

Project title		Up-dated mid-term evaluation of the Structural Funds implementation, Ex-ante evaluation and SEA of Operational Programmes for European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund (ESF) and Cohesion Fund in Slovenia						
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	137,707	100%	7	The Government Office for Local Self-government and Regional Policy	European Commission – DG Regional Technical Assistance	July 2006 – June 2007	...
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The Government Office has decided to perform an updated mid-term evaluation of the implementation of Structural Funds in Slovenia in order to simplify tendering procedures, provide a more efficient evaluation of project proposals within each of the EU Structural Funds, as well as highlight the lessons learned to improve the new programming cycle. First, an analysis was made of resource distribution, tendering and evaluation procedures in the period 2004 – 2006, followed by a comparison of tender procedures of various qualities. On the basis of this more transparent and simplified structure, procedures of implementation were proposed and used to improve the use of funds until the end of this period. Moreover, conclusions and recommendations were used for the preparation of the Operational Programmes for the Structural Funds for the period 2007 – 2013. To ensure efficiency of the preparation process for the Operational Programmes for the new Structural Funds period of 2007 – 2013, the ex-ante evaluation and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) were started early in the process. The objective was to provide independent opinions, suggest solutions and provide advice on the proposed procedures and processes for tendering, project implementation and monitoring, as well as to minimise environmental impacts of the use of Funds. The ex-ante evaluation and SEA were carried out in close collaboration with the Government Office, the Ministry of the Economy and the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning. Several other Public Sector experts were consulted in the process. The conclusions and recommendations of both processes were used in the next programming steps to improve the content of the Operational Programmes for the European Regional Development Fund, the European Structural Fund and the European Cohesion Fund. Both evaluation processes (ex-ante and SEA) were implemented on the basis of the EC Regulations and Regulation proposals, Methodological Working Papers of the European Commission, EC programming documents for the 2007-2013 Structural Funds period and the National Development Programme. Evaluations were conducted at the level of: Operational Programmes in the context of the National Development Plan and links between them, each Operational Programme, priorities of each Operational Programme, measures of each Operational Programme.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of tendering procedures for Structural Funds • Analysis of procedures for the projects' implementation and control • Analyses of measures for evaluation of applications • Evaluation of socio-economic analysis and relevance of the strategies of the Operational Programmes (OP) • Evaluation of strategies of Operational Programmes (OP) and their consistency • Evaluation of consistency of strategies with the policies at State and EU level • Evaluation of the expected results and impacts • Strategic Environmental Assessment based on the EU SEA Directive 		