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Ref. #	Project Title: Reference Number:	International Cooperation in Criminal Justice: Prosecutors' Network of the Western Balkans EuropeAid/350650						
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	Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)	total project value € 5.263.158  project value CILC € 1.439.102  Implemented € 520.319 until November 2015	27% CILC budgeted value 10% CILC spent value	2 CILC staff 10 GIZ staff 2 LTE's Pool of STE's	Prosecutor General's Offices of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	European Commission (DG Enlarge- ment) IPA Regional Programme 2014	19/11/2014 - 19/10/2017 (35 months)	GIZ (lead partner), UNODC, Dutch, German, Hungarian and Slovenian Prosecution Services; International Association of Prosecutors; Eurojust; European Judicial Network in Criminal Matters

## Detailed description of project

The **overall objective** is to prevent and combat serious and trans-border organized crime and linked corruption cases with cross-border implications, as well as to dismantle criminal organisations involved in illicit trafficking destined to the EU, in particular trafficking in firearms, drugs and human beings.

## The **specific objectives** are:

- (1) To strengthen the operational capacity and capabilities of the Public/State Prosecutors' Offices in the beneficiaries to prosecute and investigate serious and trans-border organized crime, including linked cases of illicit trafficking destined to the EU, in particular trafficking in firearms, drugs and human beings;
- (2) To prepare the beneficiaries for gradually applying the main provisions of the European Arrest Warrant.

The project will be structured in three components:

- Component I: Supporting investigations and prosecutions in serious and trans-border organized crimes.
- Component II: Strengthening of the institutional capacities, as well as coordination and cooperation mechanisms among beneficiaries to effectively prosecute and investigate serious and trans-border organized crimes, linked cases of illicit trafficking destined to the EU, in particular trafficking in firearms, drugs and human beings.
- Component III: Increasing judicial cooperation between the Prosecutors' Network of the Western Balkans and the relevant European institutions.

The **target groups** of the project will be prosecutors, other staff of the prosecution offices, investigators from the police and other law-enforcement bodies, as well as staff of the various Ministries of Justice involved in mutual legal assistance in combating serious and cross-border organized crimes.

## Type and scope of services provided

- Logistic support for the introductory missions
- Project monitoring
- Administrative and logistic support to the Prosecutors Network
- Manage a pool of short-term experts
- Provide expert's input, support the set-up and functioning of ongoing JITs and requests for mutual assistance
- Develop national and regional training modules on (a) asset confiscation/recovery, (b) exchange and admissibility of evidence, (c) trafficking in drugs, trafficking in firearms and human beings.
- Organize training, conferences, study tours to European Member countries, EJN and Eurojust.
- Ensure proper financial control of project expenses and the preparation of invoices with supporting documentation

CILC provided a Project Leader (120 working days), Project Manager International (50%) Management Assistant (50%) and 1 seconded prosecutor as long term expert (650 working days) as well as a pool of short term experts (160 working days).

<sup>\*</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.