

Reference	Project title		Strengthening the Institutional and Legislative Framework in the Field of International Judicial Co-operation (RO/2005/IB/JH/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 co-operation with ¹⁾ the Association Center of Legal Competence (CLC)	Romania	1.200.000	100 %	39	Ministry of Justice	EU PHARE/ Twinning	30 October 06 until 30 May 08	None
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The specific objective was to support the Romanian Ministry of Justice in strengthening the judicial co-operation in civil and criminal matters.</p> <p>The following results were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Studies in selected EU Member States concerning the operational structures and workflow processes of judicial co-operation networks in civil, commercial and criminal matters elaborated; • A 'best practice' model for the operational structures of judicial co-operation networks elaborated; • An Implementation Action Plan including benchmarking and monitoring mechanisms for the establishment of the operational structures elaborated, adopted and implemented; • New workflow processes elaborated respectively already existing workflow processes for judicial co-operation in civil, commercial and criminal matters revised and adopted; • Changes and / or amendments to the relevant legislation (respective laws, by-laws and / or manuals) for judicial co-operation in civil, commercial and criminal matters in force and implemented; • An Awareness Campaign for judges, prosecutors, court clerks, the respective staff at the Ministry of Justice and other stakeholders with regard to the improved judicial co-operation networks' structures accomplished; • A Needs and Gaps Analysis with regard to the training needs, a comprehensive training concept and a training programme for magistrates respective staff at the Ministry of Justice elaborated; • A total of 400 judges and 200 clerks trained on (i) recognition and enforcement of judgments; (ii) Brussels I (iii) Brussels II; (iv) European Arrest Warrant; (v) mutual legal assistance; and (vi) "ne bis in idem"; • A Needs and Gaps Analysis regarding the relevant data to be published on the MoJ's international judicial co-operation website and the Judicial Atlas in civil, commercial and criminal matters accomplished; • A Catalogue of Recommendations to ensure the compatibility of ICT facilities with systems in other European Union Member States elaborated and adopted. 						<p>Twinning project to build a professional legal system. Provision of the following experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Project Leader • 1 Resident Twinning Adviser (duration 18 months) • 30 Judges (civil, commercial and criminal) • 3 Academics • 1 IT-Expert • 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 Resident Twinning Adviser): 25</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.