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Summary of EU Assistance to Central Asia: 2007-2013: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and regional

The EU provides assistance to the five countries of Central Asia within the framework of the Regional Strategy Paper for Assistance to Central Asia for the period 2007-2013 which was adopted by the Commission on 27 April 2007, and which is delivered through the policy driven instruments for external assistance adopted by the European Union.

The financial commitments made by the EU since 2007 and indicative allocations to 2013 to the five countries of Central Asia are presented below for each of the EU's assistance instruments.

1. Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) - Central Asia geographic programme

The DCI Central Asia Indicative Programmes for 2007-2010 and 2011-2013 were respectively adopted by the Commission in April 2007 and April 2010. Accordingly, since 2007, the commitments made for the Central Asia region and countries (period 2007-2010) as well as indicative allocations foreseen (period 2011-2013) are as follows:

DCI Commitments to Central Asia: Bilateral and Regional 2007 – 2010 and Indicative allocations 2011-2013

Total DCI Assistance in millions (EUR)					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	Indicative allocations 2011-2013
Kazakhstan	19	0	0	25	30
Kyrgyz Republic	4.6	17	20.6	13	51
Tajikistan	14	9	15	28	62
Turkmenistan	6	4.15	0	11.85	31
Uzbekistan	0	(4.2)*	11	17.6	42
Regional	17.4	29	46.6	44	105
Total	61	63.35	93.2	139.45	321

* FA 2008 not counter-signed by Uzbek authorities and funds lost.

2. Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) - Thematic programmes: commitments for Central Asia 2007-2013

a. DCI Food security thematic programme:

Food security (in millions EUR)				
	2007	2008	2009	2010

Kyrgyz Republic	9	5	0	2
Tajikistan	9	0	0	2

Special allocation 'Global food price increase Facility' 2009-2010 (in millions EUR)	
Kyrgyz Republic	7
Tajikistan	15.5

b. DCI Non-state Actors/ Local Authorities thematic programme (NSA/LA):

About EUR 0.7 million is allocated yearly overall for projects in Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan. Two NSA programmes had to be terminated in 2010 in Uzbekistan due to impossibility of implementation (force majeure).

c. DCI Migration and asylum thematic programme:

About EUR 1 million is allocated yearly from 2007 to 2010 for regional projects concerning Central Asia.

d. DCI Investing in People

The thematic programme "Investing in people" is a major contributor to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria led by the World Bank, which finances important projects in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan.

The thematic programme is also, with EU Member States' bilateral assistance, a major contributor to the Catalytic Fund of the Fast Track Initiative Core Education for all, which has selected Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan as major recipients, receiving respectively EUR 11.22 million and EUR 10 million as of 2010.

3. European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

a. Bilateral allocations (micro projects):

Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan - approximately EUR 600,000 on the average per year

b. Global EIDHR calls

Turkmenistan - EUR 2.2 million (UNDP/UNHCHR)

Regional programmes:

Allocations currently implemented as follows, EUR 0.6 million for Central Asia Rule of Law - Venice Commission/Council of Europe: EUR 1.2 million for Central Asian Human Rights Defenders

4. Instrument for stability-IFS (ex-RMM: rapid reaction mechanism)

Kyrgyz Republic was the main recipient in Central Asia:

2007: Judiciary reform – EUR 2.5 million (RRM)

2008: Constitutional reform - EUR 1.5 million (IFS)

Further contribution currently under examination following 2010 spring events.

5. Humanitarian Assistance to Central Asia 2006-2010

a. Disaster preparedness assistance (DIPECHO): 2006-2010 Central Asia regional programmes:

DIPECHO Disaster preparedness (in millions EUR)		
CA Action Plan IV	2006-2007	6
CA Action Plan V	July 2008	7.3
CA Action Plan VI	December 2009	7.295
CA Action Plan VII	Planned for 2010	7

b. Humanitarian assistance

ECHO Humanitarian assistance	
Earthquake Kyrgyz Republic 2008	EUR 400,000
Tajikistan 2010	EUR 420,000
Response to crisis in Kyrgyz Republic 2010	EUR 5,000,000

6. Macro Financial Assistance

Tajikistan: a macro financial assistance package consisting of a EUR 60 million loan (disbursed in March 2001) and a total grant of EUR 35 million disbursed in 5 annual payments of EUR 7 million (last disbursement made in 2006). Tajikistan's outstanding debt balance to the EU of EUR 28 million should be reimbursed starting from 2012.