

Ref. #	Project Title: Reference number:	Russian Federation: Implementation of the Civil Legal Aid System RU 20601 / DZO 0111782						
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	Russian Federation	€ 430.949	100%	2 CILC staff 4 PILnet staff 4 STE's	Ministry of Justice of the RF, Russian state legal bureaus, Russian Bar, non-state legal aid providers	Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs	03/2010-06/2013	PILnet Global Network for Public Interest Law (Moscow)
Detailed description of project						Type and scope of services provided		
<p>The overall objective of the project was to implement a civil legal aid system in the Russian Federation that is responsive to Russian citizens' legal needs. The project goal was to professionalise legal assistance in such a way that it meets the needs of the Russian population. This was to be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring social effectiveness of the legal system by establishing legal needs assessments adapted to the Russian context;</li> <li>• Enhancing the professional capacities of the legal aid providers through trainings and development of quality standards;</li> <li>• Aiming at outreach to both government and society by stimulating awareness raising campaigns and helping prepare the application of the new legal assistance system nationwide.</li> </ul> <p>As a result of CILC and PILnet's activities – including roundtables, expert meetings, publications, custom-made recommendations, and study visits – stakeholders in at least some Russian regions have been made aware of the main issues and best practices in the design and management of civil legal aid systems. The Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation, which plays the role of a national coordinating and supervising body, now treats legal aid as one of its priorities and has begun taking measures for ensuring the quality and the effectiveness of legal aid provision in Russia. Although Russia's civil legal aid system is still in the early stages of its development, the project over the years has managed to achieve both to propel the issue of legal aid onto the policy-making agenda, as well as to entrench legal aid as an important public institution.</p> <p>Overall the project partners conclude that the project goal has been achieved to quite a considerable extent. Several Russian regions have adopted regional legislation that ensures social effectiveness of the system by broadening the scope of eligible categories of citizens and types of cases.</p> <p>The most tangible results of the project are the survey instrument that has been developed for assessing legal needs of the population, as well as the analytical report on the conducted mass survey in the Sverdlovskaya Oblast', and the recommendation papers on quality and effectiveness of legal aid provision in the Russian Federation. Next to these tangible project outputs, the project has raised the awareness of a large and diverse group of legal aid providers in the Russian Federation. Over the years, numerous expert working meetings, roundtables and conferences have been organised on various aspects of legal aid provision. A great number of Russian legal professionals from different parts of the country, including state legal bureau staff, members of the federal and regional Bar Associations and lawyers have actively participated in these project activities. The project team succeeded in linking up Russian and Dutch legal aid professional and contributed to further professionalising Russian legal aid providers.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall project management and coordination of project activities</li> <li>• Coordination of expert input on access to justice and legal aid provision</li> <li>• Development of a study on best international practices of assessing legal needs, and measuring the rule of law and access to justice</li> <li>• Assisting local partner organization in preparing and conducting an analysis of the current situation in legal aid provision in pilot regions</li> <li>• Assistance in development of a set of assessment tools for a legal needs survey</li> <li>• Organization of roundtable discussions and workshops with Dutch and Russian legal experts on access to legal aid in Russian regions</li> <li>• Assistance in conducting a mass survey on Russian citizen's legal needs and access to justice</li> <li>• Organization of international roundtable on Management systems and IT support in legal aid provision</li> <li>• Establishment and test-running of a pilot contact point for coordination of legal assistance requests among legal aid providers in the Samara region</li> <li>• Organizing a Dutch-Russian working meeting on quality and effectiveness of legal aid provision</li> <li>• Policy advice to the Russian Ministry of Justice</li> <li>• Study visit to the Netherlands</li> <li>• Expert advice</li> <li>• Publication of materials</li> </ul> <p>CILC staff consisted of a Project manager (383 working days) and a project administrator (42 working days). CILC provided a Legal research expert (15 working days), Legal aid reform expert (14 working days), Quality management expert (15 working days) and legal aid experts (189 working days). PILnet staff consisted of a Director (149 working days), Project assistant (185 working days), social science experts (212 working days) Call center staff (528 working days) and an administrator (62 working days).</p>		