

		Ex-Post Evaluation of the Special Accession Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development in Slovenia for the Period 2000-2006 (SAPARD)						
Project title								
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Oikos	Slovenia	60,000.00	100%	10	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of Republic of Slovenia	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of Republic of Slovenia	August 2007 – December 2007	-
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The SAPARD Programme was a pre-accession financial aid programme for introduction of Common Agricultural Policy and transfer of the <i>acquis communautaires</i> of the European Union in Slovenia. It was administered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, with the Agency for Rural Markets and Rural Development being established within the Ministry for implementation of the Programme. The European Commission assigned 6.445 million EUR (prices for 2000) yearly to Slovenia, which amounted to 26,650,758 EUR (current prices) in total. The SAPARD Programme obeys specific rules of the Structural Funds, so monitoring of its implementation and obeying the Structural Funds rules had to be done. In order to learn from this experience and improve future programmes an assessment of its efficiency and effectiveness had to be done by an ex-post evaluation.</p> <p>The main purpose of the ex-post evaluation was to assess the means and quality (efficiency and effectiveness) of implementation of the SAPARD Programme as a whole and to verify its long-term impacts on agriculture, society at large and the environment. Within the project we have estimated and evaluated the main factors and results of implementing the SAPARD programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriateness, • efficiency and effectiveness of the Programme as a whole, as well as individual phases of the Programme according to the rationality of resources used (financial and human), appropriateness of the Programme, • actual contribution of the SAPARD Programme towards rural development, • contribution of the Programme to the Common Agricultural Policy, usefulness and sustainability of the results, • impacts and effects of the Programme on the environment. 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysis of all measures and projects implemented in all eligible geographical areas, • verification of the implementation of the Programme and principle of proportionality, • assessment of potential synergistic or antagonistic effects of individual Measures, • review of ex-ante and mid-term evaluations, • verification of financial and administrative means of the Programme's implementation, their effectiveness and efficiency, • Use of various analytical methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparative matrix; • analysis of primary and secondary data according to defined criteria, programme and measure goals and financial structure; • questionnaires; • interviews with a variety of stakeholders; • logical diagram of impacts (LDI) as suggested in the Guidelines for evaluation of the Rural development programmes supported by SAPARD. 		