

Reference	Project title		Enhancing the Judicial System in Commercial Matters (AL/04/IB/JH/02)					
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	1.000.000	100 %	21	Ministry of Justice	EU CARDS / Twinning	1 October 07 until 31 March 09	None
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The specific objective was to support the Ministry of Justice in its efforts (i) to strengthen the judiciary on commercial cases, (ii) to strengthen the respective training of judges and lawyers and (iii) to ensure that the national legislation on commercial issues is harmonised in line with EU standards and best practices.</p> <p>The following results were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Implementation Action Plan (Legal) including short-, mid- and long-term measures as well as benchmarking and monitoring mechanisms for improvement and harmonisation of the current legal framework elaborated and selected measures implemented; • An Implementation Action Plan (Institutional) including short-, mid- and long-term measures as well as benchmarking and monitoring mechanisms for (i) improvement of the working methodologies, i.e. the organisational structures (workflow processes) in commercial issues, and (ii) adjustments of the IT-supported Civil Case Management Information System (CCMIS) elaborated and selected measures implemented; • Cost & benefit analyses on (i) the budgetary impact of the legal approximation process on commercial issues, and (ii) the budgetary impact of the institutional approximation process on commercial issues accomplished; • Legal advice in the legal drafting process provided; • An on-line library set-up; • An EU 'best practices' manual on working methodologies, i.e. the organisational structures (workflow processes) in commercial issues elaborated; • Adjustments to the IT-supported Civil Case Management Information System (CCMIS) undertaken; • A total of 20 future trainers trained following a 'Training-of Trainers (TOT)' approach; • A total of 160 trainees (judges, prosecutors, inspectors from the Ministry of Justice and the High Council of Justice, registrars from the Registry Offices, lawyers) trained in commercial law, legal writing and reasoning. 						<p>Twinning project aiming at improving the legal framework, strengthening the client's institutional capacities, training of trainers and trainees of different professions.</p> <p>Provision of the following experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Project Leader • 1 Resident Twinning Adviser (duration 18 months) • 1 Key-Expert Legal Reform • 1 Key-Expert Institutional Reform • 1 Key-Expert Training Reform • 6 Judges (different instances) • 5 Academics (Ph.D. level) • 1 Macro Economic Expert • 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): 22</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.