

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

Operation Name: Agricultural Acquis Cohesion Project (P091715)	Project Stage: Implementation	Seq.No: 11	Status: ARCHIVED	Archive Date: 10-Apr-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	19-Aug-2011
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	Moderate	

Implementation Status Overview

This ISR reflects the Bank's approval to extend the closing date of Agriculture Acquis Cohesion Project from February 28, 2012 to July 31, 2012 and to reallocate loan proceeds to finance additional costs associated with the construction and rehabilitation works of the regional veterinary institute in Rijeka and the Plant Protection Institute in Zagreb. The closing date of the Dutch Grant attached to the Agricultural Acquis Cohesion Project (AACP) was also extended until July 31, 2012 to enable a successful completion of the remaining grant activities, in particular training and study tours for Croatian farmers to enhance their ability to use common agricultural policy and their future participation in the common EU market.

The five-month extension of the project closing date became necessary in order to enable procurement of laboratory furnishings for the Plant Protection Institute in Zagreb. This would contribute to a successful completion of the Component 3 on Ensuring Safe Food and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Conditions as these laboratories will be implementing testing methodologies in line with the EU requirements for plant health and phytosanitary policies. The extended project closing date from February 28, 2012 to July 31, 2012 will enable procurement and installation of laboratory furnishings in the newly constructed Plant Protection Institute building in Zagreb.

Project performance is satisfactory and the project continues to make steady progress across all components. The project development objective to develop sustainable system and capacities within the Ministry of Agriculture to ensure timely compliance with EU acquis conditions in rural sector is well underway of being fully achieved. Most of project end targets have been reached. Croatia successfully closed Chapter 11 on Agriculture and Rural Development in December 2010 and Chapter 12 on Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy in mid-April 2011. Some of the results of the project include the following: Croatia Seeds and Seedlings Institute (CSSI) Genetically Modified Organisms laboratory is completed; the construction of the new PPI/Horticulture Institute building completed in February 2012; the Paying Agency for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development (PAAFRD) has established an EU compliant system for IPARD fund management, including an Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) incorporating a Land Parcel Information System (LPIS); the MAFRD integrated data management center is operational; 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 certified. To date, 94 percent of loan funds have been disbursed and 97 percent committed.

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	19-Mar-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.	Croatia completed the negotiation of its EU accession agricultural chapter in the first half of 2011.

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	5%	10%
			Date	06-Dec-2007	19-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		This was measured as percentage of nutrients discharge prevented from leaking as measured by farmers survey. Some 1500 farms have been included in the two surveys carried out in 2009 and 2011. The next one is planned for May 2012.	
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	19-Mar-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 GAP were distributed to Croatian farmers and 300 presentations with local stakeholders were held to	

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					date. The information is based on the farmers survey with 35 related questions. Two surveys were done so far and the next, last one will be conducted in May 2012.	
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	35%	40%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	19-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Based on the farmers survey of 2009 and 2011. About 1500 Croatian farmers were included in the survey.	

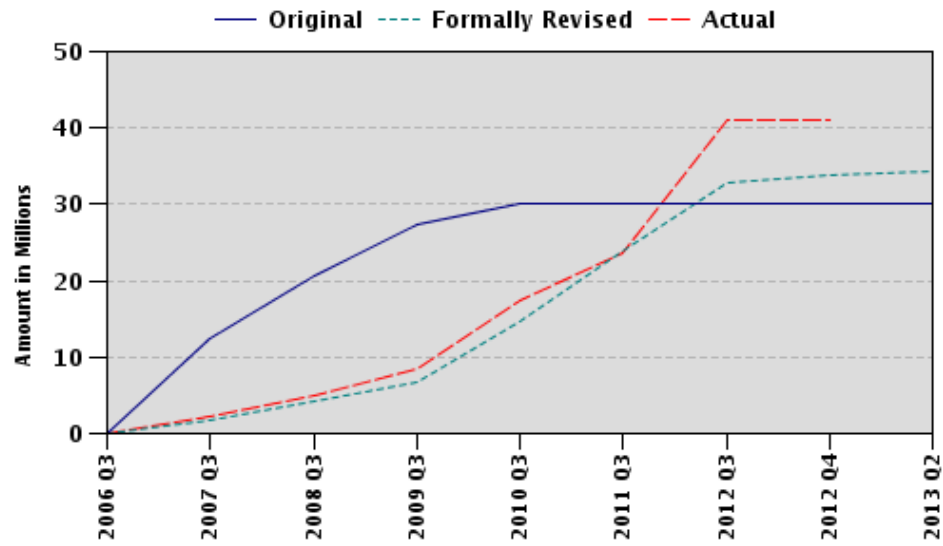
Intermediate Results Indicators

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.	83%	85%
			Date	06-Dec-2007	21-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		As measured by the second farmers survey done in November 2011.	
Percentage of cropped area in the project counties under relevant nutrient reduction measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	none	30%	15%
			Date	06-Dec-2007	21-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		According to survey, 30% of farmers use soil analysis for precise nutrition planning and nutrient reduction.	
At least 200ha of pilot GAP demonstration sites in each of the three counties	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	none	1400 ha in three pilot counties	200 ha
			Date	06-Dec-2007	21-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		This indicator has been surpassed. Currently 1400 ha of demonstration plots.	
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	21-Mar-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.	

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Percentage of livestock farms in three participating counties that have animal waste storages	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Number of manure platforms - "0"	19% have acceptable storages and 56% have some kind of manure storage.	30%
			Date	06-Dec-2007	21-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Based on the first survey done in 2009 and second one in 2011.	
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	22-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Croatian sanitary and phytosanitary management systems are EU/WTO compliant. CRO-RASFF system operational. Inspection systems separated and regionally based. Reference laboratories upgrade under progress.	
MAFWM departments systematically use electronic databases	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	20%	100%	100%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	22-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		The Ministry of Agriculture departments use electronic databases. Phytosanitary and veterinary info systems are in a testing phase currently.	Data Center Operational.
MAFWM uses a fast, reliable and secure communication system	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	30%	100%	100%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	22-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Data Center Operational	Data Center Operational
Level of SAPARD disbursement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	0%	48.33%	100%
			Date	23-Jan-2006	22-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		SAPARD fund closed on December 31, 2009. By the closing date, 48.33% of committed funds were disbursed.	SAPARD fund closed on December 31, 2009 with disbursement standing at 48.33% of committed funds were disbursed
SAPARD Managing Authority, Monitoring Committee and Payment Agency are established	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	Not established	Established	Established
			Date	23-Jan-2006	22-Mar-2012	31-Jul-2012
			Comments		Fully accomplished. IPARD - Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance for Rural	Established

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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