

		Preparation of Strategic and Operational Development Programme of Notranjsko -Kraška eco-region						
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	255,000	40%	6	Regional Development Agency of Notranjsko-Kraška region	ERDF and Regional Development Agency of Notranjsko-Kraška region	September 2008 – September 2009	Igea d.o.o., Consensus d.o.o., Pristop d.o.o.
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>Oikos and its consortium has prepared the strategic part of the Development Programme of Notranjsko-kraška region, positioning it in Slovenia and Central Europe as an eco-region. At the moment, the Operational Development Programme is being prepared. Advantages for the development of an eco-region and the possibilities of its marketing were defined through workshops with key participants. The main focus of this project is the development of the region in the direction of sustainable development, defining acceptable and preferable methods of using natural resources as well as management of public and private infrastructure in an energy-efficient way and technologies for avoiding or mitigating negative effects on the environment. The key Programme measures are: energy efficiency, use of renewable energy resources, development of new technologies with smaller negative effects on the environment, development and use of new fuels from biomass.</p> <p>The Notranjsko – Kraška eco-region wants to become recognised as a region with a high concentration of innovative use of energy and new technologies. The programme is therefore oriented towards development of new technologies for energy efficiency and the use of renewables, both at individual level and on a regional scale (cogeneration, district heating, large-scale use of solar power, biomass) and development and testing of pilot projects. Key stakeholders were involved in consultations about Programme objectives, measures and projects, including the State Centre for Renewables, the University of Ljubljana, various institutes and the Slovenia Forest Service.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder assessment, • Setting objectives, • Public awareness-raising, • Capacity building workshops, • Goal-oriented planning with use of methods such as LFA, SWOT etc., • Development of marketing products such as branding of the region with complete graphic design (logo, promotional materials,...), • Plan for implementation of green local authorities management, • Definition of environmental standards for regional activities 		