



Client / financing institution:

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 OE 4248 - Urban and Municipal Development
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National counterpart institution:

Oficina Central de Coordinación y Planificación de la
 Presidencia de la República - CORDIPLAN
 Fundación para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad y Fomento
 Municipal - FUNDACOMUN

Legal and contractual conditions:

Consultancy contract to implement the final project phase

Project objective:

The overall PROGECI project (*Proyecto de Asistencia par la Gestión de Ciudades Intermedias*) which had been implemented by GTZ in 3 previous phases from 1988 - 1996 aimed to develop and introduce appropriate instruments and methods for urban management in order to enable Venezuelan municipalities to cope with the functions and competences which had been transferred to them by a local government law in 1989 in the context of an overall decentralisation policy. The final project phase for which B.U.S. was contracted was conceived to consolidate the results of the previous phases. In particular, the instruments and methods for urban management developed by PROGECI were to be applied at a larger scale and institutionally anchored within the national counterpart institutions responsible for assistance to local governments. These instruments and methods mainly referred to the following areas: municipal finance, strategic planning for urban management, micro-planning and municipal organisation.

Main results:

- A significant number of local consultants, staff of local government institutions and municipalities know how to apply the PROGECI instruments: about 300 staff of public and private sector institutions have been trained in the final phase.
- Municipalities assisted by the project in previous phases use the PROGECI instruments independently: In total, 6 municipalities were intensively assisted in selected priority areas (finance, strategic planning, etc.)
- The national counterpart institutions CORDIPLAN y FUNDACOMUN actively promote the dissemination of PROGECI instruments and methods and have entered into formal agreements with other local government organisations at national and federal state level.

After the official end of the project, FUNDACOMUN and other institutions continued to assist a significant number of local authorities with their own resources.

B.U.S. staff assigned to the project:

International experts:

- Short-term experts (conceptual backstopping, municipal finance, etc.) 10,0 PM

Local experts:

- Long-term coordinator 18,0 PM
- Short-term experts (training, planning, etc.) 18,0 PM
- Administrative staff

PM = Person month