Project Summary

The EC monitors the progress of its external co-operation on input, activity and outcome levels, whereby the most important instrument is the Result-oriented monitoring (ROM) system. Result-oriented monitoring (ROM) consists of external examinations and captures the actual progress towards the results and impact of interventions of the EC external co-operation. The system provides a regular reporting mechanism to ensure that the projects remain on course. These projects fall into 10 major sectors from agriculture, private sector and the financial sector to transport, telecommunication, energy, environment, etc.

Project objectives
To maintain and, where possible, improve the quality of external co-operation activities through timely, independent, well-targeted information on implementation.

Specific objective
• Monitor the on-going projects and regional programmes (90%: Budget > 1 mio €; 10%: Budget < 1 mio €) at least once a year;
• Report on the progress of external co-operation activities in Asia including Central Asia according to the EU standard criteria.

Project Results
• Monitoring Reports, Background Conclusion Sheets and Project Synopses in standard formats, timely disseminated and meeting appropriate quality standards;
• Special Reports, including the analysis/synthesis of the ROM results;
• Short seminars/workshops to present to the stakeholders the ROM findings/conclusions; hands-on assistance on EC request;
• Contributions/services ad hoc or planned to competent EC Services for the further development of the ROM;
• Enhancement of local monitoring capacity.

Service provided

Monitoring missions
• Preparation of monitoring work plans and coordination with EC services.
• Selection of suitable monitoring expertise for each mission (mission leader, local monitors, etc).
• More than 100 monitoring missions according to ROM internal manual.
• Coordination, briefings and debriefings with all Project Managers.

Monitoring reports
• More than 200 monitoring reports (standard, ex-post and SPSP) according to the stipulated methodology, using a “mission approach”.
• Dissemination of results; uploading of reports to MONIS and CRIS databases.

Feedback and methodology
• Contribution to the possible revision of the ROM methodologies (ex-post, regional projects & programmes - SPSP).
• Support towards improvements to the CRIS databases.
• Selection of suitable projects for Special Reports (thematic, sectoral) jointly with the EC.
• Organisation of presentations, annual seminars/workshops in Brussels and in the region.
• Communication of best practices, including recommendations/conclusions.

Capacity building
• Information and training of the local monitoring staff on the evolving aspects of ROM system.
• Strengthening of national monitoring capacities with the aid of new monitors.