

Project Title		Technical Assistance on the Reform of the Greek Judicial System – Phase II (SRSS/S2016/030)	
Name of legal entity:	Center of Legal Competence (CLC) Ltd. (under the auspices of and in alliance with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice)		
Country:	Greece		
Overall contract value (EUR):	998,000		
Proportion carried out by legal entity (%):	100%		
No of staff provided:	10 KE and 10 NKEs		
Name of client:	Ministry of Justice of Greece		
Origin of funding:	European Commission		
Dates (start/end):	22/12/2016 – 21/08/2018		
Name of consortium members (if any):	none		
Detailed description of project		Type and scope of services provided	
<p>In cooperation with the Structural Reform Support Service (SRSS) and the Greek General Secretariat for Coordination (SGC), the Austrian Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice as Reform Partner provided political leadership and transfer of know-how through technical assistance to assist in the implementation of the legislative, institutional and administrative reforms in the following five priority areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Implementation of the new Civil Procedure Code (CPC)</li> <li>(2) Prison system</li> <li>(3) E-justice</li> <li>(4) Judicial statistics</li> <li>(5) Mediation</li> </ol> <p>The direct project beneficiary was the Ministry of Justice of the Hellenic Republic.</p> <p>The following results were achieved:</p> <p><b>Component 1: Support on the implementation of the new CPC (Acceleration of court proceedings)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Successful conduct of a series of seminars on selected topics of the CPC amendments</li> <li>▪ Feasibility study on the introduction of an e-auction IT system</li> <li>▪ Elaboration of a concept for the automated payment order procedure, both technical and legal</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 2: Assistance to the prison system reform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Elaboration of an analysis of the structure of the penitentiary system</li> <li>▪ Proposals for reorganisation aiming at enhancing both security and preparation for reintegration</li> <li>▪ Elaboration of a training curriculum for the prison staff</li> <li>▪ Assessment report of juvenile offenders and juveniles at risk</li> <li>▪ Assessment report concerning preparatory measures for released detainees with a view to reintegration</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 3: E-justice, implementation of the court case management system OSDDY-PP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Permanent monitoring and tracking the implementation process</li> <li>▪ Coaching and training of court staff</li> <li>▪ Establishing project management structures according to the standards of an ICT project management plan</li> <li>▪ Establishing an effective ticket system for change request and error reports</li> <li>▪ Participation in the steering board of the Strategic Structure NSRF (Epiteliki Domi ESPA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 4: Further reinforcement of expertise on judicial statistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assessment report on the data collection templates</li> </ul>		<p><b>Component 1: Support on the implementation of the new CPC (Acceleration of court proceedings):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ About 80 judges and candidate judges were trained to the new regulations of the CPC, namely on the “Taktiki”- proceedings, interim measures, non-contentious proceedings, special proceedings and to the new legal framework for e-auctions.</li> <li>▪ Operational e-auction platform since November 2017. A total of 6,280 property auctions have been scheduled until April 2019.</li> <li>▪ Concept for the automated payment order politically endorsed. Technical environment ready for implementation</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 2: Assistance to the prison system reform:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Around 300 prison guards and social workers were trained (some of them for the first time)</li> <li>▪ Distribution of around 200 manuals to prison guards which serve as a guideline for the practical work in the prisons and in the institutions for juvenile at risk</li> <li>▪ 15 months vocational training of 40 detainees in three different craftsmanship (building and construction, tailoring and decorative art) in three different detention facilities with the goal of improving their reintegration after release. The three trainings provided (in Korydallos, Avlona and Grevena) received significant positive attention from local communities. The training was regarded as extremely helpful and positively contributed to a positive atmosphere in the prisons’ daily life.</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 3: E-justice, implementation of the court case management system OSDDY-PP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Structures for fruitful co-operation between the vendor and judicial units involved were set up, small local teams built with assignment of responsibilities for the necessary coordination</li> <li>▪ Centralization of decision-taking concerning the features of the system with regard to unification (which prior intervention was not granted because of the interference of court staff of some judicial units)</li> <li>▪ Meaningful and increasingly committed involvement of the MoJ’s ICT department</li> <li>▪ Reshuffles in the Strategic Structure committee with a view to act as a steering board as concerns issues of major importance</li> <li>▪ Substantial improvement of the error report system by usage of Jira (software application following a “ticket system” in accordance with modern ICT project management)</li> </ul>	

<p>for the civil and criminal courts and the prosecution services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Development of supporting ad hoc reports, studies and advice on issues related to statistics</li> <li>▪ Elaboration of reliable court statistics for the year 2017 (for the civil and criminal courts and the prosecution services)</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 5: Assistance in further enhancing promotion and use of mediation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A study on an apt set of data for meaningful statistics was delivered, alongside with data collection templates</li> <li>▪ An awareness campaign was conducted, including materials (2.500 flyers) for basic information and fostering mediation</li> <li>▪ A concept for the mediator’s training under the new law (which adapted proposals from the project’s expert) was developed and drafted</li> </ul>	<p><b>Component 4: Further reinforcement of expertise on judicial statistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Court statistics considerably enhanced in terms of</li> <li>▪ Compatibility with international standards (CEPEJ, EU Scoreboard etc.)</li> <li>▪ Reliability</li> <li>▪ Completeness</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 5: Assistance in further enhancing promotion and use of mediation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data collection templates ready for use and distribution</li> <li>▪ Awareness of mediation as an ADR tool raised</li> <li>▪ Expert proposals reflected in the new law on mediation</li> </ul>
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