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Comunità Terapeutiche

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Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs

Vladimir Chipashvili

Dear Sir,

We would like to submit to your kind attention a proposal for establishing a co-operation agreement between the Georgian governement - and its Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs - and the Italian Federation of Therapeutic Communities (Federazione Italiana Comunità Terapeutiche - FICT).

This agreement has already been successfully presented to the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs in Poland and Bulgaria.

Enclose to this letter you will find FICT Annual Report 2005. This report aims to give you presentation of our Federation and a summary of what we have achieved during the past 12 months. Therefore we have translated in English highlights from pages 38 to 49.

While proposing this co-operation agreement, we are working towards establishing a direct link with a new Georgian NGO that Ms Nana Sakvarelidze is planning to create in the next few months after receiving your approval.

We are also interested in taking part in the European Union TACIS program tender concerning "Support to childhood protection reform in Georgia" which will be published over the next 2 months. To enter the tendering process we need to submit to EU Authorities a partnership with a Georgian NGO and a co-operation agreement with the concerned Ministry.

Should you need further information, our local contact and member of our organisation Mr Claudio De Biasi will be available at your convenience to complete with additional details.

We thank you for your kind attention and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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B-Brussels: Tacis - support to child welfare reform in Georgia

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Individual service contract forecast

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Location - Georgia

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2. **Procedure:** Restricted.
3. **Programme:** Tacis.
4. **Financing:** Georgia Tacis Action Programme 2004bis (subject to the final approval of the Action Programme).
5. **Contracting authority:** European Commission, B-Brussels.
6. **Nature of contract:** Fee-based.
7. **Contract description:** The overall objective of the project is to support the Government of Georgia in its effort of reforming the national childcare and child protection system.The project will provide technical assistance to the recently established Inter-Ministerial Commission on Child Welfare in view of promoting structural, regulatory and policy reforms aimed at gradually phasing out from the current system of institutionalised care (orphanages and boarding schools) while developing alternative childcare and family-based social services.
8. **Indicative maximum budget:** 2 200 000 EUR.
9. **Intended timing of publication:** April 2005.
10. **Additional information:** The planned programme in support to child welfare reform in Georgia will thus be designed fully in line with the EC Food Security Programme (EC FSP) in Georgia which has been in the forefront of supporting the reform of the childcare protection system. This FSP is a budgetary support programme that, along with other sectors (namely agriculture and public finance management), makes an emphasis on supporting reforms in the social protection domain particularly towards promoting the deinstitutionalisation programme.
11. **Legal basis:** Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 99/2000 of 29.12.1999 concerning the provision of assistance to the partner States in eastern Europe and central Asia.

Remarks:

There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this contract forecast and the publication of the corresponding procurement notice. No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage.

Co-operation agreement between Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs of the Republic of Georgia and the Federazione Italiana Comunità Terapeutiche (FICT)

WHEREAS

Corridors of transport and communication between the countries of Mediterranean Europe and the countries of Eastern Europe are ever shorter and busier.

Social ills - under its differents aspects: increase of weak and vulnerable sectors of the population, abandoned children and children raised in disadvantaged families, minors at risk, juvenile delinquents, homeless people – have expanded in recent years in Europe, involving not only the countries of the European Union but also those of Eastern Europe (including Republic of Georgia).

In the next few years the Republic of Georgia will establish a closer relationship with the European Union. At the same time, it will strenghten its diplomatic and politic exhanges with Italy, while joint co-operations are being developed in several field.

Because of the ever more global rooting of the phenomena of social ills in the East as in the West, there is a need for a two-way exchange and sharing of social practices between national government (as Republic of Georgia) and non-profit bodies that for years have tested social practices in their countries of origin.

Between **Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs of the Georgian Republic,** Mr Vladimir Chipashvili - Tbilis - Georgia

and

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The Italian Federation of Therapeutic Communities is a non profit Agency having Legal Status. It has been recognised as a non-profit-making *Body Corporate* (decree of the Ministry of the Interior of 26 November 1999). In 2000, the FICT was accorded the status of Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) – Public Information status by the United Nations.

The Federazione Italiana Comunità Terapeutiche (FICT) was founded in Florence on January 1981. Its first President was Father Mario Picchi. The second President Ms. Bianca Costa Bozzo (1993-May 2000) and the third President, currently in office, is Father Egidio Smacchia.

FICT carries out a wide range of actions as :

- services to rescue drug addicts and social outcasts, returning and refitting them for work into the community; already more than 12.000 young people have completed this process;
- specific services both for those that make use of "new drugs", and for persons with "dual diagnosis";
- day-care and residential centers for HIV-positive and AIDS persons;
- communities for drug-addicted women with children;
- targeted and specific treatment for drug-addicts in jail;
- communities for adolescents;
- day-care and residential services for alcoholics and gamblers;
- furthermore for many years FICT was in the forefront with regard to prevention.
- IPU – **"Project Man" Institute for Research and Training** offered a three-year University Course for Professional Educators and masters.

I Egidio Smacchia, born in Tolfa (Roma) on 13.07.1941, resident in Tolfa (Roma) in via Roma n° 105, C.F. SMG GDE 41L13 L192P, psychologist and psychoterapist, in quality of President and so as legal representative of Federazione Italiana Comunità Terapeutiche

A CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT IS STIPULATED AS FOLLOWS

Art. 1 – OBJECTS OF THE AGREEMENT

This present Agreement, of which the preconditions constitute an integral part, establishes co-operation between the Parties aimed at implementing and developing the following actions in the territory of the Georgian Republic.

a. Creation of a network of specific NGO in Georgia to support the Government of Georgia in its effort of reforming the national childcare and child protection system. If necessary, the range of action will be extended to combat disadvantage and social exclusion.

b. System actions at the national level in the field of social policies. Projects for developing alternative childcare and family based social services, projects for prevention by social means, projects for the reduction of risk and of damage, projects for therapy and reahabilitation, projects for social and professional inclusion in society, projects for transit and flow areas, projects for urban regeneration in decayed areas.

c. Training programmes (initial, continuing and on-line) for trainers, for social workers and for disadvantaged target groups, aimed at acquisition of varied skills and competencies in the field of social exclusion.

d. Technical assistance and mentoring in the approach to future European Union funds for the social area. In particular, for the design of actions using, in the beginning the Europe Aid Fund (of General Direction for Cooperation and Developement) and eventually in a next fututre funds by General Direction for Enlargement and Accession for research-action, for professional and vocational training, for implementation of measures to support and mentor socially disadvantaged groups, for creation of lifelong learning centers).

e. Technical assistance in the legislative, logistic and operational fields to contribute structuring of social models (such as community welfare, social network, accommodation/community, territorial education, fostering and adoption programs, self-help and other actions). Support will also ensure a smooth transfer of good practise acquired in Italy and Europe over the past two decades.

Art. 2 – INTENDED BENEFICIARIES OF THE ACTIONS

a. Persons living in situations involving social ills or delinquency (especially abandoned children, minors at risk of marginalisation, adolescents and young people who abuse narcotics, alcoholics, the homeless, prostitutes and victims of sexual exploitation, gypsies and other persons who are on the threshold of extreme marginalisation).

b. Technical assistance to interministerial commissions created to enhance the childcare system and implement the social services in areas where social exclusion is progressively growing. Support to public institutions, especially during the legislative phase, in order to promote structural and political reforms of the existing welfare system.

c. The NGO who works in the social and health sectors to realize interventions and the implementation of actions in the fields of social ills and delinquency.

d. The general public to raise awareness of problems associated with different social issuess such as: abandoned children, fostering and adoption programs, prostitution and sexual servitude, etc.

Art. 3 – COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT

Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs undertakes as follows :

a. To make available skills and competencies matured over time in the field of social exclusion in Georgia,

b. To make available guidelines of national or regional Sanitary Plans in order to allow global coordination of planned actions

c. To offer space, structures and logistic facilities to attain the objects of which in art. 1.,

d. To bring in institutional, academic and non-profit networks, and those of the industrial and business world, for implementation of a network strategy and coordination between interministerial commissions.

e. To develop strategies to gain a strong contracting role at a level of planning with the European Union especially during this phase of approach of UE by Georgia.

FICT undertakes as follows :

a. To make available skills and competencies matured over time in the field of social exclusion in Italy and other countries,

b. To make available its own personnel competent for the support, technical assistance, mentoring and training of Georgian trainers which in points a, b, c and d of art. 1.

c. To open and activate a permanent bilingual representation in Tbilisi

JOINTLY, the Parties undertake :

a. To exchange experts, co-ordinators, trainers and research workers to conduct joint activities of testing, design and construction of social models,

b. To undertake joint action in the field of international events, conferences, seminars and workshops on themes regarding social ills,

c. To exchange products, materials and instruments of work,

d. To determine a joint strategy for participation in EU and international calls for tender when possible.

Art. 4 – PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

For implementation of the provisions of this agreement (in particular those of articles 1 and 3), the Parties shall prepare a Programme of operations at the beginning of each year. This Programme shall specify priority objectives, types of actions to be taken, human resources to be involved, and the sourcing of funds for implementation of the said actions.

Art. 5 – DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall come into effect from the date of its signature, shall be of three years duration, and may be renewed for an equal period unless one of the Parties is of a contrary opinion, which it will be expressed at least six months before the date of expiry.

Art. 6 – MODIFICATIONS TO THIS AGREEMENT

Any modification or addition to the content of this present Agreement shall be valid and efficacious only if approved by both Parties in writing.

In consequence, disapproval, even if reiterated, of one or more of the agreements or clauses contained in the Agreement shall not be considered as tacit abrogation.

Art. 7 – FINAL CLAUSES

The Parties signatory to this present Agreement undertake to adopt the measures appropriate to render it operational.

Read, approved and signed by the Parties

For Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Affairs

For Representative of Italian Federation Therapeutic Communities

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Tbilisi, April 2005