

Ref. #	Project Title: Reference Nr:	Improved Relations between Mass Media and Judiciary TR 10/IB/JH/03						
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	Turkey	total project value € 1.301.996 value spent by CILC € 358.905 until November 2015	28 %	2 CILC staff Pool of STE's	Turkish Ministry of Justice	European Union IPA	01/06/2013 – 30/10/2015	Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Rechtliche Zusammenarbeit – IRZ
Detailed description of project						Type and scope of services provided		
<p>The overall objective of this EU Twinning project was to enhance the reliability of the Turkish judiciary through strengthening the right of the public to receive accurate information in the framework of judicial independence, freedom of expression and presumption of innocence taking into account freedom of the media.</p> <p>The specific objective of the project was to create a sound functioning judiciary spokespersonship and to create a sound functioning relationship between judiciary and independent media. In order to achieve this outcome 2 components were formulated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of the Judiciary media spokespersonship 2. Relationship between the independent media and the judiciary strengthened in terms of protecting fundamental human rights <p>Through study visits to Germany and The Netherlands, the Turkish stakeholders acquainted with the Dutch and German systems of spokespersonship in courthouses and showed particular interest in the Dutch model in which a press department and communication officers support the judicial spokesperson. At the end of the project, the following results have been achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A judicial spokespersonship system has been established and well-functioning in courthouses in five pilot provinces • A flow of information about judicial matters between the judicial spokespersons and the media has been developed and institutionalized based on newly introduced press guidelines. The media and the public at large are now able to reach accurate judicial information • Awareness about the system of judicial spokespersonship has been created and the need for it in the courthouses is now widely recognized • Awareness about the need for improved relations between the judiciary and the mass media has been raised based on best practices from EU member states • German and Dutch but also Austrian, Belgian and Swedish judges, public prosecutors and journalists exchanged their experiences and know-how with their Turkish colleagues and inspired them to build their own system of spokespersonship <p>On Dutch side, experts representing the Netherlands Council for the Judiciary (Council) and the courts, the Netherlands Ministry of Security and Justice, Netherlands Public Prosecution Service and the Netherlands Judicial Training Center (SSR) participated in the project and worked closely with their German and Turkish colleagues. Besides, experts representing the Dutch Association of Journalists (NVJ) contributed to the project, particularly to component 2. Turkish colleagues. On Turkish side, the partners and beneficiaries were the Ministry of Justice, the High Council of Judges and Prosecutors, the Justice Academy and court correspondents.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize study visits to Germany and the Netherlands • Conduct a comparative analysis on the system of judicial spokespersonship in Europe • Develop a curriculum for training judicial correspondents on legal matters • Train the trainers program for judicial spokespersons • Training of more than 200 (potential) judicial spokespersons, including camera training at TRT • Training of media officers in the piloted courthouses • Develop press guidelines to organise the flow of information between the judiciary and the media • Develop a strategy plan on the relations between the mass media and the judiciary • Draft a report on amendments in Turkish Legislation that are necessary for the establishment of judicial spokespersonship • Establish media offices in five pilot courthouses • Develop a webpage for courthouses about the relation between judiciary and media • Develop a curriculum for training judicial spokespersons and media officers of the courthouses • Develop brochures and leaflets for media members • Training of more than 100 judicial correspondents • Conduct a survey on Code of Conduct for journalists in five provinces • Organize an international symposium on the relation between the media and the judiciary <p>CILC provided a Twinning Junior Project Leader on behalf of The Netherlands (75 working days) and Project Officer (54 working days). CILC provided a pool of short term experts: Trainers Judicial spokespersons (200 working days), journalists (117 working days) and communication/ public relations experts (23 working days).</p>		