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ReSAC took an active part in the activities of general project coordination and dissemination of information and communication activities, incl. in verification of the comparability of the FEMA project with the national methodological framework.

The execution of the Contracts was coordinated with PO (Directorates for Coordination on European Union and International Cooperation Issues / CEUICI/, National Service for Nature Protection /NSNP/, Executive Environment Agency /EEA/, ect.)

The envisaged project activities were carried out in the required time and with the necessary professionalism and responsibility.

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