

Ref.	Project Title:	"LURIS in Montenegro and Serbia" 25710						
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
<b>CILC</b>	Montenegro and Serbia	total project value € 178.175	100%	2 CILC staff  3 STE's	The Ministry of Justice and the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of Montenegro, The Ministry of Justice and Public, Administration of Serbia and the Republic Public Prosecutor's Office of Serbia	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	01/09/2013 - 31/08/2015  BNE until 31/12/2015	The Netherlands Prosecution Service
Detailed description of project						Type and scope of services provided		
<p>The purpose of the project was to strengthen the capacities and efficiency of the relevant authorities in Montenegro and Serbia responsible for international legal assistance in civil and criminal cases by sharing experiences and assisting in introducing the use of LURIS, an IT system for the registration, monitoring and case management for requests in international legal assistance.</p> <p>In the past years, the countries of the Western Balkans, including Montenegro and Serbia, have seen a considerable growth in serious crime and in particular in cross-border organized crime. This is not only a problem for the region itself but also a challenge for the European Union. In order to face this challenge of this increased organized crime threat from the Western Balkans, it is necessary for the Public Prosecution Offices, the police and the Ministries of Justice and Interior in the region to strengthen their capacities to deal with organized crime not only at a national level, but as soon as a case has also an international character also bilateral and regional cooperation should be strengthened. Furthermore, cooperation within and with relevant regional and European structure such as the South East European Prosecutorial Advisory Group (SEEPAG), PCC, the Prosecutor Network of the Western Balkans, EUROJUST, EUROPOL and the European Judicial Network in Criminal Matters should be enhanced. As far as the relevant European framework for international legal assistance in criminal matters is concerned - and here one should refer in particular to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, as well as the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters – it can be said that both Montenegro and Serbia are signatories to the Convention and the Protocol so that direct contact between judicial authorities is possible.</p> <p>Having mind the accession process of both countries towards the European Union, there is thus a strong need to strengthen the capacities of the judiciary and the law enforcement authorities in both countries to meeting the criteria set under chapters 23 and 24 of the EU Acquis, including as far as these concern the international legal assistance in civil and criminal matters. In this context IT tools should be used to increase efficiency. This will also lead to more reliable statistics, record keeping and a more efficient inter-agency cooperation.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software system delivery report</li> <li>• Legal assistance in civil and criminal cases</li> <li>• Report from training</li> <li>• Software systems of PPO in Serbia (delivery report)</li> <li>• Report from training</li> <li>• Assessment report</li> <li>• Software delivery report</li> <li>• Report from training</li> <li>• Report from visit to Netherlands and meetings in Serbia and Montenegro</li> </ul> <p>CILC provided the IT consultant (24 working days), functionality consultant (18 working days) and system consultant (2 working days). The CILC staff consisted of a Project manager (24 working days) and Project officer (3 working days).</p>		