

Reference	Project title		European Assistance Mission to the Justice System in Albania (EURALIUS II) – External Actions of the European Community (EuropeAid/125922/C/ACT/AL)					
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	4.500.000	85 %	24	Ministry of Justice and the judicial stakeholders	European Commission	16 November 2007 until 30 June 2010	Germany
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>EURALIUS II built on and further strengthened the results achieved in the preceding project i.e. EURALIUS I. In this respect, the specific objectives were (i) to review constitutional provisions, the check and balances of judicial powers and proper functioning of this principle, (ii) to enhance the inter-institutional dialogue and cooperation between the Judiciary, the Ministry of Justice, the General Prosecutor Office, the Ministry of Interior, the Albanian State Police and related stakeholders, (iii) to improve the organisational, administrative, planning, and resource management capacities of the Judiciary and of the Ministry of Justice, (iv) to improve the planning and financial management systems of the Office for the Administration of the Judiciary Budget, (v) to improve the quality of the legal drafting process and to improve the capacity and raise awareness of the EU Acquis, (vi) to further strengthen the capacity of the General Directorate of Prisons, (vii) to raise the enforcement rates of judicial rulings in Albania to average EU levels (viii) to increase the transparency and efficiency of the judicial process, (ix) to improve the legal framework and efficiency of criminal justice institutions, and (x) to support the improvement of the technical and legal framework in the area of land administration and immovable property rights in Albania.</p> <p>The following results were achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legal drafting process enhanced, the awareness of the EU Acquis raised, and the political decision taking processes improved • a sustainable strategy for reforming the justice system elaborated and its implementation started • judicial system improved, made more transparent and more efficient • judicial co-operation and networking among the judicial institutions enhanced • human resources management and budget management improved, more transparent and more efficient • a probation system in Albania established, and penitentiary legislation brought in conformity with international standards • Bailiff's Office performance improved, and enforcement rates of judicial rulings increased • efficiency and transparency in court proceedings increased due to a fully electronically operating case management system (ICMIS) • criminal justice system improved and standards of the legal aid system in criminal matters raised • a land wide network of permanent GPS stations in Albania established 						<p>EURALIUS II further facilitated the development of a more independent, impartial, efficient, professional, transparent and modern justice system</p> <p>Provision of the following experts by the candidate:</p> <p>Project Office Tirana:</p> <p>International staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Team Leader • 7 international long-term experts • 1 Mission Manager • Short-term experts on demand <p>Local (Albanian) staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Experts • 5 Assistants • 1 Accountant • 2 Translators/Interpreters • 2 Drivers • Short term experts on demand <p>Backstopping team (Vienna)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Financial Project Manager • 1 Project Assistant • 1 Accountant • 1 Contract and Human Resources Manager <p>Number of international staff months provided: 200</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.