

Reference	Project title		Strengthening the uniform application of the new procedural legislation in Bulgaria (BG/07/IB/JH/06)					
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 co-operation with ¹⁾ the Association Center of Legal Competence (CLC)	Bulgaria	1.600.000	100 %	42	Supreme Court of Cassation, Supreme Administrative Court, Supreme Judicial Council and Ministry of Justice	EU Transition Facility	15. December 08 until 14 July 2010	None
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The overall objective was to improve the public management and transparency of the judiciary and court administration through strengthening the managerial and administrative capacity of the Supreme Court of Cassation (SCC) and the Supreme Administrative Court (SAC) to meet new challenges following Bulgaria's accession to the EU and to apply equally the <i>acquis communautaire</i> and the new civil, penal and administrative procedural legislation. The specific objective was to improve the institutional capacity of the SCC, the SAC and the Regional Administrative Courts to apply equally the penal, civil and administrative procedural legislation.</p> <p>The following results were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the administrative justice in Bulgaria: (i) New administrative structures of the SAC and regional administrative courts are functioning; (ii) Practices and procedures of administration of administrative justice are unified, synchronised, simplified and systematised; (iii) Court information and administrative justice is accessed, procedure for defence of citizens' rights is accelerated; (iv) Administrative justice with effective internal communications and the establishment of court standards are sustained; (v) Transparent and equal application of the law in different regions of the country is improved; (iv) An International Conference with representatives of EU Administrative Courts and their network is accomplished. • Strengthening the penal, civil and commercial justice in Bulgaria: (i) The administrative structures and institutional capacity of the SCC to effectively coordinate and control equally application of the new penal and civil procedural legislation is improved; (ii) Practices of administration of justice by unified, synchronised, simplified and systematised court administration procedure and effective implementation of the random case assignment are improved; (iii) Administration of justice with effective internal communications and the establishment of court improvement standards are sustained; (iv) Transparency and access to court information in the SCC are improved; (v) An International Conference with representatives of EU Supreme Courts and their network is accomplished. 						<p>Twinning project to ensure a more transparent and efficient administrative, penal, civil and commercial justice in Bulgaria.</p> <p>Provision of the following experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Project Leader • 2 Resident Twinning Adviser (duration 19 months each) • 36 Experts • 1 Project Manager (Backstopping team) • 1 Project Assistant (Backstopping team) • 1 Contract and Human Resources Manager (Backstopping team) <p>Number of staff months provided (in addition to the two Resident Twinning Advisers): 23,2</p>		

¹⁾ The Federal Ministry of Justice of Austria has – based upon a cooperation agreement – outsourced the administration of its Twinning 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.