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Ref. #	Project Title: Reference Number:	Matra South Program G2G - Training of the Judiciary in Morocco G2G14MR21						
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	Morocco	total project value € 146.679  Implemented € 39.190 until November 2015	27%	3 CILC staff pool of STE's	Judges, public prosecutors, civil servants, high ranking officials by the Ministry of Justice, The Court of Cassation, the Council for the Judiciary and the Public Prosecution in Morocco	Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland	01/06/2014 - 30/06/2015 BNE 30/11/2015 (13+5 months)	Dutch Association for the Judiciary (NVvR), Netherlands Training and Study Center for the Judiciary (SSR), Amicale Hassania des Magistrats Marocains (Amicale)

## Detailed description of project

The overall objective of the project was to support the judicial and constitutional reforms in Morocco and strengthen the independence and impartiality of the judiciary as well as the efficiency of the Moroccan justice system.

The specific objectives of the program were the following:

- Achieving a clear division of roles and responsibilities between the Ministry of Justice and Liberties and the public prosecution and enhancing their relations and cooperation, in light of the separation of the public prosecutor from the MoJL
- Supporting the Advocate General of the Court of Cassation and his team in their new role and task of leading and managing the Moroccan public prosecution after its separation from the MoJL.
- Strengthening the Moroccan Supreme Council for the Judicial Power in fulfilling its role as guarantor of the independence of the judiciary
- Supporting the SCJP by assisting it in defining its mission statement, multi-annual strategy and objectives and fulfilling its newly acquired tasks under the Constitution of 2011
- Providing legislative advice and consultation regarding important organic laws that are to be drafted and promulgated in Morocco in the upcoming period
- Providing training and peer to peer coaching to the Moroccan professionals and experts of the MoJL, the SCJP and the public prosecution
- Enhancing networking and the exchange of expertise and information between the Moroccan institutions and experts on the one hand and the Dutch ones on the other one

The inception mission was split into two visits. The first inception visit took place from 29 September until 03 October 2014 in order to bridge the long period between the launch of the project and conducting the inception mission. The second visit took place mid-February 2015 and was conducted by the program director and the program leader aiming at consolidating the update of the first visit and reaching clear and workable agreements with all involved stakeholders and institutions at the highest level of administrative hierarchy.

Due to the delayed inception phase, only limited time was left for the implementation of the program as the initial closing date was fixed on 30 June 2015. Therefore, CILC requested the extension of the project which RVO granted till 30 November 2015. Almost four years after the adoption of the new Moroccan constitution in 2011, the national debate in Moroccan has still not led to final decisions on important topics that are still being debated. Such decisions would lay the basis for the newly agreed mandates and roles and responsibilities of the various justice institutions such as the public prosecution, the courts, the Ministry of Justice and Liberties etc. This would also pave the way for the current project to work on the capacity building of those institutions. Despite an extension of the program, it was not possible to implement most of the activities of the program and achieve its envisaged outputs as afore-mentioned important decisions were not taken in the course of the project.

## Type and scope of services provided

- Recruiting and contracting of short term expertise, including pre-mission briefings and quality control
- Assistance in local logistics
- Project monitoring and evaluation
- Organisational support during the inception phase
- · Inception report
- Organization of study visits to the Netherlands Organization of joint consultations and workshops
- Peer tot peer mentoring and assistance
- · Legislative support and advices

CILC staff consisted of a program director (27 working days), Project officer (1 working day).

CILC provided several STE's: Van Zutphen, expert on reform of the judiciary and strengthening its independence (2 wd); van der Winkel expert on the guarantees of the independence of the judiciary, the system of supervision between colleagues and the disciplinary procedure of judges in The Netherlands (3 wd); Van der Cuijk expert on capacity building on Councils for the Judiciary and the system of finance and budgeting of the judiciary and the courts in The Netherlands (3 wd).