

Implementation Status & Results
Croatia
Agricultural Acquis Cohesion Project (P091715)

Operation Name: Agricultural Acquis Cohesion Project (P091715)	Project Stage: Implementation	Seq.No: 12	Status: ARCHIVED	Archive Date: 29-Jul-2012
Country: Croatia	Approval FY: 2006			
Product Line: IBRD/IDA	Region: EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA	Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan		
Implementing Agency(ies): Ministry of Agriculture				

Key Dates

Board Approval Date	16-Feb-2006	Original Closing Date	31-Oct-2010	Planned Mid Term Review Date	30-Sep-2008	Last Archived ISR Date	10-Apr-2012
Effectiveness Date	21-Nov-2006	Revised Closing Date	31-Jul-2012	Actual Mid Term Review Date	15-Apr-2010		

Project Development Objectives

Agricultural Acquis Cohesion Project (P091715)

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objective of the project is to develop sustainable systems and capacities within the MAFWM to ensure timely compliance with EU acquis conditions in the rural sector.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Program?

- Yes No

Agricultural Pollution Control Project (P100639)

Global Environmental Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective of the project is to significantly increase the use of environmentally friendly agricultural practices by farmers in Croatia's Pannonian plain in order to reduce nutrient discharge from agricultural sources to surface and ground water bodies.

Has the Global Environmental Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Program?

- Yes No

Component(s)

Component Name	Component Cost
Strengthen Capacity for Absorbing EU Financial Assistance in Agriculture	18.55
Empowerment of MAFWM Administration and Management	7.58
Ensuring Safe Food and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Conditions	19.55
Project Management	0.90
APCP (GEF): Mitigating Nutrients from Point-Source Pollution	14.70
APCP (GEF) Development and Promotion of Agri-Environment Measures	3.96
APCP (GEF) Public Awareness and Replication Strategy	0.74

Overall Ratings

	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Progress towards achievement of GEO	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating		

Implementation Status Overview

This final Implementation Status and Results Report (ISR) for the Agricultural Acquis Cohesion Project (AACP) and the associated Agricultural Pollution Control Project (APCP) reflects the implementation and performance of the components and activities of these two projects and assesses overall progress on achieving the projects' development objectives.

The AACP Project Development Objective (PDO) to develop sustainable systems and capacities within the Ministry of Agriculture to ensure timely compliance with the EU acquis conditions in the rural sector has been achieved. The same is true for the APCP PDO aimed to significantly increase the use of environmentally friendly agriculture practices by farmers in Croatia's Danube River Basin in order to reduce nutrient discharge from agriculture sources to surface and ground water bodies. All activities under the AACP and APCP are substantially completed and most of the end projects' targets have been reached.

The AACP activities contributed to country's successful closure of EU Acquis Chapter 11 on Agriculture and Rural Development that was closed in December 2010 and Chapter 12 on Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy closed in mid-April 2011. The Project has supported activities related to harmonization with EU acquis directives, food, plant and animal safety and capacity building of the management and staff of the Ministry of Agriculture. Some of the key AACP results include the following: establishment of EU-compliant payment system for the agriculture and rural development sector (the Paying Agency for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development (PAAFRD) has established payment system for IPARD fund management, including an Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) incorporating a Land Parcel Information System (LPIS); the construction of new buildings for the Seeds and Seedlings Institute (SSI) and the associated Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) laboratory in Osijek is completed as well as the construction of the new Plant Protection Institute building in Zagreb; the Ministry of Agriculture data management center is operational and phytosanitary and veterinary information system are developed; the rehabilitation of the national and regional veterinary laboratory institutes is completed and key laboratory tests at the National Veterinary Institute and regional veterinary centers have been ISO 17025 certified; training has been completed with fifty six short and long term scholarships approved, English language training program has included 500 Ministerial staff and 700 staff benefited from the computer training program. To date, 97 percent of loan funds have been disbursed and 100 percent committed.

The APCP continues to make a steady progress across all components. Presently, disbursements stand at 83 percent and all grant funds have been committed. 66 applications for construction of manure storage platforms under the 2.6 million US\$ Nitrates Mitigation Investment Fund have been received out of which 50 farm investments have been contracted. The construction of 30 platforms is complete and the remaining ones will be completed by the Grant closing date of July 31, 2012. Demonstration plots on 87 farms with 1400 ha of arable land have been incorporated in the good agriculture practice demonstrations. The Project has supported major public awareness activities with some 390 lectures, seminars and media appearances aimed at the end beneficiaries -- Croatian farmers.

Locations

No Location data has been entered

Results

Project Development Objective Indicators

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Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Croatia completes the negotiation of its EU accession agricultural chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0%	100%	100%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Chapter 11 on Agriculture and Rural Development closed in December 2010 and Chapter 12 on Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy was closed in mid-April 2011.	Completed

Global Environmental Objective Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
At least 10% reduction in discharge of nutrients into surface and groundwater in the three project regions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	none	26%	10%
			Date	06-Dec-2007	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Based on the third survey conducted in April 2012, 26% of 163 examined farms had appropriate manure storages. The measurable change is used for tentative estimation of reduction of discharge of nutrients.	Completed
Increased national awareness of linkages between local actions and impact on water nutrient load	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Little	High	High
			Date	06-Dec-2007	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		National awareness activities have continued successfully. Promotion and outreach activities related to good agriculture program (GAP) are being implemented through all available media channels; distribution of the GAP brochures, planting of cover crops, seminars and field days. Some 80.000 leaflets and 85.000 brochures on the Code of Good Agriculture Practice (CGAP) were distributed to Croatian farmers and 390 presentations with local	Achieved

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					stakeholders were held to date. The information is based on the farmers survey with 35 related questions. Three surveys were done with the last one conducted in April 2012. As a result of national awareness activities 94% of farmers have adopted at least one of preventive measures.	
At least 40% of the farming population in the project areas adopting preventive and remedial measures to reduce nutrient discharge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Few	94%	40%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		This target has been surpassed. Based on the last APCP survey conducted in April 2012 which included 785 farmers, 94% of farmers have adopted at least one of stated preventive measures like organic manure usage, proper manure storage, three-year crop rotation, etc.	Achieved and surpassed

Intermediate Results Indicators

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Percentage increase of rural population in project and non-project areas aware of and initiating / implementing actions related to nutrient reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Very low percentage if any.	85%	85%
			Date	06-Dec-2007	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Based on the last APCP survey conducted in April 2012, 85 percent of rural population is aware of actions related to nutrient reduction. This is largely the result of an intensive and wide public awareness campaign. 390 presentations and lectures were delivered; 165 000 promotional booklets were distributed to Croatian farmers; a number of TV appearances and many newspapers articles on the topic.	Achieved

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Percentage of cropped area in the project counties under relevant nutrient reduction measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	none	80%	15%
			Date	06-Dec-2007	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		According to the April 2012 survey, at least 80 percent of farmers use some of the measures for precise nutrition planning.	Achieved and surpassed
At least 200ha of pilot GAP demonstration sites in each of the three counties	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	none	1400 ha	200 ha
			Date	06-Dec-2007	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Demonstration plots on 87 farms with 1400 ha of arable land have been incorporated in the good agriculture practice demonstrations.	Achieved and surpassed
Unified set of monitoring guidelines and standards for soil and water adopted and implemented	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Not according to EU standards	In place	In place
			Date	06-Dec-2007	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Croatian Water's main laboratory and institutions that analyze soil both have developed standards which are basically harmonized with EU requirements.	
Percentage of livestock farms in three participating counties that have animal waste storages	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Number of manure platforms - "0"	88%	30%
			Date	06-Dec-2007	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Based on the last APCP survey done in April 2012, 88 percent of farms have animal waste storages.	Achieved
Croatian sanitary and phytosanitary management systems are EU/WTO compliant and regionally based	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	40%	100%	100%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Target met. Croatian Food Agency is operational and CRO-RASFF system is established. Veterinary Inspection & Phytosanitary Inspection established at national and regional level. Reference laboratories: Seeds and Seedlings/ GMO	Achieved

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					laboratory built and 100% operational using ISTA-certified tests. Four national veterinary regional laboratories built and are operational and using ISO 17025 certified tests. Plant Protection Institute building completed with accreditation plan to follow.	
MAFWM departments systematically use electronic databases	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	20%	100%	100%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		The Ministry of Agriculture departments use electronic databases. Operational phytosanitary info system is delivered, and veterinary info system is in a final stage of implementation with conditional operational acceptance expected to be done by the end of July 2012. Also, the Ministry is planning future system upgrade with additional lists of requirements. The delivered architectures of systems are standard and they support further upgrading needed due to change of legislative and/or any other requirement.	Achieved
MAFWM uses a fast, reliable and secure communication system	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	30%	100%	100%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Data Center is operational. The system is fully interlinked with various departments and their respective database.	Completed
Level of SAPARD disbursement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0%	48.33%	100%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		SAPARD fund closed on December 31, 2009 with disbursement standing at	Completed with 48.3 percent of SAPARD funds usage.

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					48.33%. The IPARD fund which is a follow-up of SAPARD disbursed 10 percent with 100 percent of commitments in 2012.	
SAPARD Managing Authority, Monitoring Committee and Payment Agency are established	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Not established	Established	Established
			Date	23-Jan-2006	12-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Established	Established

Data on Financial Performance (as of 16-Apr-2012)

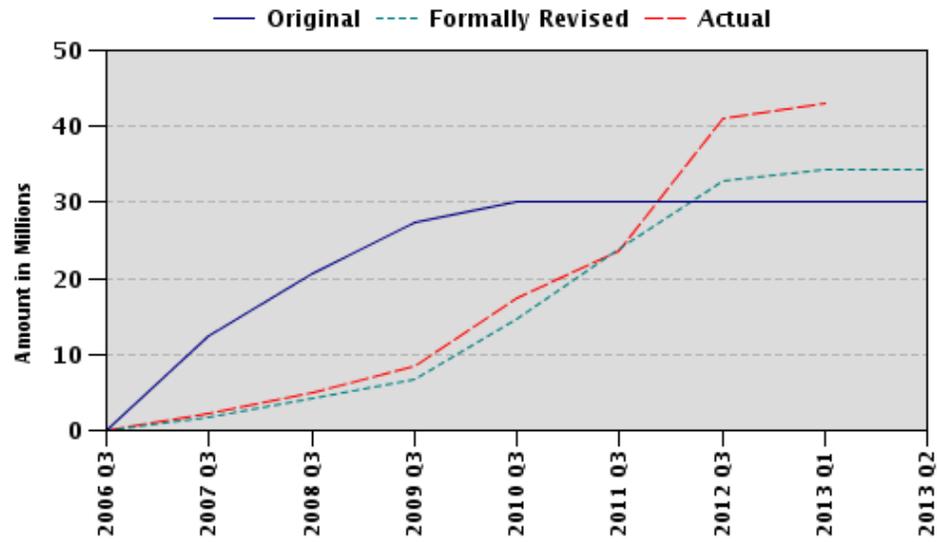
Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Original Closing Date	Revised Closing Date
P091715	IBRD-73600	Effective	16-Feb-2006	08-May-2006	21-Nov-2006	31-Oct-2010	31-Jul-2012
P091715	TF-56498	Effective	08-May-2006	08-May-2006	08-May-2006	31-Dec-2009	31-Jul-2012
P100639	TF-90845	Effective	11-Mar-2008	11-Mar-2008	31-Jul-2008	31-Jul-2012	31-Jul-2012

Disbursements (in Millions)

Project	Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P091715	IBRD-73600	Effective	USD	30.14	30.14	0.00	34.38	0.83	114.00
P091715	TF-56498	Effective	USD	4.75	4.75	0.00	4.63	0.12	98.00
P100639	TF-90845	Effective	USD	5.00	5.00	0.00	4.13	0.87	83.00

Disbursement Graph



Key Decisions Regarding Implementation

No decisions to report.

Restructuring History

Level two Approved on 24-Jun-2010, Level two Approved on 04-Jan-2012

Related Projects

P100639-Agricultural Pollution Control Project