

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Europe Regional
<b>Program Title:</b>	Rule of Law
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	180-0220
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$0
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$1,154,000 AEEB
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$178,000 AEEB
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 1989
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2006

**Summary:** USAID's rule of law program promotes legal systems that better support democratic processes and market reforms through training, grants, and technical assistance in the following areas: regional approaches to legal education, including distance learning; building and enhancing the sustainability of local legal reform organizations; and support to missions in determining strategic and programmatic approaches in rule of law and anti-corruption.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

Justice sector strengthening (\$250,000 AEEB carryover). USAID will continue to fund advisors to provide organizational development assistance to key legal reform partner NGOs in Europe. The principal grantee is American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative.

Distance learning (\$383,000 AEEB prior year recoveries). In furtherance of the distance learning program, course material will be developed for legal distance learning programs as contemplated by the agreements made by Florida State University with the University of Bucharest (Romania) and Saint Petersburg University (Russia). The principal grantee is Florida State University (FSU).

Stability Pact Anti-Corruption Initiative (SPAI) (\$350,000 AEEB carryover). SPAI fosters more effective implementation of anti-corruption reforms within participating countries. ABA/CEELI provides support to increase regional ownership of the SPAI and enable the Regional Secretariat Liaison Office (RSLSO) to monitor implementation of targeted anti-corruption reforms. Specifically, ABA/CEELI will assist RSLSO to serve as the venue for the conduct of anticorruption training, SPAI meetings, and regional information exchange. The RSLSO will concurrently function as the focus and forum for the conduct of public awareness campaigns against corruption. ABA/CEELI will also administer small grants for projects that support SPAI. Grantees are ABA/CEELI and local legal reform organizations.

Program support (\$171,000 AEEB carryover). USAID support to Europe missions will continue with assessments, strategy advice, workshops, and program design assistance to support mission rule of law and anti-corruption objectives.

#### FY 2005 Program:

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**Performance and Results:** Through the justice sector strengthening activity, ABA/CEELI provided comprehensive organizational development assistance to key legal reform partner NGOs in Europe. ABA/CEELI's priority partners have demonstrated significant progress toward organizational and financial sustainability and increased partnership activity. In furtherance of the distance learning program, FSU prepared and USAID approved a business and sustainability plan and assessment findings.

Two additional country assessments were completed in FY 2003 and early FY 2004 (Bulgaria and Russia) under the E&E Regional Rule of Law Impact Assessment program begun in October 2001, bringing to eight the total number of E&E country assessments completed. The eight country assessment findings will be synthesized into a final report on rule of law impact experience in the E&E region in early calendar year 2004. USAID assistance, including a needs assessment, activity design, and preparation of a scope of work to support the establishment of a special court facility, helped to strengthen the capacity of the Serbian government to domestically try organized crime and war crime cases.