Project Summary

Project Background
The EC monitors the progress of its external cooperation on input, activity and outcome levels, whereby the most important instrument is the Result-Oriented Monitoring (ROM) system.

Main Objective
The main objective of the ROM systems is to gather result-oriented information on projects in the field and to report on progress in order to maintain and where possible, to improve the quality of external co-operation activities through timely, independent, well-targeted information on project implementation.

Implementing Features
Complementary to the main financial instruments that exist for external action, such as the European Development Fund, and the budget lines for cooperation with each region or country, a number of thematic programmes enable the Community to finance activities on specific strategic themes and to promote cross-cutting issues.

Thematic programmes under this contract include non-state actors and local authorities in development, European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights, Migration and Asylum, Environment and sustainable management of natural resources including energy, Investing in People and Food Security.

The programmes under this contract are managed by Unit EuropeAid/04 (Central Management Unit for thematic budget lines) as these contracts can not be decentralised to an EC Delegation (because activities are not regionally limited or take place in the EU) and therefore remain at Headquarters.

External monitors (local and international) analyse relevant documents and undertake field trips, give ratings and comments according to the EC evaluation criteria and summarise findings into semi-standards reports. After the projects have been given a chance to provide comments, the reports are submitted to the EC and the data is entered into the Monitoring Database (MONIS).

There are about 100 individual Centrally Managed Thematic Projects and on average, 100 monitoring reports are prepared per year.

Services Provided
- Monitoring of 100 projects once a year
- More than 100 monitoring reports per year
- Up-dating of the MONIS database
- Regular summary thematic and regional reports to EC
- Recommendations to EC Services