

Ref. #	Project title: Reference number:	Strengthening the Probation and the System of Alternative Sanctions in Montenegro and Serbia Act. 4000000738 / SR17104						
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	Montenegro and Serbia	€ 1.547.376	40%	2 NHC staff, 2 CILC staff, various STE	Judiciary, Prosecution Services, Probation Services and Penitentiary Departments of Montenegro and Serbia	Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs	01.09.2017-31.12.2020	Netherlands Helsinki Committee (lead)
Detailed description of project						Type and scope of services provided		
<p>This project has been jointly developed by CILC and the Netherlands Helsinki Committee (NHC).</p> <p>The project aims to enforce the judiciary and the rule of law in Serbia and Montenegro, by stimulating and supporting the probation service and the system of alternative sanctions to be more effective and widely used. Its intended long term impacts comprise a viable decrease of overcrowding in correctional institutions through a more proper use of alternatives to imprisonment, as well as decrease of recidivism as a result of more efficient pre- and post-penal supervision and active support towards successful reintegration.</p> <p>The focus in further developing the Serbian and Montenegrin Probation services will contribute to strengthening the capacities as outlined in the norms of the European Probation Rules. Currently, the Probation services of Montenegro and Serbia have limited time for supervising conditional sentences and conditional release, and for implementing community service sentences. More specifically, the project's overall objective is to contribute to an effective and proficient functioning of the criminal justice sector in Montenegro and Serbia, where the main actors in the judicial chain – probation, penitentiary, prosecutors and judges – cooperate with each other and with civil society organisations (CSO's). This is closely linked to the objectives of the MATRA 2017-2020 framework of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (which aims to strengthen the rule of law), and it is also in line with the Copenhagen Criteria.</p> <p>The project applies capacity building by Dutch (semi-)government institutions, including the Probation Service, the Council for the Judiciary and the Dutch Prosecution Service. Furthermore, the project intends to make use of regional expertise (e.g. from Croatia, Romania and/or other countries), which is coherent with the EU strategy for fostering good neighbourhood relations, as well as peer-to-peer learning exchanges between both target countries, on operational and higher political levels. Advice and expertise will also be provided by experts of the Confederation of European Probation (CEP), the project team at CILC and NHC, and by local CSOs.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a needs assessment</li> <li>• organisation of trainings, workshops, expert meetings on e.g. the use probation information in administering justice, the penal elements in alternative sanctions, and the practical implementation of alternative sanction</li> <li>• Advice on amending legislation</li> <li>• Organisation of study visits for judges, prosecutors and penitentiary workers</li> <li>• Fine tune a training module on probation and alternative sanctions for the Judicial Training Center (Montenegro) and newly develop this module for the Judicial Academy in Serbia</li> <li>• Development of standardisation guidelines and trainings</li> <li>• Organise high-level policy meetings</li> </ul> <p>CILC will provide appr. 25 experts, including judges, prosecutors and other legal experts from the Netherlands, Croatia and Romania for a total of appr. 350 working days. CILC staff consists of 2 project managers for 170 working days each and a junior project manager for 80 days.</p>		