

Reference	Project title		Establishment of an independent, reliable and functioning judiciary and the enhancing of the judicial cooperation (CARDS 2003 Regional Programme) – Grant Contract No. 82-231					
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
Federal Ministry of Justice of Austria in cooperation with ¹⁾ the Association Center of Legal Competence (CLC)	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro	5.500.000	44 %	21	European Commission	European Commission / Council of Europe	1 May 2004 until 30 April 2007	Ministries of Justice Bulgaria, Germany, Slovenia, Italy, and Romania, Council of Europe
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The specific objectives were to contribute to a better awareness and understanding of the EU standards and other international standards and best practices, to support the development of a regional strategy together with an Implementation Action Plan, to enhance judicial co-operation and networking among the CARDS Countries, and to contribute to Capacity Building to enable officials to act as trainers.</p> <p>The following results were achieved:</p> <p>Better awareness and better understanding of the EU standards and best practices gained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amongst civil servants and officials, courts, Ministries of Justice as well as their colleagues within all concerned law enforcement bodies, e.g. lawyers, notaries. <p>(Draft) National Strategies and (draft) Implementation Action Plans as well as benchmarks for the supervision of the (draft) Action Plans available and a regional strategy developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic modules' specific chapters of the National Strategies and the Implementation Action Plans drafted and benchmarks for their supervision defined; • A Regional Strategy with verifiable benchmarks that introduce a set of commonly accepted EU standards, practices and principles on the independence and functioning of the judiciary elaborated. <p>Judicial co-operation, networking and capacity building enhanced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First verifiable steps towards an institutionalisation of judicial co-operation and networking among the CARDS Countries themselves, with the CCs, the EUMSs and the International Organisations (IOs) have been undertaken; • The Western Balkans Prosecutors' Network for the fight against organised crime established; • The CARDS Countries' officials have the capacity to act as trainers for their colleagues as well as managers of the changes proposed and initiated in the Project. 						<p>CARDS 2003 Regional Programme for the establishment of an independent, reliable and functioning judiciary and the enhancing of the judicial cooperation in the CARDS Countries.</p> <p>Provision of the following experts by the candidate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Project Director • 3 Project Managers • 10 Short-term experts with experience in specific fields of justice • 1 Financial Project Manager (Backstopping team) • 1 Project Assistant (Backstopping team) • 1 Accountant (Backstopping team) • 1 Contract and Human Resources Manager (Backstopping team) • 1 Local Office Manager (Project Office, Skopje) • 2 Local Secretaries (Project Office, Skopje) <p>Number of staff months provided: 264</p>		

¹⁾ The Federal Ministry of Justice of Austria has – based upon a cooperation agreement – outsourced the administration of its project activities to the Association CLC, a Mandated Body closely related to the Federal Ministry of Justice. Therefore the Association CLC as the Austrian Partner Institution has the full competence to implement the project and to manage the project funds on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Justice of Austria and to assist the latter in the monitoring of this project.