

PROJECT PROFILE

		Project title:		Strategy Plan for Sectoral Cohesion in Environmental Policies					
Entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Overall value of services provided (EUR)	Proportion of the services carried out by the Candidate* (%)	No of staff provided by the Candidate*	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end**)	Name of partners if any
EPSILON	Greece	665.689	665.689	100%	6	Ministry of Environment, Regional Planning & Public Works	EC/YPEXODE Cohesion Funds	2000-2002	EPSILON (GR)
Detailed description of the finalized project							Type of services provided by the Candidate*		
<p>EPSILON accomplished a major assignment for the Ministry of Environment, Regional Planning and Public Works (YPEXODE), for the 3rd European Structural Funds Programme, in the REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT” sectors. EPSILON also assisted in the preparation of applications to be submitted to the European Commission for support the Cohesion & Structural Funds. This project involved private and public sector cohesions in the operational environmental programmes, which aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional sustainability and the prevention of environmental degradation • Implementation of sustainable environmental policies combined with financial, administrative and regional development policies. • Identification of technology, legal and administrative gaps in the Greek Administration. • Promotion and dissemination of a national effort. <p>Project tasks encompassed the cohesion categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Environment – Protection of Forest Ecosystems • Biotic environment • Urban Planning and restoration • Areas affected by industrial development in the post war times, and requiring habilitation • Areas occupied by foreign works and other minorities, to be integrated into the national system • Capacity expansion of the national organisations and agencies, to accommodating new policies • Publication of material, manuals, and documents, in parallel to public awareness programmes and training • Program dissemination. <p>Within the scope of this contract, EPSILON provided technical, financial, economic, legal, administrative and environmental expertise. The project evaluated and compared investment schemes based on their completeness, effectiveness, gap and cost benefit analyses. After analytic presentation of the schemes that can attract the private sector interest and the relevant co-funding, the different implementation scenarios were studied. EPSILON revised all required documents and developed a feasibility study and a final evaluation scheme. This legislation and cohesion programme was initiated in 2000 and lasted up to the end of 2002.</p>							<p><u>Deliverables</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of applications from the environment sector to be submitted to the European Commission for support from the Cohesion Fund • Transfer of technical, financial, economic, legal and environmental expertise • Evaluation schemes • Feasibility study • Cost-benefit analysis • Drafted regulations • Coordination and management of tasks with the European Commission, the private sector and the various Hellenic Ministries • <p><u>Key words</u> Cohesion funds, Private sector, Environment, evaluation schemes, scenarios, feasibility and cost-benefit analysis.</p>		

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