Project Summary

This framework contract aimed at providing experts to help the Commission assessing proposals received under various external aid programmes (Tacis, Cards, Meda, ALA, etc.). Experts were contracted by Commission services (delegations, AIDCO, line DGs) to evaluate proposals received, in order to increase the efficiency in processing the proposals and to help the EC respect of the fixed time limits.

Calls for proposals were made in the following fields:
- Rural development, including food security and water management
- Protection of environment & Tropical Forests
- Urban development
- Social development, including Gender-related issues
- Health sector development, including the fight against AIDS and poverty-linked diseases
- Economic development, including micro-financing and micro-credit
- Human rights
- Decentralised co-operation, emerging and capacity building of non-State actors, Civil society
- Migrations
- Cultural heritage, Information, Communication, Audio-visual

These calls for proposals covered all countries benefiting from EC external aid. The contract commenced in February 2004. INTEGRATION has provided mainly environmental/water and waste management experts for the assessment of LIFE and Tacis CBC proposals.

Services Provided

- Evaluation and Assessment
- Project Proposal Assessment in the areas of:
  - Environmental management
  - Water/waste water management, Economic development
  - Capacity and civil society building
  - Institutional Strengthening/Restructuring
  - Rural development