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	Project title:	IPA/2019 Countering serious crime in the Western Balkans						
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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
Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC)	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia	Total budget: € 4,800,000.00	Proportion to be carried out by CILC: 100%	4 CILC staff, 6 Resident EU Prosecutors and 1 regional API/PNR expert	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	IPA II and BMZ	1-07-2020 - 30-06-2023	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the Italian Ministry of Interior
Detailed description of project				Type and scope of services provided				
<p>The overall objective of the jointly co-financed Action of the European Commission and the Federal German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (EU/BMZ) (hereafter referred to as "Action") is to enhance the capacities of the authorities in the Western Balkans to fight organized crime and terrorism including preventing and countering violent extremism by enhancing cooperation within the region and with the EU. The financial volume of the overall Action is € 18,200,000.00.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the entire Action are: (1) to strengthen the operational capacities of Western Balkan law enforcement and security authorities to fight serious and organized crime and terrorism; (2) to strengthen the capability of Western Balkan law enforcement and security authorities to effectively participate in and contribute to EU and regional cooperation structures and mechanisms; and (3) to strengthen the capability of Western Balkan law enforcement and security authorities to exchange information.</p> <p>Within the Action CILC will be responsible for achieving in component 1 (Operational Support) output 1 'Cross-border investigations'; in component 2 (Strategic Cooperation) part of output 4 'Cooperation and Networking/JHA Agencies' as far as the cooperation with EUROJUST is concerned; and in component 3 (Interoperability/compatibility of information systems/databases) for output 8 'Advanced Passenger Information/Passenger Name Records'.</p> <p>Furthermore, the CILC project manager will be part of the overall management team of the Action.</p>				<p>Component 1 (Operational Support) output 1 'Cross-border investigations'</p> <p>Summary of indicative activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deployment of 6 Resident EU prosecutors in the beneficiary prosecution offices in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia. - Permanent support to investigations/prosecutions from the moment the case is filed in the Prosecutors office (advice on use of instruments for international judicial cooperation, coordination meetings, translations, Joint Investigations Teams, etc.). - Promotion of, and assistance to set-up and run Joint Investigation Teams in ongoing investigations. <p>Component 2 (Strategic Cooperation) part of output 4 'Cooperation and Networking/JHA Agencies' as far as the cooperation with EUROJUST is concerned.</p> <p>Summary of indicative activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting the deployment of the full-time Liaison Prosecutors to EUROJUST from Albania and Serbia, as well as the part-time Liaison Prosecutors to EUROJUST from Montenegro and North Macedonia. - Supporting the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in overcoming the obstacles to sign a Cooperation Agreement with EUROJUST. <p>Component 3 (Interoperability/compatibility of information systems/databases) for output 8 'Advanced Passenger Information/Passenger Name Records'.</p> <p>Summary of indicative activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of six API/PNR Assessment Report. - Organization and facilitation of exchange formats between relevant authorities and WB authorities on API/PNR. - Conducting capacity building events on API/PNR legislative alignment with the EU Acquis, <p>CILC provides: 6 Resident EU Prosecutors, 1 regional API/PNR expert as well as CILC staff (project manager, project assistant, finance manager and Financial assistant).</p>				