Project Summary

Project Background
The EEA Grants and the Norway Grants represent the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway towards European cohesion efforts. Over a five-year period until April 2009, the three EEA EFTA countries are making available €1.307 billion to reduce economic and social disparities in the enlarged EEA. The Norway Grants are solely targeted at the new EU member states since 2004, while the EEA Grants also include the EU member states Portugal, Greece and Spain. Norway contributes with around 97 % of the funding. In this context, a wide range of public authorities and institutions, organizations and businesses across Central and Southern Europe can apply for grants to initiate and implement projects in the public benefit.

Main Objective
The aim of the monitoring work is to provide an impression of a particular project at a particular point in time during the life of the project, with a view to improving implementation of the project if necessary.

Activities
External monitors (local and international) analyse relevant documents, undertake field trips and prepare detailed monitoring reports.

Projects from the following priority sectors are monitored: Environment, Sustainable Development, Cultural Heritage, Human Resources, Health and Childcare, Schengen Acquis, Regional policy and cross border activities, Acquis Communautaire, as well as Academic Research

Implementing Features
This contract has the concept of a framework agreement, where a number of individual agreements are formed for the specific monitoring to be carried out. Individual assignments are awarded based on relevant competence, language skills, price and the Client's experiences.

Services Provided
- Monitoring of projects in outlined priority sectors
- Preparation of detailed monitoring reports
- Recommendations to FMO

EU Member States
since 2004 + Portugal, Greece and Spain

Framework Contract:
External Monitoring of FMO, EEA and Norway Grants

Client
Governments of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

Duration
09/2009 – 09/2012

Personnel
Numerous STE in the fields: Environment, Sustainable development, Cultural heritage, Human resources, Health and childcare, Schengen acquis, Regional policy and cross border activities, Acquis communautaire, as well as Academic research