

Strengthening judicial and legal systems



For a State, sustainable development is not possible without good governance or the capacity to ensure the safety of its citizens. To achieve this, it is necessary to have a high-quality and accessible justice system compliant with the standards of the rule of law.

As the French public agency for international technical cooperation, Expertise France works on these issues on a number of projects. With the integration of Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI), France's operator in the "justice" sector, its portfolio is increasing with targeted projects. Their format is complementary to its current action in the justice sector.

Expertise France is now directly responsible for the implementation of these actions. This integration has facilitated its access to the specific expertise of the judicial and legal world, in particular the expertise of the Ministry of Justice, law schools and legal professions. It is today able to further increase its presence in this crucial sector for development.

EXPERTISE FRANCE ESPECIALLY WORKS ON...

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO THE LAW

- Fighting against **discrimination and human trafficking**
- Guaranteeing a **civil status** for each citizen
- Fighting against **impunity** in post-crisis countries, by supporting the **transitional justice system**
- Promoting **access to the law and justice system** for citizens, including the most vulnerable, taking into account the role of customary justice in social regulation

THE INDEPENDENCE AND QUALITY OF JUSTICE

- Modernising **judicial systems**: provision of appropriate equipment, support for the implementation of national reform strategies
- Promoting the establishment of independent mechanisms for the **management of appointments and careers**
- Supporting **training** for justice officials

PROTECTION AND SECURITY MECHANISMS

- Guaranteeing the **security of citizens**: more efficient penal chain, international mutual assistance mechanisms in criminal matters, quality of prison facilities and systems
- Ensuring the **security of business affairs**: secure property rights, promote business law and trade justice
- Protecting the **environment and climate**

MAJOR REGIONAL PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY EXPERTISE FRANCE

With European Union financing, Expertise France contributes to the implementation of major regional projects in partnership with European cooperation agencies.

CT-MENA

This project implemented by Expertise France and JCI aims to develop the dialogue on counter-terrorism between the European Union and the League of Arab States. Various actions are being implemented to strengthen the criminal justice system and thereby facilitate regional and international cooperation.

EL PAcCTO

In partnership with FIIAPP (Spain), IILA (Italy) and Camões (Portugal), Expertise France is working on the triptych police/justice/prisons to assist Latin America with its fight against organised crime. The project benefits from support from a prison officer, who has been seconded to JCI by the Ministry of Justice as a long-term expert.

Fight against human trafficking in the Gulf of Guinea (TEH)

The project mobilises justice experts during short-term missions to assist the authorities and civil society in Gulf of Guinea countries with their fight against human trafficking.

Pravo-Justice

Following a project completed in 2016, Pravo-Justice is continuing to improve the Ukrainian judicial system, in accordance with European standards. In addition to monitoring the reform strategy, the work focuses on improving the management of courts and enforcement of judgements, under the leadership of JCI, a member of the consortium in which Lithuania is also participating.

TARGETED JUSTICE PROJECTS BROUGHT BY JCI



Support for justice and security in Niger

2017-2021 - EUR 2M (EUROPEAN UNION, AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT)

The project is supporting:

- The Ministry of Justice of Niger: central services, functioning of the penal chain, oversight by the Inspectorate-General of the Judiciary and Prison Services;
- The National Agency against Trafficking in Persons and the compensation fund for victims.

In addition to the provision of expertise to carry out audit and diagnostic missions, this project is contributing to the definition of action plans and management mechanisms and to the development of training modules for court staff.



Support for the justice sector in Algeria

2017-2021 - EUR 4M (EUROPEAN UNION, FRENCH EMBASSY IN ALGIERS)

The project is assisting the Algerian Ministry of Justice with the implementation of justice reforms to consolidate the rule of law and ensure justice for all, in accordance with international standards.

JCI is supported by a permanent technical team and two French senior judges emeritus to organise exchanges of experience in the form of conferences or training, completed with study visits to French institutions. These activities make it possible to develop handbooks and deliverables for the beneficiaries.



Fight against organised crime and corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina

2019-2021 - EUR 2.1M (EUROPEAN UNION)

To increase the effectiveness, integrity and professionalism of institutions responsible for the fight against crime and corruption, the project is focusing on improving the internal functioning and capacities of the prosecution bodies. More specifically, the project is:

- Improving the supervision and evaluation of the prosecution authorities;
- Developing training based on interprofessional exchanges of experience;
- Setting up a secure and effective computer system for information sharing.

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