

Selected projects



The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

EU helps establish vineyard register

Official title of the project

National Vineyard Monitoring and Management System – Phase 2

Country

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Region/ City

Skopje

Sector

Agriculture

Budget/EC contribution

474,816.00 euros

Implementation period

25/05/2007- 24/01/2009

Expected results

- Vineyard cadastre established on the entire territory of the country
- Institutional capacities of the MAFWE' Vine and Wine Department reinforced - National EU compliant legislation in the Vine and Wine sector developed
- Strategic document for the improvement of international marketing of domestic wines developed

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Viticulture is an important source of income and employment in rural areas in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Combined grape and wine production contributes around 17-20 percent to the agricultural GDP. Wine is the first beverage export and the second biggest agricultural export after tobacco.

Under the first phase of a project completed in October 2006, the EU helped revamp legislation, strengthened the capacity of the government to monitor and manage grape and wine production, and established a pilot vineyard register to trace wine produced in the country.

In June 2007 the EU announced it was providing another €475,000 to assist the country with the creation of a National Vineyard Monitoring and Management System. The second phase will extend the vineyard cadastre to the entire territory of the country, and strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (Vine and Wine Department) and the State Agriculture Inspectorate.

The vineyard cadastre will enable the monitoring and management of grape and wines while issuing a guarantee of origin will ensure quality. This will foster the production of bottled wines and increase their export potential. Six regional offices of the Agriculture Ministry – in Skopje, Ohrid, Kavadarci, Negotino, Gevgelija and Stip – will make up the backbone of the system. Since 2003, the EU has provided some €1.5 million in support to the country's wine sector.

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