

Reference	Project title		Competition policy and consumer protection (PL/IB/2001/EC-08)					
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)	Poland	1.650.000	25 %	14	Office for Competition and Consumer Protection (UOKiK)	EU PHARE / Twinning	April 02 until October 04	German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technologies
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The specific objectives of the project were: (i) to ensure the compliance of Polish competition and consumer protection legislation with EU legislation; (ii) to assist the staff of the Office for Competition and Consumer Protection (UOKiK) and other concerned institutions in the enforcement of the respective provisions; (iii) to promote public awareness for the new regulations on competition and consumer protection.</p> <p>The following results were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polish competition legislation reviewed with regard to recent developments in EU regulations and support to the drafting of necessary legal amendments was provided; • The staff of the UOKiK and concerned institutions trained in implementation and enforcement skills to ensure an appropriate application of competition law in accordance with EU standards; • Market analysis skills of UOKiK staff have improved; • The Polish consumer protection legislation reviewed on its compliance with the Acquis taking into account the latest developments and foreseen amendments in EU legislation and UOKiK; • Independent consumer organisations (NGOs) strengthened in playing an active role in consumer protection and their co-operation with UOKiK enhanced. • European Union comparative testing experience made available by “Stiftung Warentest” and co-operation with the German testing institute “Stiftung Warentest” initiated to improve market transparency for the benefit of Polish consumers; • The Trade Inspection’s enforcement capacity in the field of consumer protection improved; • UOKiK brought into the position to elaborate an integrated strategy for raising public awareness for competition and consumer protection issues and to start its implementation. 						<p>Twinning project to establish the legal framework and institutional structures of competition and consumer protection services adjusted to the requirements of the European Union Internal Market.</p> <p>Provision of the following experts by the candidate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Short- and mid-term experts with expertise in the drafting and elaboration of legal provisions and amendments, training, institutional building, and the accomplishment of workshops and seminars • 1 Project Manager (Backstopping team) • 1 Project Assistant (Backstopping team) • 1 Accountant (Backstopping team) • 1 Contract and Human Resources Manager (Backstopping team) <p>Number of staff months provided: 9</p>		