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The European Union finances Technical Assistance to the Bulgarian Judiciary

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The European Union has funded a Technical Assistance to the Computerization of the Judiciary IT Systems at Bulgaria under the Phare Project BG2003/004-937.08.02 "Support of the Implementation of the Strategy for Reform of the Judiciary through the Introduction of Information Technologies" - Component 3 . The Technical Assistance is provided by the Hungarian company AAM Management Information Consulting Ltd., in consortium with Devoteam Group (France) and Prosoft Consulting (Slovenia).

The Beneficiaries of this project are:

- Ministry of Justice, represented by its IST Directorate.
- Registry Agency under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice.

The overall objectives of this project is the sustainable management of the Information Technologies in the Bulgarian Judiciary, in view of implementation, development and maintenance of adequate automation processes in the judiciary system to meet the EU standards for efficiency and rule of law.

The purposes of the project are:

- Updating the Bulgarian Judiciary IT Strategy
- Strengthening the Registry's Agency institutional capacity
- Support of integration of hardware and software supplies under EU project Phare BG 0203.01

The EU contribution for this Technical Assistance is 990 940 Euro (approx. 1 933 000 BGN). The project duration is 14 months. The consortium lead by AAM Consulting started working on the Project in November 2005.

The results achieved so far are:

- The updated IT strategy has been accepted by the Supreme Judicial Council.
- Transfer of knowledge to the Registry Agency's staff in the field of Project management, Recruitment policy, Quality and Risk management and Public procurement.
- The Beneficiaries' staffs have been introduced with IT integration standards and best practices in the process of software systems roll-out, systems integration testing, building of communication structure and user's support.

After the completion of this project, the following results will be achieved:

- Decision making bodies for IT activities in Bulgarian Judiciary will dispose of an updated IT strategy which outlines the forthcoming activities for the period 2006 – 2009.
- Registry Agency's institutional capacity will be improved by providing a strong methodological documents, trainings and practical skills in several aspects of the IT project management.
- The Beneficiary's staff will perform the activities needed for well-structured and integrated hardware and software projects under PHARE project BG 0203.01.

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