



Cross border cooperation in agriculture & rural development projects, *opportunities, experiences and lessons learned*

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Project Sigma / some facts

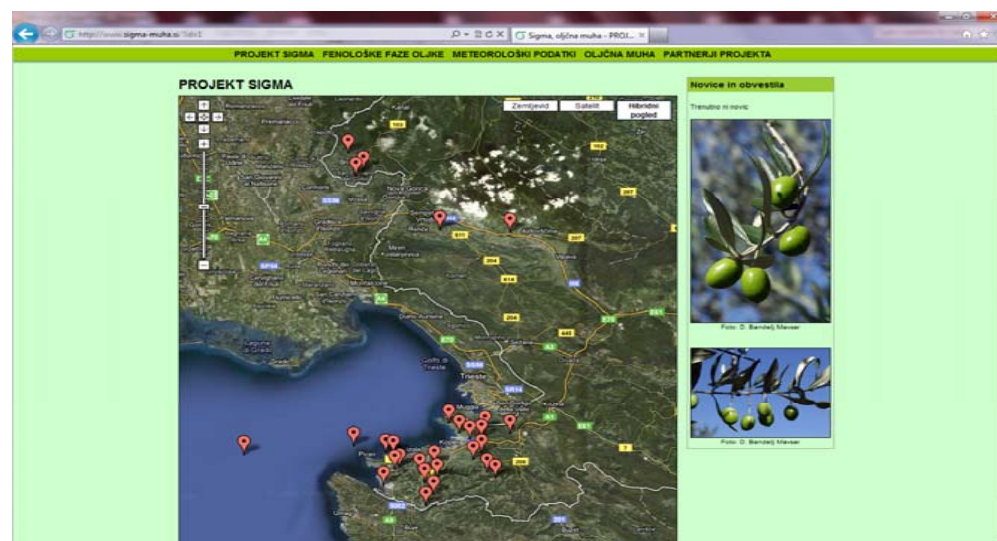
Innovative systems for joint management in the agricultural sector and the sharing of cross-border networks for agro-environmental monitoring"-SIGMA

Interreg IIIA Italija Slovenija 2000-2006

Duration: 1.1.2005 - 31.12.2006

10 partners

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Main points for the successful project:

- Quality of the project design
- Quality of partnership
- Added value of the project



Project designing

The most important questions, We have to answer (First to us, then to sponsor)

1. Why We are applying?
(Which problems We will try to solve?)
2. Innovative idea. Is this priority of the call?
(Probably this problem can be solved in different way?)
3. Where is crossborder effect?
*(Product, service? **What's the value added?**)*



Partnership building

Project Sigma partners

1. **Italian applicator**, Region of Trst
2. **Slovenian applicator** University of Primorska, Science and research Centre Koper

Partners

3. Kmetijsko Gozdarska Zbornica Slovenije
Kmetijsko Gozdarski zavod Nova Gorica
4. Community of Koper
5. Community of Izola
6. Community of Piran
7. Community of Milje
8. Community of Dolina

Scientific adviser

9. Scuola Superiore S. Anna - Pisa
BIOLABS - Laboratorio di entomologia
10. Timesis s.r.l.

One of the most important points of the project is partnership.

Good project consortia is balanced partnership of different organisations.

All of them have their role in the project regarding their competences, experiences and tasks in the project





Crossborder effect

- Project objectives

1. Strengthen **cooperation in the border area** from the perspective of sustainable development and agriculture
2. Reducing the negative impact of plant protection products on the environment and improve product quality with a **common management system** to monitor the area under consideration
3. The **common use of IT tools** for on-line management of plant health information and providing information
4. Modeling of the Centre of Mediterranean cultures to download a diameter of good practices at European and global level
5. Detailed description for preparation of construction documents of the Centre of Mediterranean cultures (preparation program or development strategies, preparation of material conditions for the functioning of CMK and prepare legal basis for the operation CMK)
6. Preparation of documentation for the project and the construction of the Centre of Mediterranean cultures



Final recommendation

- Invest in relationship
- Understand the other's reality
- Initiate a common project
- Finishing the project is not end of the story
- Be patient and don't give up