

Client: Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry,
Environment and Water Management

Duration: 2007 - ongoing

Location: Austria



The European Agricultural Fund
for Rural Development: Europe
investing in rural areas



Within this assignment Kommunalkredit Public Consulting supports the Ministry of Environment in the implementation of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), specifically for the financial support of renewable energy projects.

KPC acts as an Intermediate Body and within EAFRD renewable energy projects (biomass-fired district heating systems) are supported. Kommunalkredit Public Consulting appraised 219 projects with a total investment-volume of EUR 231million between 2007- 2013. The co-financing by the ERDF amounted to a total grant volume of 34,6 Mio. EUR. These projects are also co-financed by the Austrian state.

General tasks include the provision of administrative services on the basis of general program processing. Above all, they cover the co-ordination with the managing authority and with the monitoring body to ensure the program's compliance with the Council Regulations (EC) 1080/2006 and 1083/2006. In addition KPC is responsible for the coordination with the ERP-Fund, Austria's Paying Agency for the Structural Funds.

The tasks included:

- Technical, financial and environmental project appraisal and participation in monitoring committees
- Verification of project application
- Evaluation of fund utilization
- Ensuring compliance with relevant legislation and regulations
- Provisions of papers for implementation reports, mid-term evaluation, monitoring committees and publicity measures (awareness rising)
- Co-ordination with other funding institutions
- Ensuring compliance with relevant national and EU legislation and regulations (especially EC Council Regulations 1080/2006 and 1083/2006).