Project No.HU9909-03

1. Title: Development of Agricultural Statistics
2. Sub-programme: Agriculture
3. Location: Hungarian Central Statistical Office, Hungary

4. Objectives:

Wider objective: Agricultural statistics available for the adhesion to CAP. With reference to the NPAA and AP priorities, the project covers more specifically the

- conduct of an agricultural census, which meets EU requirements of farm structure surveys and makes possible to establish a farm typology and farm register providing a basis for agricultural production surveys
- development of fruit tree, fruit production, vineyard and wine production sample surveys
- development of EU conform milk and slaughter statistics
- development of an agricultural monetary statistics system which meets EU requirements.

Immediate objective: The programme’s immediate objective are a.) the extension and further development of the infrastructure of the Hungarian Statistical Office in order to meet the requirements for collection, analysis and communication of data especially on the conduct of an agricultural census in 2000; b.) provision of EU-harmonised data and methodological work for agricultural policy in the fields of farm structure surveys and farm typology, fruit and wine statistics and milk and slaughter statistics through wide range of technical assistance. In the field of agricultural monetary statistics the aim of the project is the development of the system of Economic Accounts for Agriculture on the basis of the new methodology adopted by EU in 1997.

5. Description of activities:

One of the elements of the wide range programme is the conduct of an agricultural census in 2000 which is a basic essential for the harmonisation process and provides data and links to agricultural statistical fields described as existing weaknesses corresponding exactly to the deficiencies stated in the screening exercise in the present agricultural statistical service.

The proposed project consists of three inter-related sub-projects:

- Assistance of pool of external experts in
  A. agricultural typology, census and register
     - to establish a farm typology and farm register providing a basis for agricultural production surveys
     - to define the register’s content, structure, use and method of updating
     - software development
     - to define links of the structural survey with the survey on vineyard and wine production
  B. fruit and wine production statistics
     - methodological planning and practical preparation of vineyard and wine production survey
     - training on methodology of persons involved in the organisation of survey
     - consultation with experts of EUROSTAT
  C. Milk and slaughter statistics
- preparation of new survey on observation of household-slaughtering
- methodological development of the forecasting model on animal production
- study visits for the methodological improvement of modeling

D. Agro-monetary statistics
- establishment of database
- link to the National Account’s System
- related software development

- Twinning arrangement
  - long–term in methodological work on modernisation of the statistical service in agricultural
typology, census and register, supervision of the project administration
  - short-term TA for the selection and contracting of the experts participating in census.

- Supply of data processing equipment to the Hungarian Central Statistical Office in order to enable it
  - to process the data collected in the full scope census related to agricultural typology, fruit and
  wine production, milk and slaughter statistics and agro-monetary statistic system
  - to enforce the IT system for central and country directorates of the HCSO in order to achieve
  reliable and smooth data transmission between them.

6. Institutional framework
The HCSO (the Agricultural Department) has the overall professional responsibility for the successful implementation of the project including co-ordination with the MARD. The HCSO and MARD shall be responsible for project design, implementation and monitoring. The HCSO will closely co-operate with the Ministry of Agriculture and Regional Development and other beneficiaries (agricultural research institutions and relevant faculties of agricultural higher education institutions).

7. Budget (in Meuro)

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8. Implementation arrangements:
The CFCU will be responsible for tendering, contracting, and the financial management of the project.
The procurement of supplies and services shall follow the valid DIS rules. The investment component will be tendered in one single international supply tender in value of 2.0 MEURO including investment for all four statistical fields (including components 01,02, 03 and 04). The service tender in value of 3.2 MEURO will cover activities under components under 01,02,03, and 04). A complex twinning arrangement in value of 0.8 MEURO serves a double aim of the overall professional supervision of the project and the co-ordination of the activities included in the component 01.
9. Implementation schedule:

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10. Environment: The project has no discernible effect on the environment.

11. Rates of return: Not applicable.

12. Investment criteria:

   **Catalytic effect:** The Phare contribution will help to accelerate the establishment of the agricultural statistics complying with EU requirements. The success of the project is essential for the accession to the CAP.

   **Co-finance:** The recipient will fund about 75% of the total project costs. Other local co-financing contributions will cover local technical expertise and management.

   **Additionality:** The Phare intervention shall not displace other financiers, especially from private sector or IFI system.

   **Project Readiness:** Technical specifications, ToR and tender dossiers will be ready by the time of signature of the FM.

   **Sustainability:** The investment action supported will be sustainable in the long term beyond the date of accession. They will comply with EU norms and standards, be coherent with the sector policies of the EU and be financially sustainable to cover future maintenance and operation costs.

   **Competition:** All actions financed will respect the competition provisions of the European Agreement.

13. Conditionality and sequencing:

The project design has started, the documentation shall be prepared, checked and approved by technical experts in the relevant institutions by the time of endorsement of the FM. The Project Fiches can be circulated among the interested MS, the twinning procurement can be launched short after the signature of the FM.

Subsequent to the expertise view, the supply tender dossier shall be submitted for approval and shall be procured around November 1999. Upon the initialisation of the equipment component, the service procurement can commence.
## LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

**Project Number HU9906.03**

### Wider Objective
- Modernisation of the Hungarian statistical service in the field of agricultural statistics
- Alignment with the NPAA and AP in field of statistics

#### Indicators of Achievement
- Fulfilment of the requirements identified in the NPAA and AP
  - NPAA and country opinion
  - EUROSTAT reports

#### How, When and By Whom Indicators Will Be Measured

### Immediate Objectives
- Extension of the infrastructure of the HCSO
- Provision of EU harmonised data and methodological work in farm structure surveys, fruit and wine statistics, milk and slaughter statistics, agri-monetary statistics

#### Indicators of Achievement
- Updated register of statistical data for variables regulated by the EU,
- Accurate and accessible information on monetary and other variables according the Acquis
  - Screening reports
  - Reports of the relevant departments of the MARD

#### How, When and By Whom Indicators Will Be Measured

### Outputs
- IT and hardware at the involved departments of the HCSO
- Twinning arrangement concluded
- Methodological work, data collection, analysis and survey design finished

#### Indicators of Achievement
- new surveys, wide range of statistical & technical variables with statistical confidentiality accessible to the MARD and Eurostat
- IT equipment installed as planned
- Training of internal and external users of the EU conform methodology concluded as planned in the service tender
  - Project reports, acceptance test reports and progress reports
  - Statistics of the sector
  - Monitoring and evaluation reports

#### How, When and By Whom Indicators Will Be Measured

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**Inputs:** 6 million Euro as Phare contribution supplemented by 19,28 million Euro as contribution from the recipient organisation. Technical programme management by the CFCU.
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RELATION WITH PREVIOUS PHARE ACTIVITIES

- The agricultural census, typology and register project is based on the results of the previous PHARE project on the Development of a Complex Agricultural Information System and on the EUROSTAT multilateral program with CEEC countries.

- The milk and slaughter project is based on the results of the previous PHARE project on the Development of a Complex Agricultural Information System and on the EUROSTAT multilateral program with CEEC countries.

- The Agro-monetary project is based on the EUROSTAT multilateral program with CEEC countries.
ANNEX 5

LIST OF LAWS AND GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

List of relevant Laws and Regulations
Law of Land Registration - CXLI/1997
Parcel-based Information System related references:
   ECC 3887/92, 3508/92 Article 3,1 Parcel identification:
   ECC 3508/92 Article 6.6, 3887/92 Article 1 (Parcel and farmer registration), ECC 3508/92
   Article 6.4, 3508/92 (Change control of agriculture parcels), ECC 762/94 Article 3,4,
   2078/92 Article 4,1,1765 Article 9 (Temporal comparison), ECC 3887/92 (Double claim
   check), ECC 2780/92 Article 4,2 (Application of exclusion rules),
   ECC 3887/92 (register on land users and owners)
MARD Regulation on AIC – 108/1997

Reference to relevant Government Strategic plans and studies e.g. Institution Development Plan,
Business plans, Sector studies etc.
This project harmonies with the strategic plan of the Department of Lands and Mapping.
Review on the Institutional Setup of the Required Management Structures for Implementation of EU
Regulations
Progress reports were submitted to the Hungarian Government on the preparation of the Agricultural Census 2000 in
February 1999.
ANNEX 6A

OBJECTIVES AND SUBOBJECTIVES

Agricultural census, typology and register (Item 1)

Wider objectives: To provide data for agricultural policy based on EU-harmonised farm structure surveys and farm typology

Objectives:
1. Permanent consultation with EU experts on the realisation of farm structure surveys and farm typology in aspect of meeting EU requirements, and with MARD experts in aspects of agricultural policy.
2. Preparation and implementation of the agricultural census in 2000, which meets EU requirements of farm structure surveys (and FAO WCA2000). The results should be adequate to integrate them in regional database established in GIS.
3. Establishment of an EU-conform farm typology Producing SGM values by products and regions as an input for typology: Due to the actually partial set up of FADN system in Hungary, these calculations should be based on other data sources and on model calculations as well. At the same time the agricultural regions should be specified according to the NUTS system. On the basis of these inputs the preliminary version of farm typology should be set up and discussed among experts. Later on based on the real SGM values and experiments, the final version can be elaborated.
4. Updating of the farm register on the basis of the census. The farm register should be updated with the farm structure survey data compiled in the frame of the census, and completed with the typology data. All the data necessary for the further estimations based on sample surveys should be included as well.
5. Setting up of new samples: The register serves as sampling frame. The sample surveys (crop, livestock and others statistics) should be carried out on samples formed on this basis.
6. Controls: The quality control of the data is permanent during the whole process. As the secondary results are calculated, they are ready to compare to other data sources and information, the differences can be analysed and reasons found.
7. Setting up of the data base: A user-friend data base should be set up with the farm structure data, taking into consideration the EUROFARM data structure as well.
8. Integrating the data base into the regional database meeting the needs of regional policy

Fruit and wine statistics (Item 2)

Wider objectives: To provide data on wine and fruit production for agricultural policy based on EU-harmonised vineyard and fruit tree registers and surveys

Objectives:
1. Permanent consultation with experts of Eurostat and some wine and fruit producing Member states on fruit and wine production surveys in aspect of meeting EU requirements and with MARD experts in aspects of agricultural policy.
2. Elaboration of fruit tree, fruit production, vineyard and wine production survey design and set up the technical conditions: set up the design of the basic survey to be carried out in 2001 in co-operation
with MARD, and the registers, and on this basis design the annual surveys on the grubbing ups, new plantations, replanting and production of grape must or wine and alcoholic strength concerning the vineyards and on the grubbing ups, new plantations, replanting and production of fruit concerning the orchards; elaboration of the teaching material, education and providing of the technical background for the interviewers and experts involved in the survey.

3. Design the sample for the annual surveys to cover statistical estimation criteria in the required breakdown of variables at country and regional levels as well.

4. Permanent checking and verification: Carry out the first surveys and elaborate the data quality control methods

**Milk and Slaughter Statistics (Item 3)**

**Wider Objectives:** Provision of data for the EU in order to support CAP, as well as for national policy makers and to support the successful accession of Hungary to the EU.

**Objectives:**
1. Permanent consultation with EU experts in order to develop milk and slaughter statistics comply with the regulation of the EU. Consultation with MARD concerning agricultural policy.
3. Adaptation of EU regulation on milk statistics. Improvement of coverage, and increase the number of observed variables.
4. Controls: Quality control of the data.

**Agro-monetary Statistics (Item 4)**

**Wider Objectives:** Development of the system of Economic Accounts for Agriculture on the basis of the new methodology adopted by EU in 1997; adoption of the EU’s methodology on the agricultural prices, development of survey on agricultural labour input.

**Objectives:**
1. Development of the methodology for the needed data, estimates, and the compiling of a complete system of data-flow for the calculation of the final results
2. Establishment of a data-base, linked to the other institutions involved, containing all the data-sources
3. Linking the system to the National Accounts
4. Organisation of experts for the evaluation of the indicators
5. Development of regional accounts
6. Development of the data collections needed for the calculation of input price indices quarterly
7. Change from unit value-type output price indices to the “pure” ones
8. Development of EU conform surveys on agricultural labour input
JUSTIFICATION

The modernisation of the Hungarian statistical service in accordance with the adoption of Acquis Communautaire is referred to in many documents produced in the pre-accession phase (see references).

One of the elements of the wide range programme for NPAA and AP is the conduct of an agricultural census in 2000, which is a basic essential for the harmonisation process.

In the past few years there has been considerable change in the ownership structure of the Hungarian agricultural sector. The census aims at covering all the economic actors in agriculture (including about 2.2 million households) and forming a basis for setting up a farm register which is an instrument as sampling frame for conducting surveys in different areas of agricultural statistics.

The methodological work has already started with the assistance of EU-expertise when needed and it is still continuing including the organisation of seminars, workshops, study visits etc.

The census covers about one-fifth of the Hungarian population and as such needs a staff hired occasionally for the purpose.

The census is the first phase of a longer-term project covering:
- implementation of farm register
- creation of sampling frame
- typology of agricultural holdings;
- development of sampling methodology (sampling schemes)
- creation of agricultural statistical data bases,
- setting up specific registers required by legal acts for the Member States, e.g. vineyard register.

The changes in the development of the Hungarian agricultural sector (ownership structure) imply the observation of milk and slaughter statistics on the producer side in order to improve coverage.

Institution building

In order to ensure efficient project implementation and successful preparation for the accession we intend to rely on the consultative assistance of long term and short term EU experts. One of the purpose of the twinning is to exchange experience with experts from countries with lots of small agricultural enterprises and households, being beneficiary of FEOGA. The twinning includes study visits of Hungarian experts too.
An EU expert and a Hungarian assistant is needed in the framework of the technical assistance to carry out the project administration during the whole project.

1. Census, register, data basis, typology, sampling
   software development for the register, for the updating of the register, for the development and use of database, for typology, and sampling EU and Hungarian experts to develop the detailed program of the tasks included in the objectives like SGM calculations, typology, register, sampling, database, including the experimental calculations and the link of databases with special regard to regional databases.
   other costs as diem, travelling cost, material costs
2. **Fruit and wine production statistics**

EU and Hungarian experts are needed to develop the detailed program of the basic surveys including the development of the professional background of the survey, preparation of the teaching material, education and providing of technical background for the interviewers and experts involved in the survey. 

Software development is necessary for the elaboration of survey results, the database, the integration of the results in regional database based on GIS.

3. **Milk and slaughter statistics**

The development of new surveys on milk and milk products, design data bases and development of forecast methods with the help of EU and Hungarian experts is needed.

The modernisation of the Hungarian statistical service in accordance with the Acquis Communautaire is referred in many documents produced in the pre-accession phase.

Milk and slaughter statistics without its development can not support CAP in a satisfactory way.

4. **Agro-monetary statistics**

Agro-monetary statistics is compiled in co-operation with other institutions (see above). To improve the macroeconomic and methodological knowledge of the experts involved, it is necessary to organise training for them.

A study visit to the statistical office of a member state would be useful to support the methodological improvement of the system of Economic Accounts for Agriculture and Agricultural Labour Input statistics.

**Investment**

However well the Hungarian Statistical Office (central and regional offices) is equipped with computers, these assets can only support every day work. The agricultural census requires a huge amount of data processing work which should be done in a very short period. It is necessary to make additional investments (computers, new PC workstations, increase the Unix server capacity, widen the network band width) for this purpose. The acquired assets can also be used for the farm register and other agricultural data collection (milk and slaughter, fruit and wine production, agricultural labour input) purposes after the agricultural census.

Additional investments are needed for fruit and wine statistics (special equipment for GIS, maps, software).

Economic Accounts for Agriculture (EAA) in the framework of Agro-monetary statistics is compiled in a close co-operation between the Statistical Office, Ministry of Agriculture and Regional Development, the University of Agriculture and the Ministry of Finance. This co-operation requires frequent data exchange. For the time being the members of the EAA working group exchange data by diskette or e-mail which is not a right tool for this purpose. A computer hardware improvement is necessary for this purpose.
REFERENCES

- **Agricultural census, typology and register (Item 1)**
  Statistical Requirements Compendium, EUROSTAT, July 1998
  Module 621 Structure of agricultural holdings
  Legal Acts
  Hungary, Screening Results, Chapter 12- Statistics, European Commission Task Force Accession Negotiations, 27 August 1998
  The project is related to the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis in the following points:
  - In the NPAA 3.3. paragraph is related to statistics. The farm structure statistics makes an important part of the priority area agricultural statistics. The farm structure survey and typology provide the basic data as widely described in EU regulations, and a huge amount of tables and the set of individual data should be offered to Eurostat and EUROFARM database. These data contribute to the updating of farm register as well. The register as the sample frame for sample surveys makes another important basis of agricultural statistics.
  - The farm structure statistics support directly the agricultural policy as the number and characteristics of farms concerned by a measurement can be defined and analysed on this database. DG VI. often demands ad-hoc tables from EUROFARM system. The compatibility of farm structure data and FADN system is very important from this aspect.
  - The farm structure database may have an important role in the regional policy in the field of Economic and Social Cohesion, as the farm classification is based partly on regions. This way data are region-compatible.

- **Fruit and wine statistics (Item 2)**
  Module 623 STATISTICS ON VITICULTURE
  MODIFICATIONS CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF APPLICATION
  Module 624 STATISTICS ON FRUIT GROWING
• **Milk and slaughter statistics (Item 3)**

Statistical Requirements compendium, Eurostat, July, 1998

Module 652, ANIMAL PRODUCTS STATISTICS


• **Agro-monetary statistics (Item 4)**

1. As a part of the National Accounts, Agricultural Economic Accounts are linked to the macroeconomic statistics.

2. The EU methodology of the Agricultural Economic Accounts contains such elements (classifications, data on taxes and subsidies, etc.), which can be adopted only by realising the priorities of agriculture with special regard to the reinforcement of the National Institute for Qualification of Agricultural Products, the establishment of the statistical data collection system for the CAP, and the development of the agricultural registration system.

3. The development of regional accounts are attached to the development of regional information system.