Reference	Project title		Remedy the Civil and Penal Procedures (BG/2004/IB/JH/01)					
Name of candidate	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start / end)	Name of partners if any
Association Center of Legal Competence (CLC)	Bulgaria	1.000.000	100 %	30	Ministry of Justice of Bulgaria	EU PHARE / Twinning	29 July 05 until 28 February 07	None

## **Detailed description of project**

Type of services provided

Based upon the results achieved in the Twinning projects "Implementation of the Strategy for reform of the judiciary" (BG/2002/IB/JH/01A), "Reform of the civil procedures" (BG 03/IB/JH/01-A), and "Reform of the penal procedures" (BG/03/IB/JH/01-B), the **specific objective** was to ensure fast, efficient and qualitative court procedures through (i) implementing the reforms in civil and penal proceedings, (ii) improving the procedures of enforcement of judgments, and (iii) strengthening the legal aid system.

The following **results** were achieved:

• The National Commission for legal aid strengthened:

Fact finding mission to courts undertaken and an Implementation Action Plan including benchmarking and monitoring mechanisms for the establishment of the national system for legal aid elaborated and the Implementation Action Plan implemented, thus needs and gaps analysis on training accomplished and a respective training concept and curriculum as wells as a "TOT" tool elaborated, training courses held; needs and gaps analyses on office and technical equipment accomplished; public awareness campaign on the national system for legal aid accomplished; an International Workshop for the set-up of an International Network to strengthen International and European judicial cooperation in the field of legal aid accomplished.

• The procedures of enforcement of judgments improved:

Fact finding mission to courts undertaken and an Implementation Action Plan including benchmarking and monitoring mechanisms for strengthening of the State Enforcement System and the establishment of a Private Enforcement System elaborated and the Implementation Action Plan implemented, thus needs and gaps analysis on training accomplished and a respective training concept and curriculum as wells as a "TOT" tool elaborated, training courses held; needs and gaps analyses on office and technical equipment accomplished; an International Workshop for the set-up of an International Network to strengthen International and European judicial cooperation in the field of enforcement of judgments accomplished.

Training of magistrates and court administrative staff in penal and civil procedures:

Needs and gaps analyses on training accomplished and respective training concepts, curricula, manuals as wells as a "TOT" tool elaborated.

A total of **50 future trainers trained** following a 'Training-of Trainers (TOT)' approach.

A total of 200 trainees trained on the new Penal Procedures Code and the new (draft) Civil Procedures Code.

Twinning project for the support of the Bulgarian judicial system in the implementation of the Strategy for the Reform of the Judiciary through the further introduction of European standards in the judicial system and updating the judicial infrastructure in order to obtain the necessary administrative and judicial capacity for the transposition, implementation and enforcement of the relevant Acquis Communautaire.

Provision of the following experts:

- 1 Project Leader
- 1 Resident Twinning Adviser (duration 19 months)
- 25 Short- and mid-term Experts with expertise in legal aid systems, enforcement of judgments and training
- 1 Project Manager (Backstopping team)
- 1 Project Assistant (Backstopping team)
- 1 Contract and Human Resources Manager (Backstopping team)

Number of staff months provided (in addition to the Resident Twinning Adviser): **26,5**