

ECO PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT (FORM)

1. Project Category/Code:	AI/A/SSP-2/2020
2. Project Title:	“Support for Development of Organic Production, Certification and Market Integration in the ECO Region”
3. Inclusion in ECO Project List: Date of approval of ECO Work Program by RPC	Paragraph-20, D. SECTOR: AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY, Work Programme 2020 (<i>ECO Secretariat - Tehran, January 14-16, 2020</i>)
4. Project Objective(s):	To enhance the sustainable development of organic agriculture and related sectors in the ECO region in accordance with the international standards
5. Project Budget (US\$):	10,000 USD
6. Project Funding Source:	General Reserve Fund (GRF)
7. Coordinating Country/Organization:	ECO
8. International/Regional Partner:	-
9. Duration of Project- In Proposal (Months):	3+3 months
10. Project Starting Time (M/Y):	January 2021
11. Project Completion Time (M/Y):	June 2021
12. Duration of Project-Actual (Months):	6 months
<u>13. Results of the Project:</u>	
<u>Completion of implementation of Project's outputs:</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of the current legislative and institutional framework in member countries made, gaps and necessary amendments identified, 2. Report on existing data collection systems and databases prepared and basics of a harmonized common ECO database proposed, 3. Project Pilot Area to demonstrate organic crop production for farmers (to be located in the pilot experimental areas of ECO countries selected suitable by the universities, Ministries of Agriculture or relevant bodies involved in organic production); 4. A regional network of research and development institutions on organic organized, 5. A set of laboratory equipment provided for the national reference laboratories and/or Certification and Standardization Center of ECO countries; 6. Specialized government agencies and staff assisted in elaboration of documents for introducing codes, standards and regulations on organic farming practices into the national and regional legislation; 7. Draft legislative documents prepared for legal alignment of ECO regional organic production and certification in line with international standards; 	

8. Draft of legislative documents on organic farming based on standards and regulations specifically designed for each agency, country and the region prepared, developed and harmonized within the ECO regional organic production and certification standards;
9. Reduced barriers for trade in organic food products and essential organic food safety levels ensured across ECO Member States through the establishment of an integrated regulatory framework for organic food production and trade
10. Recommendations on policy and strategies for further elaboration of legal framework and institutional set up to introduce organic farming practices

14. Date of completion: June 2021

15. Lessons learnt from Project: Have been reflected among the recommendations in the Project Final Report.

CHAIRMAN'S (SECRETARY GENERAL) RECOMMENDATION ON PROJECT:

Date of Project Monitoring Group Meeting: **14 June 2021**, 15th Meeting of ECO Project Monitoring Group (PMG).

Acceptance of completion: **August 2021**

Final Report was circulated to all Member States via Note Verbal No. A&I/Organic/2021/527 dated 23/5/2021.

Recommended steps forward: As per Recommendations of the Project Final Report.

Note: The Project Final Report has been circulated to all Member States via diplomatic channels and is available upon online request to register@eco.int