

Reference	Project title		Justice Reform (MN 07 IB JLS 03)					
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 <sup>1)</sup> the Association Center of Legal Competence (CLC)	Montenegro	1.500.000	100 %	51	Ministry of Justice and the Judiciary of Montenegro	EU IPA Programme / Twinning	01 Nov. 2008 until 28 February 2010	None
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The <b>overall objective</b> of the project was to support the building of an independent and efficient judicial system. The <b>project purpose</b> as defined in the contract was to ensure effective implementation of the Montenegrin judiciary reform.</p> <p>The following <b>results</b> were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost and benefit analysis elaborated as a first basis for institutional reorganisation of the court's network</li> <li>• Exact overview over the degree of utilization of capacities elaborated, contributing to more efficiency in handling court cases and reducing or preventing backlogs</li> <li>• Invigoration of alternative dispute resolution in criminal matters supported by elaborating a concept for administering community services</li> <li>• A framework law elaborated addressing the distribution of powers between the MoJ and the Judicial Council (court inspection matters, standardization and unification of proceedings concerning appointment and disciplinary liability, exercise of supervision tasks in the case of observed irregularities, training for judicial office holders in view of approximating it to European standards)</li> <li>• In-depth training of prosecutors provided, contributing to smooth implementation of the new Criminal Procedure Code</li> <li>• Multi-annual project scheme developed and fully in line with the goals of the Strategy for the Reform of the Judiciary (2007 – 2012) and its Action Plan for Implementation of the Strategy for the Reform of the Judiciary (2007 – 2012) allowing for a precise and smart design of future projects</li> <li>• Concept for set-up of a unit within the Ministry of Justice developed, supporting the coordination and implementation of future (Twinning) projects</li> <li>• New accelerating procedures for international judicial co-operation (best practice model, handbooks and laws on international legal assistance and child abduction) established</li> <li>• Concept for an outreach programme and concrete measures relating to chapter V of the Strategy for the Reform of the Judiciary (2007 – 2012) provided, helping to enhance public trust in judicial institutions and the office holders</li> </ul>						<p>Twinning project <b>aiming at supporting the building of an independent and efficient judicial system and ensuring effective implementation of the Montenegrin judiciary reform:</b></p> <p>Provision of the following experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Project Leader</li> <li>• 1 Resident Twinning Adviser (duration 16 months)</li> <li>• 64 Short Term Experts consisting of Judges, Prosecutors, Legal Advisers, Academics, Head of Departments of the Ministry and Courts and one IT-Consultant</li> <li>• 1 Project Manager (Backstopping team)</li> <li>• 1 Project Assistant (Backstopping team)</li> <li>• 1 Contract and Human Resources Manager (Backstopping team)</li> </ul> <p>Number of staff months provided (in addition to the Resident Twinning Adviser): <b>22</b></p>		

<sup>1)</sup> 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.