Project Summary

Project Background
The Multilateral Trade Policy Assistance Programme (MUTRAP) provided support to the Vietnamese Government in the preparation of the WTO accession negotiations. The project was implemented from 2001 to 2003 with an extension phase from May 2003 to March 2004.

Project Objectives
The specific objectives of the extension phase were:
- to further deepen the expertise of Vietnamese officials on international trade policy-related matters;
- to strengthen the expertise on WTO provisions, rules and disciplines;
- to provide VN officials with the economic and trade instruments and tools in regard of a trade policy consistent with a multilateral context.

Project Activities (in the extension phase)
MUTRAP Extension covered four groups of activities: Training Activities, Technical Assistance, Information Activities and Research Projects. The task was primarily the management of these activities, incl. conceptional inputs:
- 9 training seminars on TBT/SPS, standards, relevant legislation, services to the industry and service liberalization;
- 5 information seminars for policy makers, civil servants and private sector associations;
- 16 Policy Network Sessions;
- 4 Research projects;
- Coordination of project activities with eight other donor projects;
- Current reporting to and coordination with the EC Delegation as well as relevant line ministries.

Implementation Features
The management of the project comprised
(a) planning and administration
(b) conceptual inputs and
(c) professional contributions on economic matters:
- Revision of the Overall Work Plan and Budget;
- Further development of project concept and professional contributions;
- Planning, preparation and implementation of all above activities;
- Budgeting, financial control and orderly termination of the project.

Services Provided
- Provision of one European Technical Assistant (ETA)
- Project re-planning and management
- Short-term expertise on TBT/SPS and “Services” under WTO
- Budget revision and financial management

Vietnam

Multilateral Trade Policy Assistance Programme I (MUTRAP I)

Client
European Commission / EC

Duration
2003 - 2004

Personnel
- 1 EU Senior Expert (6 PM) with in-depths knowledge of WTO / international trade issues and experience in EC funded projects in Asia.