

Ref. #	Project Title: Reference Number:	Legal aid in the Netherlands – Chinese delegation visit CN14061						
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
CILC	People's Republic of China	€ 17.045	100%	2 CILC staff 3 STE	Ministry of Justice of China, the Chinese National Legal Aid Center (NLAC) and 2 Provincial Legal Aid Centers	PILnet Foundation	01.04.2014-01.08.2014	-
Detailed description of project						Type and scope of services provided		
<p>This project is part of the China-EU Access to Justice Programme (2013-2016), a €5.3 million project that focuses on assisting China in assessing policies and improving the performance of legal aid provision for people in remote and inaccessible areas. PILnet Foundation (Beijing Office), one of the consortium partners in the China-EU project, approached CILC to organise and implement a study visit to the Netherlands. This project aimed at the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To design, organise and implement a one-week study tour on legal aid in the Netherlands for a delegation of Chinese educators, lawyers and administrators;</li> <li>▪ To prepare an acceptable program agenda, arrange for and participate in meetings, tours and educational programs that the delegation shall have with appropriate governmental, judicial, administrative and legislative bodies.</li> </ul> <p>In April 2014, CILC designed a draft study programme for the delegation of Chinese legal aid experts to acquaint them with the Dutch system of legal aid. CILC also collected relevant preparatory documentation, including the Dutch legal aid law and English documentation on the Dutch legal aid system. These materials were sent to PILnet China that forwarded them to the Chinese participants in a timely fashion for their proper preparation.</p> <p>Between 9 and 13 June, 2014 the delegation of Chinese legal aid experts paid a study visit to the Netherlands to acquaint themselves with the Dutch legal aid system and to discuss the overall organisation, as well as the quality and effectiveness of state legal aid systems. CILC coordinated this four-day working program for representatives of the Ministry of Justice of China, the Chinese National Legal Aid Center (NLAC), the Henan Province Provincial Legal Aid Center (PLAC), the Henan Province Department of Justice and Law, and the Shanxi Provincial Legal Aid Center (PLAC). The visiting delegation was accompanied by two representatives of the British Council in Beijing. The week program included visits to the Netherlands Ministry of Security and Justice, the Dutch Legal Aid Board, the Dutch Legal Service Counters, a renowned Dutch law firm Schakenraad Advocaten that has a lot of experience in working with referred legal aid cases, and the Dutch Bar Association.</p> <p>As a result of CILC's activities – expert meetings and collecting information on the Dutch system of legal aid – stakeholders in several Chinese regions have been made aware of the main issues and good practices in the design and management of legal aid systems. Although China's legal aid system is still in the early stages of its development, the project has managed to both propel the issue of legal aid onto the policy-making agenda, and further entrench the perception of legal aid as an important public institution.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall project management, project coordination and monitoring</li> <li>• Coordination of experts input at working meetings</li> <li>• Backstopping and financial management of the project</li> <li>• Regular contact with the Beneficiary Country counterparts on the project implementation and the achievement of project results</li> <li>• Organisation of working meetings</li> <li>• Publication of project materials</li> </ul> <p>CILC provided 3 legal aid experts for a total of 3 working days. CILC also provided a Project manager (7 working days) and project officer (1 working day).</p>		