promote fair and just working conditions;

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- j promotion of minority integration, reconciliation and confidence-building measures on all levels of society;
- k environmental policy, based on a high level of protection, promotion of the polluterpays principle, sustainable utilisation of natural resources, energy efficiency, renewable sources and the progressive adoption of the Community policy in all areas including climate change;
- 1 improvement of access to financial facilities for small and medium- scale enterprises and public administrations;
- m institution building in the field of nuclear safety, radioactive waste management and radiation protection, in line with the *acquis communautaire* and European Union best practices:
- n support for participation in community programmes, notably those aimed at increasing awareness of European citizenship, and preparation for participation in Community agencies.
- 2 In addition to the areas covered in paragraph 1, assistance may also be granted under this component to beneficiary countries listed in Annex II to the IPA Regulation, for the following areas:
  - a in accordance with Article 2(3)(b) of the IPA Regulation, social, economic and territorial development including, *inter alia*, investments in the areas of regional development, human resources development, and rural development;
  - b removal of obstacles to social inclusion and support for inclusive labour markets, in particular through actions aiming at improving living standards, fighting against unemployment and empowering human resources;
  - c support to productive sector and services and to the improvement of business-related infrastructures;
  - d adaptation, reform or, where appropriate, establishment of educational systems and professional training systems;
  - e improvement of access to, and interconnections of, transport, information, energy and other networks;
  - f reform of health care systems;
  - g improvement of information and communication systems.

[FIOn a case-by-case basis, the Commission may decide to grant assistance under this component for the above areas to beneficiary countries listed in Annex I to the IPA Regulation that have not yet been conferred management powers referred to Article 14.]

## **Textual Amendments**

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