<u>Standard Summary Project Fiche – IPA centralised programmes</u> (Regional / Horizontal programmes ; centralised National programmes)

1. Basic information

1.1 CRIS Number: 2007/19322

1.2 Title: General Technical Assistance Facility (GTAF) & Programme Reserve

1.3 ELARG Statistical code: 07.40

1.4 Location: Serbia

Implementing arrangements:

1.5 Contracting Authority: European Commission

1.6 Implementing Agency: N/A

1.7 Beneficiary: Information given under other sector fiches applies.

Financing:

1.8 Overall cost: 2.83 million Euros1.9 EU contribution: 2.83 million Euros

1.10 Final date for contracting: 3 years after the signature of the Financing Agreement

1.11 Final date for execution of contracts: 5 years after the signature of the Financing Agreement

1.12 Final date for disbursements: 6 years after the signature of the Financing Agreement

2. Overall Objective and Project Purpose

2.1 Overall Objective: Information given under other sector fiches applies.

2.2 Project purpose

The purpose of the General Technical Assistance Facility (GTAF) is to allow project preparation to proceed in a quick and effective manner.

The Programme Reserve will be used to cover additional programme related priorities and expenditures that are currently unforeseeable.

3. Description of project

3.1 Activities:

The GTAF will support the preparation and early implementation of activities under the Annual Programme. Actions to be supported are likely to include: recruitment of short-term technical assistance (local and international) for activities such as feasibility studies, inputs to terms of reference and specifications and tender evaluations.

The Programme Reserve is particularly important for enabling EU assistance to maintain a flexible capacity to respond to Serbian priorities, particularly in responding to Serbia's priorities for SAA negotiations/implementation. The assistance is to be targeted particularly towards areas such as: public administration, rule of law, environment, decentralisation, economic development, education, support to refugees and minorities and developing of institutional capacity to address the preparation of projects for financing under future IPA programmes.

In this regard, full use will be made of exemptions to procurement rules and calls for proposals provided for in the Financial Regulation.

4. Indicative Budget (amounts in €million)

		SOURCES OF FUNDING										
	TOTAL COST	EU CONTRIBUTION			NATIONAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION					PRIVATE		
Activities		Total	% *	IB	INV	Total	% *	Central	Regional	IFIs	Total	% *
GTAF	1	1										
Reserve	1.83	1.83										
TOTAL	2.83	2.83	100									

^{*} expressed in % of the Total Cost

5. Indicative Implementation Schedule:

Information given under other sector fiches applies.

6. Cross cutting issues (where applicable)

Information given under other sector fiches applies.