Thailand-EC Cooperation Facility

Delegation of the European Commission to Thailand
Thailand EC-Cooperation Facility (TEC I)

The **objective** of the programme is to strengthen and diversify the relationship between the European Community and Thailand in a wide range of areas to deepen the economic, political and cultural partnership between the EU and Thailand.

The project **purpose** is to improve the mutual understanding and joint visibility of the EU and Thailand by promoting civil society dialogue and facilitating interactions in the areas of:

(a) **Trade and investment, integration into the regional and world economy**;
(b) **Science and technology, research and higher education**
(c) **Environment**
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Implementation Mechanism for achieving the goals of the programme

• Demand-driven approach
• Funds delivered through competitive Calls for Proposals
• Open to eligible Thailand-based organisations
• Small, limited-duration projects
• Strategic importance and interest to Thailand
• 1 Call for Proposals with two (2) deadlines in 2008

(total EC budget of € 2.6 millions)
Types of Action

- training, educational and capacity building activities;
- studies;
- media events and media products;
- business-related research activities (provided they are non-profit making);
- conferences, seminars and workshops (provided they are not individual sponsorships);
- other activities that promote the image of the EU and Thailand as models or examples of best or unique practice.
Calls for Proposals Cycle

1. **Publish Call for Proposals**
2. **Receipt of Applications**
   - Administrative Compliance and Eligibility Check
3. **Technical and Financial Assessment**
4. **Projects Recommended for Funding**
5. **Preparation and Signing of Contracts**
6. **Contract Management**
Lot 1: Trade and investment, integration into the regional and world economy (€ 1,200,000)

Lot 2: Science and technology, research and higher education (€ 700,000), and

Lot 3: Energy and Environment (€ 700,000)
Results of the 2 deadlines

Call for Proposal: 87 Applications received

Grant:

Lot 1: Trade and investment, integration into the regional and world economy; (5 projects)

Lot 2: Science & technology, research, higher education (5 projects)

Lot 3: Energy and Environment (4 projects)

TA/Ad hoc: 9 initiatives

Other services: Visibility, information & Dissemination, Evaluation
Results of the 2 deadlines

Lot 1
5 projects

Lot 2
5 projects

Lot 3
4 projects
Lessons learnt – MTR

- TEC Facility is highly relevant.
- Cooperation strategy focussing capacity building.
- TEC is a flexible and responsive instrument (demand-driven)
- Sustainability - exit strategy / good delivery mechanism in some projects
- Impact not yet evident
Lessons learnt – Evaluation of Proposals

- Problems analysis not specific enough;
- Target group ill-defined or inadequately assessed;
- Intervention not very relevant to actual needs of target groups;
- Lack of a clear strategy;
- Poor quality of the logframe (OVIs);
- Project too ambitious in scope or timeframe problems or deficiencies regarding design quality;
- Projects with poor quality of design also have poor sustainability
Improvement

• Information session/project launch

• FAQs

• Project Meeting

• Stakeholder Consultations
TEC II

• Being designed, with stakeholders’ consultation
• Call for Proposal may be launched in Q4 of 2009
• Launching Event and promotional activities
• FAQs