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	<b>Project title:</b>	Strengthening Environmental Crime Enforcement in Austria						
	<b>Reference number:</b>	REFORM/GA2020/016						
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)	Austria	Total budget: 199830.00  Invoiced value by 1-10-2020:	Proportion to be carried out by CILC: 100	7	European Commission	European Commission, Structural Reform Support Service Programm. under DG REFORM.	2-10-2020 - 2-12-2022	N/A
Detailed description of project				Type and scope of services provided				
<p>This project aims to strengthen environmental crime enforcement in Austria. The project has three specific objectives:</p> <p>(1) developing policy options and recommendations of an environmental strategy, (2) enhancing skills of prosecutors and judges on environmental crime prosecution, and (3) improving the communication amongst relevant national authorities.</p> <p>The first component of the project will target the development of policy options and recommendations for an environmental strategy with a specific focus on the possibility of creating a National Environmental Security Taskforce (NEST) structure and improving the investigative capabilities from the current structure. This component will be launched with a baseline study and will then invite relevant parties from Austria on a study visit to the Netherlands and France. All the input gathered will serve as the basis for the policy options and recommendations.</p> <p>The second objective of the project will focus on enhancing the skills of prosecutors and judges on environmental crime prosecution. Development of a training program in collaboration with the judicial academy of the Ministry of Justice is essential in achieving this outcome. The two resulting trainings will then be given to prosecutors and judges from various regions in Austria. These trainings will be developed by Dutch and Austrian experts.</p> <p>The third objective of the project will support the improvement of the communication and cooperation among relevant national authorities. Workshops will be held with input from international experts on environmental crime enforcement communication from France and the Netherlands.</p>				<p>Outcome 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Providing expertise to conduct a baseline study to develop a baseline report on the current environmental investigative structure of the Mol.</li> <li>2. Organize a study visit to the Netherlands.</li> <li>3. Aid in the organization of a study visit to France.</li> <li>4. Develop policy options for an environmental strategy to develop a NEST structure.</li> <li>5. Design a roadmap for implementation of the policy options.</li> </ol> <p>Outcome 2- Deliver Dutch and Austrian expertise too:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Analysing the training needs of prosecutors and judges on environmental crime prosecution .</li> <li>2. Develop a training module.</li> <li>3. Deliver training with Dutch expertise</li> </ol> <p>Outcome 3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote enhanced communication and cooperation amongst relevant Austrian stakeholders through Dutch Expertise and organizing workshops.</li> <li>2. Aid TAIEX in the development on a workshop on involvement of judges and prosecutors at European and International level.</li> </ol> <p>CILC provides 7 experts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dutch senior public prosecutor- Rob de Rijck- 33</li> <li>2. Dutch senior environmental investigator- Edwin Lakerveld- 18 days (not paid)</li> <li>3. Dutch senior legal expert and trainer- Wybe Douwma - 51 days</li> <li>4. Dutch change management expert- Renzo van Diepen- 23 days</li> <li>5. Austrian Environmental law expert and trainer- 42 days</li> </ol> <p>CILC staff for this project consists of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project manager- Emily van Rheenen- 53 days</li> <li>2. Senior project manager- Anne Spanheim- 8 days</li> </ol>				