

Monitoring Report (for publication)

Contract number:	6542-00/2018
Project/programme title:	GRETA / Green Economy: Sustainable Mountain Tourism & Organic Agriculture in Georgia
Country / countries / region:	Georgia
Implementing Organisation-s:	ADA
Project duration:	12.12.2018 – 10.11.2023
Interlocutors:	n.a.

Project progress

1. Progress in achieving project outcome(s) and outputs per logical framework:

Achievement of project outcomes and outputs was highly accelerated during the latest period of the project and overcoming of challenges (see point 5) is now strongly visible, which leads to a completion as planned.

2. Assessment of project expenditures: (*slow/as planned/adequate?*)

After overcoming of challenges in the project (see point 5), expenditures in the Grant Schemes have generally increased in the latest period of the project:
Organic Agriculture (Local Development Initiative – LDI): completed, as planned
Sustainable Mountain Tourism (Tourism Development Initiative -TDI): almost completed

3. How do you assess measures taken to manage gender, social and environmental impact (follow-up of any recommendations from the EGSI assessment, if applicable)?

Follow-up on EGSI recommendations is done with every annual report.
A 4th annual report for the time period since April 2022 was not prepared in favour of the final report in accordance with the General Conditions of the Contribution Agreement.

4. Are risk assessment and risk management plans up to date? How do you assess the functioning of risk monitoring and risk management of the project?

Not assessed.

5. Has the project encountered unexpected challenges? If yes, please explain.

As already noted in previous reports, evaluations and reviews, the GRETA project was not spared various challenges and constraints. These include, for example, the COVID-19 crisis and the war in Ukraine. Increased staff turnover, including several changes in team leadership, also had a delaying effect on the project.

6. How do you assess perspectives for impact and sustainability of the intervention? (only if monitoring visit takes place towards the end of the project)

Overall assessment of the impact and sustainability will be an essential part of the Final external and independent evaluation. Specific evaluation for the Grant Schemes has been conducted for the LDIS via a report of the interim LDI monitoring survey of 2023. The TDI monitoring survey is planned for the final days of the project's implementation period.

7. How have past recommendations (incl. evaluations) been considered (if applicable)?
New recommendations (to whom)?

So far were conducted a mid-term evaluation and two Result-Orientated Monitoring Mission (ROMs) by EU. The recommendations formed the basis for prioritization of activities, the extension of the project, as well as the staff composition (more resources for M&E and Communication). The final evaluation of the project had just been commissioned at the time of the visit; it will include among other aspects recommendations regarding continuation of the project.

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Annexes:

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