

Project Title		Facility supporting the strengthening of the Rule of Law in the Republic of Serbia – Victims support (Work package 6), ADC-Project No. 6551-00/2021-SUB01
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:	Republic of Serbia	
Overall contract value (EUR):	495,000	
Proportion carried out by legal entity (%):	100%	
No of staff provided:	1 KE and 15 NKEs	
Name of client:	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia	
Origin of funding:	European Commission / Austrian Development Agency (ADA)	
Dates (start/end):	01/06/2022 – 30/06/2025	
Name of consortium members (if any):	none	
Detailed description of project		Type and scope of services provided
<p>The overall objective of the project was to contribute to the achievement of the obligations stemming from Chapter 23 – Judiciary and Fundamental Rights, in line with the EU acquis and to support the implementation of the National Strategy on the Rights of Victims and Witnesses of Crime (2020-2025).</p> <p>The purpose of the project was to improve the Serbian victim support service systems, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strengthening capacities for victim support and protection and strengthening procedural rights <p>The following results was achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening capacities for victim support and protection and strengthening of procedural rights. <p>Output 1 – Key strategic documents regarding victims and witnesses' support are revised and adopted.</p> <p>Output 2 – International cooperation and networking of the authorities providing support and protection to victims and witnesses of crime are improved.</p> <p>Output 3 – Existing national legal framework is improved, in line with respective international standards.</p> <p>Output 4 – Existing national institutional framework is improved, in line with respective international standards.</p> <p>Output 5 – Strengthened capacities of personnel working in the field of the rights of victims and witnesses of crime in the Republic of Serbia.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting in adopting the Rulebook regulating the organisation and operation of victim and witness support services at high courts in the Republic of Serbia and their treatment of victims and witnesses of crime; Supporting in adapting special premises at ten high courts through the procurement of office furniture and video-conferencing equipment in order to ensure unobstructed functioning of newly established support services; Improving the operation of the services for assistance and support for injured parties and witnesses that are already in place at the Organised Crime Special Department and War Crimes Department of the High Court in Belgrade, and the War Crimes Prosecutor's Office; Supporting in amending the Rulebook on Licensing of Professional Social Welfare Workers; Supporting in assessing the costs of provision of victim and witness support services within the framework of the National Network for Victim Support, in terms of co-financing support services that are part of the National Network for Victim Support; Supporting in developing a training curriculum for primary/general support providers working at services that belong to the National Network for Victim Support through the elaboration of a comparative analysis on training curricula in place in Austria and comparable EU Member States; Supporting in implementing specialist-training programmes for providers of secondary victims support working at services that belong to the National Network for Victim Support; Supporting in organising round tables, workshops and multisectoral meetings to detect problems in the field of identification, protection and support for victims of crime through the provision of experts from Austria and further EU Member States. Supporting in developing recommendations for the improvement of the operation of the National Network for Victim Support; By way of coaching and networking, enabling support services that belong to the National Network for Victim Support, to continuously cooperate with victim and witness support services in EU Member States; Co-financing Serbian research institutes, enabling them to carry out a review of the existing interviewing practices as well as of the existing case law with regard to imposing sanction for acts that disrupt the court's

	<p>normal process;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supporting by way of developing a catalogue of standards to be met by judicial infrastructure with respect to protection and support afforded to victims and witnesses;▪ Supporting by way of elaborating a Feasibility Study for setting up a special call-centre for victims and witnesses of crime.