Project Summary

Project background
The EC’s cooperation strategy with Guatemala focuses upon social cohesion and human security, with particular emphasis on the social incorporation of young people in order to reduce current levels of violence and insecurity in the country. Youth policy and strategy are aimed at responding to the needs and problems of Guatemalan youth within the context of national diversity. In relation to this, the mission must provide evidence that the conditions on the political framework within the youth and income generation sector are given, in order to implement sector budget support.

Project Objectives
The mission’s specific objective was to analyse those policies and strategies in relation to young people in Guatemala that could help to promote social cohesion (with emphasis on poverty reduction) and human security, by increasing the level of integration of young people into society. This analysis aimed at identifying all political and strategic elements in the country that permitted a sector budget support programme for young people to be set into motion.

Project Activities
• Review and analysis of the national youth and income generation policies, reforms and strategies implemented by the Government of Guatemala
• Identification of the policy and/ or strategy initiatives aimed at integrating effectively young people into the labour market and society.
• Identification of critical points in budgetary management that could negatively impact on the efficiency of a sector budget support by the European Commission.
• Identification of possible priority areas of support, as well as opportunities for coordination among donors.
• Identification of operative aspects and the steps to be taken in order to put focused sector budget support into place.
• Recommendations about principal monitoring indicators to be used for this type of support in the field of sector policy.

Implementation features
For this evaluation, the experts worked together with the following principal actors: The European Commission Delegation in Guatemala, national and government institutions, civil society organisations active on youth issues, prevention of youth violence and women’s organisation, and other donors (IDB, World Bank, IMF, UNDP, UNESCO).

Services Provided
• Desk work
• Analysis of the Government of Guatemala’s policies and strategies in the area of youth and income generation
• Final report and recommendations