Project Summary

Project Background
The Regional Strategy of the European Commission 2002 – 2006 for the Andean Community (CAN) pursued two major objectives: (a) support to the integration of Andean countries and (b) to help establish a zone of peace in this region. The Regional Indicative Programme (PIR 2000 – 2006) recommended strengthening the participation of Civil Society. Technical Assistance to implement this strategy comprised a project of EUR 4.72 million having four elements: (1) institutional strengthening, (2) information and dissemination, (3) education and capacity building and (4) participation activities.

Mission Objectives
Main objective of the evaluation mission was to support the Andean Community Secretariat in the development of the Global Operation Plan and Work Programme in accordance with the EC Project Cycle Management guidelines. In addition, the mission had to elaborate a practical guide for tendering and assist the General Secretariat in the formation of a Consultative Committee.

Mission Activities
- Assessment of activities undertaken by the General Secretariat and national coordination bodies of the Andean Community
- Evaluation of the structure of Civil Society on national and regional level
- On the basis of identified problems, definition (in a workshop with technical staff) of problems, results, hypotheses and performance indicators
- Analysis of the Logic of Intervention and the implementation strategy
- Development of a revised Logical Framework
- Revision of the Global Operation Plan and Annual Work Plan

Implementation Features
The mission combined elements of assessment and evaluation with analytical and strategic planning activities. Emphasis was placed on dialogue with stakeholders in order to re-adjust plans to the actual situation and the given implementation capacities. Findings and proposals of the different Andean countries were integrated into the Global Operation Plan.

Services Provided
- Desk research in Lima
- Field missions in four Andean countries (Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia)
- Interviews with the Commission Delegations, the Andean Secretariat and Civil Society representatives in all 4 countries
- Consultation with stakeholders regarding the adaptation of project strategy and activities
- Revision of strategy and work plan
- Evaluation report and presentation workshop