Complementary to the main financial instruments that exist for external action, such as the European Development Fund, and the budget lines for co-operation 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 included 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 were managed by Unit EuropeAid/04 (Central Management Unit for thematic budget lines) as these contracts could not be decentralised to an EC Delegation (because activities are not regionally limited or take place in the EU) and therefore remained at Headquarters. 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. There were about 100 individual centrally managed thematic programmes and on average, 100 monitoring reports were prepared per year.

Project objectives
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.

Specific objective
To analyse relevant documents and undertake respective field trips, gave ratings and comments according to the EC evaluation criteria and summarise findings into semi-standards reports.

Project Results
- Monitoring Reports, Background Conclusion Sheets and Project Synopses in standard formats, timely disseminated and meeting appropriate quality standards.

Service provided
- Submission of the reports and provision of comments to the EC.
  - Monitoring of 100 projects once a year.
  - More than 100 monitoring reports per year.
- Regular summary thematic and regional reports to EC.
- Recommendations to EC Services.
- Gathering of the data into the Monitoring Database (MONIS).
- Up-dating of the MONIS database.

Client
European Commission

Duration

Personnel
- 40 INT STE
  - 2 Support staff

Worldwide
Results-oriented monitoring of external aid operations financed by the European Union (ROM) — Lot 5: (Centrally managed thematic projects CMTP)