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This booklet provides information on support programs and projects carried out by the Middle Black Sea Development Agency between years 2009 and 2013.



» VISION - MISSION



Vision

An internationally respected institution aiming at making the Region the gate of Turkey opening to the Black Sea, with increased living standards, ecologic sensitivity, competitiveness and fast development.

Mission

Successfully implementing necessary plans, programs and activities in order to maintain sustainable development in the areas of economic, social and cultural life, together with our stakeholders in Middle Black Sea, as well as developing ourselves and our Region with a participative governance understanding.



» SUPPORTS OF OKA

2009 Financial Support Program for Increasing

Increasing the Competitiveness and Export of Enterprises Financial Support Program is the first support program launched by OKA. The main objective of the program is to encourage sustainable economic development in the TR83 Region, to increase competitiveness of enterprises, to support opening out, to help them achieving high technology and qualified work force as well as to increase the experience and capacity of the region in implementing the financial aid programs compatible with the local priorities.



As the Program was closed on 29 March 2010, 535 projects had been received and grant contracts signed between 79 successful projects after administrative and technical evaluation period. 15 projects from Amasya, 26 projects from Çorum, 26 projects from Samsun and 12 projects from Tokat were supported. Within the program 14.5 million TL of total grant had been provided to the projects with a total investment budget of 33.1 million TL.

At the end of the program 718 people have been employed and 797 new machines have been bought by the SMEs.

2010 Financial Support Programme for Developing Small Scale Infrastructure and Preserving and Improving Ecological Balances, Touristic and Cultural Values

With the Financial Support Programme for Developing Small Scale Infrastructure and Preserving and Improving Ecological Balances, Touristic and Cultural Values, projects aimed at strengthening local authorities by evoking the economic and cultural potential, preserving, improving and restoration of urban pattern, improving urban infrastructure intended to business development, tourism, production and trade and dealing with environmental problems in a sustainable way, improving the living conditions by increasing the environmental and urban quality were supported.



Project title: Amasya Taşhan Restoration and Management Project
 Beneficiary: Amasya Special Provincial Administration
 Project Budget: 2.991.500 TL
 Total Grant: 750.000 TL

The grant amount provided by OKA was 18 million TL for a total investment of 36,7 million TL..



Project title: Samsun Trainig Camp and Beach for Disabled
 Beneficiary: Samsun Metropolitan Municipality
 Project Budget: 2.311.732,09 TL
 Total Grant: 750.000 TL

2011 Financial Support Program for Increasing The Competitiveness of SMEs and Improving The Foreign Trade

Financial Support Program for Increasing the Competitiveness of SMEs and Improving The Foreign trade was announced in 2011. The objective of the call is to increase the competitiveness of SMEs with a potential to produce high value added products and to make a contribution to SMEs for developing R&D and innovation capacities as well as improving production possibilities of high-tech products which are subject export.

Within the program with ongoing 60 projects the grant amount expected to be provided for a total investment of 30,1 million TL, is 14,3 million TL.



2011 Financial Support Program for Improving The Human Resources

This call for proposals, aims at improving the human resources especially women, young, disabled and rural population, increasing the qualifications of labor force to overcome the challenges for employment and decreasing the unemployment to ensure the social development of TR83 Region.



The grant amount for the 30 projects aiming at increasing employment of women and young people, diversifying rural activities and integrating disabled people to social life, is 2 million TL.

Guided Project Support

Middle Black Sea Development Agency supported the project “**Samsun Fair and Congress Center**” which was submitted by Samsun Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Samsun Metropolitan Municipality, Samsun Provincial Administration, Ondokuz Mayıs University and Samsun Commodity Exchange in 2011. The project with a total budget of 12 million TL is the first



guided project to be financed by the development agencies in Turkey. The grant amount of 7 million TL is provided by Middle Black Sea Development Agency. The Fair Center, which is about to be completed, will be an important facility center in the region.



The project of “**Çorum Technology Park**” which was approved by Ministry of Development in 2012, is the second guided project to be financed by OKA. Total budget of the project is 6 million TL and 4,5 million of it will be provided by OKA. Çorum Technology Park which will be constructed in Çorum Organized Industrial Zone, will be a best practice in terms of university-industry cooperation.

2013 Financial Support Program for Small Scale Infrastructure Devoted To Disadvantaged Groups In The Society

The call for proposal of “Small Scale Infrastructure Devoted To Disadvantaged Groups” was announced in December 2012 under the call for proposals of 2013. The submission of projects ended on 4 March of 2013. The objective of the program is to improve the socio-cultural infrastructure of rural and urban areas for disadvantaged groups namely disabled people, women, older people, children and young people at risk of crime or involved in crime.



A total grant amount of 6 million TL will be transferred to projects by Financial Support Program for Small Scale Infrastructure Devoted To Disadvantaged Groups Evaluation.

2013 Financial Support Program for Social Inclusion of Disadvantaged Groups

The Financial Support Program for Social Inclusion of Disadvantaged Groups has been announced under the call for proposals of 2013. The purpose of the program is to improve the quality of life and support social integration by ensuring equal access to opportunities and resources to the disadvantaged groups; disabled people, women, elder people, children and young people at risk of crime or involved in crime, long-term unemployed, unemployed youth and mobile temporary workers.



Total grant of 2 million TL will be devoted to projects supported by Financial Support Program for Social Inclusion of Disadvantaged Groups.

Technical Support Program

OKA has started to implement the Technical Support Program in 2012 to support local actors which face technical difficulties due to lack of institutional capacity, in the preparation and implementation stage of their works which are important for regional development. Technical Support, involving trainings in technical subjects is provided to institutions, organization and NGOs to increase institutional capacity through five separate periods in 2012.

With the Technical Support Program announced in 2013, a total amount of 350.000 TL is allocated.

Under this program in 2012 a total of 31 technical support activities have been carried out and 1654 technical staff participated to trainings.



Direct Activity Support

OKA gives Direct Activity Support to the institutions to develop the Region, make use of the opportunities in terms of competitive power, increase the innovation and entrepreneurship capacity of the Region, take measures against threats and risks to regional economy, carry out planning and strategic action programs as well as to do research on subjects of critical importance. Moreover, feasibility reports of business development centers, technoparks and institutions alike are other suitable project topics. According to these purposes the Agency announced first Direct Activity Program in 2010.

In 2010 Direct Activity Support, up to 100% of the project budget support was provided, 11 out of a total of 62 projects were supported with a grant of 420.000 TL.

In Direct Activity Support Program announced in 2011, 11 supported projects were granted with a budget of 536.955,00 TL. Under the program various research studies, analysis, reports, strategic research reports are prepared and presented to the stakeholders in the region.

With the Direct Activity Support Program in 2012, 45 project applications have been received and 15 of these have been supported and granted. Total grant amount for this program was 860.000 TL. Projects highlighting economic, social and cultural potential of the region are among the supported projects under this program.

Direct Activity Support Program was announced in January 2013 and 500.000 TL will be allocated to the supported projects in this context.



MIDDLE BLACK SEA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FIGHTS AGAINST INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT

The project of “Middle Black Sea Development Agency Fights against Informal Employment” has been accepted under the IPA component of Human Resources Development Operational Programme “Promoting Registered Employment through Innovative Measures Grant Scheme”. The Project has been implemented throughout the years 2010 and 2011.

The aim of the project is to facilitate formalization process by promoting formal employment in the construction sector by training unemployed young people and organizing events to raise awareness in order to promote registered employment in TR83 Region. The total budget of the project is 400.000 euros and EU contribution is 360.000 euros. In the framework of this Project, OKA trained 80 people about utilization of work machines, organized more than 100 seminars and conferences to raise awareness on informal employment.



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INCREASING COMPETIVENESS OF TR83 REGION

Increasing Competiveness of TR83 Region Project is one of the projects approved under the scope of Regional Competitiveness Operational Program. The contract between OKA as the applicant institution and Science, Industry and Technology Ministry as the Program Authority was signed on February 1st, 2012.

The total budget of the project is 6.960.105 euros and the implementation period is 32 months.

The Project includes the construction of building of the Middle Black Sea Development Agency, establishment of geographical information systems database, technical assistance towards increasing the capabilities of the OKA staff, preparation of sectoral analysis, operationalization of the regional development plan as well as trainings for SMEs in the region.

The project has three components and is planned to be implemented in 2013 and 2014.

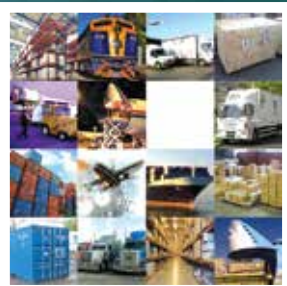
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SAMSUN LOGISTICS CENTER PROJECT

The Project "Samsun Logistics Center" is one of the projects approved under the 4.th project package of the Regional Competitiveness Operational Program. The Project has the highest project budget among other successful projects and is the only major project in the short list. Before the approval of the short list, there was a negotiation period during which detailed presentations have been made to the representatives of Delegation of European Union to Turkey and to the Science, Industry and Technology Ministry officials. Fields visits have been done to possible logistics center areas and after these visits, the field appropriate for the project was chosen as the Tekkeköy district.

The estimated budget of the project is 24 million euros, however the negotiations continue with the European Union. While OKA is the applicant institution, the partner institutions are Governorship of Samsun, Samsun Metropolitan Municipality, Samsun Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Samsun Provincial Administration, Samsun Commodity Exchange and Municipality of Tekkeköy.



The Project includes establishment of a new logistics center which brings together and connects the scattered logistics areas, provision of infrastructure for this center, establishment of storage facilities, parking places, customs areas and offices. There will be also training programs with the aim of having a qualified labour force in the sector.

AMASYA NATURAL STONE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

One of the 47 successful projects under the Regional Competitiveness Operational Programme is the Amasya Natural Stone Centre of Excellence Project. The applicant institution is the Amasya Marble and Miners Association and the project budget is 9,3 million euros. Amasya Investment Support Office of OKA provides technical assistance to the Project.

The Project aims at establishing a Natural Stone Centre of Excellence through which coordination between enterprises about promotion, export and marketing strategies will occur. It is also planned to have a common use facility. In the common use facility there will be high technology machinery and equipment at the service of enterprises in marble-natural stone sector since the sector has strategic importance for the development of the region.

Partners of the Project are Amasya Provincial Special Administration, Amasya Organized Industrial Zone, Amasya Chamber of Commerce and Industry; the associate organizations are Samsun Metropolitan Municipality and TÜMMER.



BIG PARTNERSHIP OF SMALL INDUSTRIALISTS

Big Partnership of Small Industrialists Project is another project supported by the Regional Competitiveness Operational Program. While the applicant institution is Tokat Small Industry Construction Cooperative, Tokat Investment Support Office of OKA provides technical assistance.

The project is one the first 6 projects approved by the Delegation of European Union to Turkey under the 2009 Call for Proposals of Science, Industry and Technology Ministry. The total budget of the project is 8.126.425 euros.

The project includes establishment of a Common Use Facility in a 2800 m2 area which will be at the service of machinery manufacturers, furniture manufacturers, and car mechanics.

Besides, there will be also Furniture Atelier, Machinery Atelier and Metal Analysis Laboratory established by this Project. The Project is expected to be completed in 2014.



MOB-RED (MOBILITY FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

Within the scope of European Union Education and Youth Programs / Lifelong Learning Program / Leonardo da Vinci Program, MOB-RED Project offered by OKA was implemented in 2012. While the applicant of the project is Middle Black Sea Development Agency, Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Investment Support and Promotion Agency, East Marmara Development Agency, Mevlana Development Agency, Amasya, Çorum and Tokat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Timay Tempo Joint-Stock Company are the project partners.



With this project, in order to have experience and practical knowledge about regional development, investment support and promotion, 4 study visits of 2 weeks were organized to regional development agencies in Finland, Portugal, Spain and Italy. 40 participants realized these study visits in the scope of project with a budget of 59.000 Euro. Participants gained experience to improve their knowledge about activities of regional development, socio-economic research methods, strategic planning, program management process, monitoring and evaluation, investment promotion subjects.

LOGIC Project

Within the scope of European Union Education and Youth Programs / Lifelong Learning Program / Leonardo da Vinci Program, the purpose of the LOGIC Project, which began in 2011, is to exchange missions in adult education. With seven partners from seven different countries, the project director institution is RADAR-B from France. OKA is one of the project



partners. The other project partner institutions are from Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Portugal and Spain. With a budget of 18.000 Euro, the project has been implementing between 2011 and 2013. OKA successfully completed 12 mobility activities. OKA participated in 4 coordination meetings in 2012.

A total of 21 different applications of best practices in adult application, prepared by 7 project partners from their own countries, were shared.

Two newspapers, describing the process, were published; the handbook of best practices was completed and each partner translated it in its language. In 2013, project's evaluation methods will be discussed; dissemination of project activities and its promotion to different actors will be realized.



URBAN NEXUS-Furthering Strategic Urban Research

URBAN Nexus project, a network venture project, was awarded a grant from 7th Framework Program. OKA is a contributor in the project with the contract number [FP7/2007-2013] n° 282679. The project's coordinator institution is Holland City Innovation Studies Institute. The project has a total of 12 partners from England, Spain, Sweden, Germany, Hungary, Belgium and France.

The overall objective of the project is, by taking into account European Environment Agency's urban adaptation strategy for global climate change, to develop activities related to effects of global climate change in urban areas, effects of people in urban life, health in urban life, land-use, and integrated urban management. Another objective is to contribute to share and disseminate knowledge by creating cooperative networks.



In the scope of the project, within the framework of activities carried out in 2012, a kick-off meeting in Bulgaria, workshops in Scotland and Barcelona were realized.

REGIONAL BUSINESS INCUBATORS' NETWORK “BLACK SEA BI-NET”

Regional Business Incubator Centres Network is one of the successful projects under the scope of Black Sea Basin Cross Border Cooperation Program 2nd Call for Proposals. The applicant institution is from Moldova and along with OKA-Turkey; the partners are from the Greece, Romania, Armenia and Ukraine.

The project aims at establishment of a regional business incubators' network and online twinning system, as well as becoming globalized through an International Forum. The project involves also providing consultancy to find international partners.

The total project budget is 15.169.098 Euros and the share of OKA is 801.531,21 Euros.



EforT: Environment For Tourism Workshop

Workshop activity, called “EforT: Environment for Tourism”, prepared by Middle Black Sea Development Agency, was awarded a grant under Lifelong Learning Program (LLP) / Grundtvig Program conducted by Turkish National Agency.



The workshop will take place in Samsun/Turkey between 26th of May 2013 and 01st of June 2013 in order to focus on natural wealth of Middle Black Sea Region and the important role of sustainable eco-tourism in revitalizing local economies. 15 participants from different European countries who are interested in environmental issues, eco-tourism, sustainable development and alternative tourism activities will share their experiences with other participants to develop

innovative instruments about environmental tourism. As a result of this activity, it is planned to get alternative tourism proposals to use them in our Agency's future studies.



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