Reference	Project title		Implementation of the strategy for reform of the judiciary in Bulgaria (BG02/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	800.000	90 %	20	Ministry of Justice, Supreme Judicial Council	EU PHARE / Twinning	July 03 until July 04	BRZ GmbH (Austrian Federal Computing Center)

## **Detailed description of project**

The **specific objectives** of the project were to improve equal access to justice and the court decisions enforcement system in order to ensure an effective and prompt protection of the rights of citizens and legal entities as well as to introduce new information technologies in the courts for improvement of their efficiency.

The following results were achieved:

- Status quo analysis carried out and recommendations proposed;
- Bulgarian **key personnel trained** (via following a 'TOT' approach):
- Proposals of legislative and administrative measures elaborated and presented to competent bodies;
- Drafts for recommended legal amendments submitted to the Ministry of Justice for the introduction to the Council of Ministers:
- A concept on particularly short-term priorities for the development of IT-applications laid down in the IT-Strategy for the Judiciary elaborated;
- Technical Specifications for the (re-)design of the IT supported Court Case Management System (CCMS) elaborated.

## Type of services provided

Twinning project to **support the Bulgarian Government** and the Judicial System in implementing the Strategy for the **Reform of the Judiciary**, aiming at meeting EU standards and practices in terms of quality of justice.

Provision of the following experts by the candidate:

- 1 Project Leader
- 1 Resident Twinning Adviser (duration 12 months)
- 14 Short- and mid-term experts with expertise in the drafting and elaboration of legal frameworks and legislative concepts, training, accomplishment of workshops and seminars and the development of IT-applications
- 1 Project Manager (Backstopping team)
- 1 Project Assistant (Backstopping team)
- 1 Accountant (Backstopping team)
- 1 Contract and Human Resources Manager (Backstopping team)

Number of staff months provided (in addition to the Resident Twinning Adviser): **19**