Project Summary

Project Background
To provide a framework for its relations with all regions and third countries, the European Commission develops Country Strategy Papers (CSPs) which include details of EU assistance programmes, called National Indicative Programmes (NIP). CSPs identify sectors and activities, which complement those of other donors and are coherent with EU policies. They identify indicators and establish a multi-annual programme of activities. The CSP preparatory process includes dialogue with the beneficiaries, civil society and other donors.

Project Objectives
The mission’s objective was to support the EC in preparing the country strategy paper for Costa Rica for the period from 2007-2011:
• By updating the EC’s analysis of the national policy agenda, the political, social and economic situation;
• through an assessment of ongoing cooperation;
• and by identifying possible areas or sectors of intervention for future EC cooperation

Project Activities
The mission was conducted in two phases:
Phase 1: Review and concept note
• review of development agenda, current social and economic situation and the key EC policy areas with relevance to Costa Rica;
• review of international cooperation by all major donors;
• assess the sectoral mix of the CSP for its continued relevance;
• review of progress in the implement. of current EC projects vs. the actions contemplated in the CSP 2002 – 2006;
• summarise findings in a report and develop the CSP (2007-2011) Concept Note

Phase 2: stakeholder involvement and final report
• identify key stakeholders and obtain their comments;
• conduct a national consultative workshop;
• feed-back comments to EC Delegation and
• produce report incorporating stakeholder views.

Implementation Features
• Close coordination with EC Delegation, key stakeholders and other donors active in the country;
• Coordination of the CSP for Costa Rica with other current CSP formulation, also implemented by INTEGRATION, i.e. Argentina, Chile, Nicaragua, Bolivia and Uruguay.

Costa Rica

Country Strategy
2007 - 2011

Client
European Commission / EC

Duration
12.01.2005 – 31.08.2005

Personnel
Team of 3 international and national STE (5 PM)
• 1 Team leader
• 1 social scientist
• 1 national facilitator

Services Provided
• Briefing by EC services in Brussels on current and future strategies for Costa Rica
• Desk study of available information
• Review of past programme performance
• Assessment of EC country programme vs. other donor’s projects; donors & government matrix for selected sectors
• Consultation workshop with stakeholders
• Inputs to programme concept
• Report and draft of the CSP concept note