

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Europe Regional
Program Title:	Local Government and Urban Development
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	180-0230
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$133,000 AEEB
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,046,000 AEEB
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$145,000 AEEB
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1997
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2006

Summary: The Local Government Program consists of activities to strengthen the work of local governments and other groups. Regional Networking encourages local government reform and the transfer of knowledge and practices among countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia through seminars, workshops, and conferences on topics of importance to local governance and decentralization.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

LOGIN Networking (\$125,000 AEEB). In FY 2004, there will be marketing of LOGIN Internet, a web-based resource for local governments and related institutions in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. There will also be a dissemination of publications produced under the Fiscal Decentralization Initiative. LOGIN Regional Networking will also commission the publication of a background paper for a conference to be held in 2005 in the E&E region. The implementing partner is the Open Society Institute of Budapest.

Strengthening Local Government in Southeast Europe (\$915,000 AEEB carryover). Funds will be used to support additional activities to strengthen the work of local governments and other groups in support of projects that directly complement or contribute to the goals and objectives of Stability Pact Working Table One as previously notified. The grantee is Catholic Relief Services.

Program Development Support (\$8,000 AEEB, \$131,000 AEEB carryover). Program-funded staff will continue to support the above program areas.

FY 2005 Program:

Program Development and Support (\$145,000 AEEB). Program-funded staff will continue to oversee activities that are closing out and provide expert technical assistance to the field on local government matters.

Performance and Results: Regional Networking encourages local government reform and the transfer of knowledge and practices among countries through seminars, workshops, and conferences on topics of importance to local governance and decentralization. These activities promote East-East cooperation among local government leaders, technical specialists and institutions and enable transition countries to learn from each other's experience. LOGIN Regional Networking also provides training and information-sharing opportunities to USAID activity managers and implementing partners on technical subjects of importance to USAID's local government programming. When possible, USAID tries to leverage resources by jointly sponsoring events with other donors. Course materials and manuals developed for these activities are also disseminated to the counterparts through the LOGIN internet network.