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	<b>Project title:</b>	Countering serious crime in the Western Balkans						
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Name of legal entity	Country	Overall contract value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of consortium members, if any
Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC)	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia	Total budget: 3.742.525,09  Invoiced value by 8 March 2018: € 467.815,63	Proportion to be carried out by CILC: € 3.742.525,09	5 CILC staff	European Commission	EU / EC GRA	1-01-2018 – 31-12-2019	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the Italian Ministry of Interiors
Detailed description of project				Type and scope of services provided				
<p>The overall objective of the jointly co-financed Action of the European Commission and the Federal German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (EU/BMZ) (hereafter referred to as “Action”) is to improve the overall security in the Western Balkans and the EU by combatting organized crime and terrorism.</p> <p>The specific objective of the Action is to raise the effectiveness of and cooperation among regional and national capacities in tackling occurring forms of SOC, including the recovery of illegal financial gains obtained through diverse types of cross-border crime and the fight against illegal migrant smuggling.</p> <p>To achieve the objective the Action will produce the following mandatory results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Strengthened operational capacities and capabilities of respective law enforcement units to conduct cross-border investigations and prosecutions on SOC, especially to undertake financial investigations and to fight illegal migrant smuggling</li> <li>2) Improved effectiveness of respective law enforcement units on investigations and prosecutions through more efficient cooperation with relevant European and regional authorities and the use of regional instruments, particularly EUROPOL, Interpol, PCC SEE and Eurojust</li> <li>3) Increased efforts to improve legislation and regulations for cross border police and judicial cooperation (Area of Intervention II)</li> <li>4) Improved skills and knowledge of respective law enforcement units on specific topics arising on short-notice from practical cooperation and joint investigations</li> <li>5) Enhanced prerequisites for concluding or implementing Cooperation Agreements between beneficiary countries and Eurojust</li> <li>6) Enhanced framework of information and data exchange between respective police units and relevant European and regional authorities</li> <li>7) Improved effectiveness and strengthened operational capacities and capabilities of respective police units on pre-investigations through more efficient cooperation with relevant European and regional authorities and the use of regional instruments, particularly Eurojust, Interpol and PCC SEE</li> </ol>				<p>Area of Intervention I: Mentoring and Operational Support to cross-border investigations and prosecutions</p> <p>Summary of indicative activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Permanent support to investigations/prosecutions from the moment the case is filed in the Prosecutors office (advice on use of instruments for international judicial cooperation, coordination meetings, translations, Joint Investigations Teams, etc.);</li> <li>- Promotion and application of the PCC SEE provisions;</li> <li>- Report on experience in the practical use of the PCC SEE provisions;</li> <li>- Facilitation of the cooperation with Eurojust, the European Judicial Network in Criminal Matters and Europol, including the co-funding of deployment of liaison prosecutors from Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia at Eurojust;</li> </ul> <p>Area of Intervention II: Legislative and Organizational Advice for an efficient judicial and police cooperation</p> <p>Summary of indicative activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommendations for improvement to close any legal and regulatory gap will be made available to the Beneficiaries;</li> <li>- A special focus will be on the practical use of the PCC SEE provisions. The PCC SEE Secretariat will directly be involved to analyse the gaps and needs with the aim to address these in the PCC SEE implementation process;</li> <li>- Compilation of all information already available on ARO and draw a comprehensive picture of the state of play;</li> <li>- Based on this, further necessary steps in the direction of legislative initiatives and organizational development;</li> </ul>				

8) Improved skills and knowledge of respective police units on special investigation techniques, asset recovery and investigations on fugitives

Area of Intervention IV: Intensified Cooperation between the Beneficiaries and Eurojust.

Summary of indicative activities:

- Support Eurojust visits to the Beneficiaries;
- Study tours for Beneficiary representatives to Eurojust
- Advice on data protection legislation and practices (which is the main obstacle for the Cooperation Agreements);
- Conduct seminars to implement the data protection legislation;
- Promotion of the possibility to co-fund the deployment of Liaisons Prosecutors from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro at Eurojust in The Hague; (The latter will need to be agreed upon with the respective authorities in the sending countries as well as with Eurojust);

CILC provides:

6 EU seconded prosecutors and pool of international STE

CILC staff for this project consists of:

1 program manager (477 wd), 1 management assistant (477 wd), 1 finance manager (119 wd), 1 quality manager (110 wd), 1 financial assistant (119 wd)