

Administration Directorate

Management Board Meeting

28 January 2009

SUPPLEMENTARY AND AMENDING BUDGET (SAB)

PREPARATORY MEASURES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES AND THE POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES IN EFSA

1. The overall objective of the programme is to prepare Turkey, Croatia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the 5 potential candidate countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo under UNSC Resolution 1244/99 and Serbia), for participation in all activities of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) involving Member States. The programme aims at preparing the competent bodies of these countries, which are active in the fields relating to the work carried out by EFSA, for their future participation in EFSA networks. It will also contribute to (i) the creation of communication and information exchange systems, (ii) the transfer of knowledge on methodologies used in the fields within the remit of EFSA, in particular risk assessment and data collection and, (iii) to support Turkey, Croatia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the 5 potential candidate countries in their communication activities linked to risk assessment.
2. The programme is ultimately funded by the Commission which, through DG ENLARG, makes the funds available to EFSA through a contribution agreement amounting to EUR 1.0 million. The implementation of this Agreement which will be signed shortly covers a period of 21 months ending 31 December 2010. This amount will therefore be integrated into the 2009/2010 budget to cover EFSA's actions and activities linked to this programme.
3. The total budget 2009, pre-accession budget included would therefore amount to EUR 74.0 million (EUR 69.45 million before release of the reserve). The pre-accession budget would be added to the already approved revenue and expense items.

| Statement of revenue of the European Food Safety Authority | | |
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| Title Chapt er Article Item | Heading approved | Amount to be approved |
| 1 0 0 1 | PRE-Accession project (enlargement) [internal assigned revenue] | 1.000.000 |

| Statement of expenditure of the European Food Safety Authority | | |
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| 3 3 10 | PRE-Accession project (enlargement) [internal assigned revenue] | 1.000.000 |

It is proposed to the Management Board to approve the EUR 1.0 million Supplementary and Amending Budget related to the pre-accession programme, subject to the signature of the agreement between EFSA and DG ENLARG. Once the agreement will be signed, the approval of the Board will trigger the creation of a corresponding appropriation under the specific budget line for enlargement within Title III and allow the start of the activities.