

No.	Legal Program:	Description	Donor	Start Year
1.	Action Plan for the Reform of the Law Faculty at Tirana University	The action plan aimed at redressing the bad situation at the Tirana Law Faculty by providing for a detailed reform plan covering a period of four years.	World Bank	1999
2.	Legal Assistance to Media	It consists of drafting by-laws for the National Council of Radio-Television, preparing and publishing a guide for electronic media ownership and the European Court of Human Rights case-law collection on freedom of expression.	Press Now, Netherlands	1999
3	Survey of Kosovar Refugees "Policy or Panic?"	Conducted survey with Kosovar Refugees displaced in Albania during the Kosovo War of 1999. Analyzed patterns of refugee flows, wrapped up conclusions in a book distributed widely and made available to the Hague Tribunal on Milosevic trial upon its request.	Ford Foundation	1999
4	Law on High Council of Justice	Drafting of new law on High Council of Justice after successful lobbying with Minister of Justice and President's office.	OSFA-Soros Foundation	2000

5	Legal Database.	Developed a Legal Database with the applicable Albanian laws and normative acts starting from 1991. IPLS made available the Legal Database to the Albanian Parliament and Government as well as to various non-government organizations operating in Albania. All the laws approved by the Albanian parliament will be grouped in an easily functional, searchable database that could be accessed through the Internet. The data may be found in various ways i.e.by date, or number, or, legal type, or key words, etc., and may be printed out in hard copy.	East-West Management Institute/USAID	2000
6	Trafficking in Persons Conference	International Conference jointly organized in October 2000 by IPLS and IOM Missions in Rome and Tirana.	IOM	2000
7	First Edition of Freedom of Expression Case Law at European Court of HR	A collection of the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights concerning article 10 of the Convention of freedom of expression.	OSFA-Soros Foundation	2000

8	Administrative Law Proposal	Nationwide training on administrative Procedure legislation, as well as publication of a citizens` manual and a legal commentary on the Code of Administrative Procedures.	National Endowment for Democracy, USA	2000
9	Albanian Police Reform Case Study/Institution Building and Stability Pact	The case study made an analysis of the reform process of the Albanian Police in the last ten years and formulated a set of recommendations for both Albanian and international actors. It was part of an international project founded under the Stability Pact.	West Institute/Stability Pact	2000
10	Anticorruption (consultancy for Institute of Contemporary Studies)	Analysis of legal framework relevant to the fight against corruption.		2000
11	Citizens Guide to Albanian Judicial System	A book that brings together practical information aimed of enabling ordinary citizens to effectively cruise through the labyrinth of the judicial system.	East-West Management Institute/USAID	2001
12	Asylum System Legislation Review	Legislation drafting and lobbying in six areas, as different as health, employment, insurance for asylum seekers.	UNHCR	2001

13	Electoral Code Commentary	Preparation and publication of a comprehensive legal commentary on electoral legislation, including the travaux préparatoires and court jurisprudence.	Democracy Fund/IFES/US AID	2001
14.	Survey of Albanian Court Jurisprudence on Freedom of Expression and Manual for Journalists with the Basics of Media Related Legislation	A book that seeks to determine the present patterns of behavior of the Albanian Judiciary with regard to judicial litigation involving journalists.	Press Now/OSI	2001
15	Needs Assessment and Action Plan for the School of Journalism	A Needs Assessment Analysis and a four- years Action Plan prepared by IPLS to allow for the reform of the School of Journalism and successful fundraising for this purpose.	Press Now/OSI	2001
16	Municipal Procedures and Citizens at Tirana Town Hall	PLS proposed a scheme, a procedure and mechanisms which were used by Tirana Hall to setup its current Citizen Information Center where most of the requests by local businesses are now collected and delivered. In that case IPLS undertook a profound analysis of	Local Government Institute/OSI	2001

		the workflow related to the processing of the requests lodged by the local citizens/businesses, formulated recommendations for appropriate regulatory interventions, prepared model forms for use by citizens in their dealings with the Municipality, prepared an internal regulation aimed at eliminating the existing flaws through a streamlined and expeditious procedure.		
17.	Legal System in Albania	A series of consultancies in the framework of the World Bank team for the upgrading of Albanian Judiciary.		2002
18	Albanian Legislation Database/Software/CDs	Preparation and dissemination of CDs comprising all effective legislation in Albania.	East west Management Institute/USAID	2002
19	Media Law Proposal	Preparation of legislation on print media and organization of public information campaign, including the mayor conference with interested actors.	Press Now. Netherlands	2002
20	Commentary of Albanian NGO Laws	Preparation and publication of a comprehensive commentary on recent NGO legislation, including the travaux preparatoires and court jurisprudence.	ICNL	2002

21	Training of Asylum System Public Officials	Four hundred police personnel notably border police, and a hundred and forty public servants trained in all twelve regions of Albania to adequately implement international and Albanian legislation in the field of asylum and refugee rights.	UNHCR	2002
22	Budgeting-Public Procurement Procedures-Transparency	<p>Creation and enforcement of three national public procurement registries: Registry of Expenditures, Registry of Public Procurement Forecasting, Registry of Public Procurement Realizations. The IPLS work resulted into the approval of a Council of Ministers Decision in December 2002. The Public Procurement Agency was assisted by IPLS to carry out a part of the CoM Decision requirements.</p> <p>The project aimed at increasing the planning capacity of procurement entities, enhancing the visibility of expenditures by central bodies of Government, increasing the transparency and access of public procurement</p>		2002

		process for all stakeholders through the introduction of Information Technology.		
23	Commentary on Freedom of Information Law	Preparation and publication of a comprehensive commentary on FOIA, including the travaux preparatoires and court jurisprudence.	Democracy Grants/US Embassy	2003
24	Needs Assessment & Action Plan of Reform on the Albanian School of Magistrates	A Needs Assessment Analysis and a four- years Action Plan prepared by IPLS to allow for the reform of the Albanian School of Magistrates.	DANIDA/ABA CEELI	2003
25	Action Plan for the Judicial Inspectorate of the High Council of Justice	Institutional building exercise, including needs assessment, action plan and manual, on the Albanian Judicial Inspectorate at the High Council of Justice.	DANIDA	2003
26	Baseline Study of the Albanian Judiciary	A thorough institutional needs assessment, standards setting and set of recommendations for improvement of current Albanian court system.	DANIDA	2003
27	Assessment Report on USAID programs in Albania, 2000-2003	An impact assessment of USAID programs in Albania since 2000, and recommendations for change into the remaining 2003-2006 period. The assessment focused on all areas under	USAID	2003

		USAID Democracy and Governance programs, notably rule of law, anti-corruption and civil society development.		
28	Survey of Court Users	A survey of Tirana Appeal Court, Supreme Court and Durresi District Court has been conducted as a pilot project on WB funding. The survey was conducted with simple applicants as well as lawyers and prosecutors in order to bring together different perspectives/perceptions on the functioning of the Albanian court system. Analysis and recommendations based on findings of survey were also provided.	World Bank	2003
29	Analysis of Survey Findings on Tirana Municipal Services Delivery	A detailed and thorough analysis was undertaken of the results of a Survey on Tirana Municipal Services, conducted by another Albanian Institute (Urban Research Institute), under the WB-funded <i>Tirana Transparency Project</i> . Recommendations, useful for the Tirana City Hall in addressing its citizen concerns, were summarized by topic of	World Bank	2003

		survey.		
30	Legal Systems that Better Support Democratic Processes and Market Reforms	<p>Consulting services for the implementation of the USAID Rule of Law program in Albania (three years program). IPLS, subcontracted by CASALS, contributed in four components (out of seven):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Strengthening the judicial inspection in Ministry of Justice & High Council of Justice (Technical Assistance) -Assist in the Preparation of Implementation Acts for Freedom of Information Law -Assist in the Preparation of Implementation Acts for Administrative Procedure Code - Assist in the Preparation and Implementation of a Press Law 	USAID/CASALS	2004

31	<p>The Collection of Political Philosophy and Sciences</p> <p>(Translation and publication of a political philosophy and sciences books' collection)</p>	<p>IPLS has published and distributing a rich collection of European and American political literature. The collection shall constitute a coherent system of knowledge in the field, which shall be of great help to the Albanian intellectual elite as well as students and scholars of political philosophy and sciences.</p>	<p>US Embassy/Center for Political Sciences and Public Law-USA/Dita 2000 Publishing House</p>	2004
32	<p>Training of the Albanian Appellate Court Judges on Adjudicating Electoral Disputes-2005 Elections” Project</p>	<p>The project consisted of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -preparing and distributing a practitioner’s guide (<i>manual</i>) for the electoral judges -preparing the judges to anticipate the typology of electoral complaints referred for judicial review; -introduce the judges to the doctrinal standards regulating judicial review of administrative action 	OSCE	2005

		<p>-assisting the judges to master the techniques of judicial review of administrative action</p> <p>-preparing and distributing a report on court proceedings for the adjudication of electoral disputes during the upcoming parliamentary election</p>		
33	<p>Improve Dissemination of Information and Public Relations at the Ministry of Justice of Albania</p>	<p>The project intended to help the MOJ articulate and implement an overall Information Strategy for the justice sector. It focused on the establishment of a comprehensive information system at the MOJ consisting of three major dimensions: internal communication, communication with stakeholders of the justice system and the general public. The project provided for a series of concrete measures encompassing regulatory development, policy direction, restructuring, marketing tools, etc. IPLS provided concrete proposals for a Public Information Office, a Media Office, and a revised and ameliorated Web Site, as important contact and</p>	World Bank	2005

		delivery points of the MOJ for the general public and the various stakeholders of the justice sector.		
34	Millennium Challenge Account(MCA) Program -“Business Registration Component”	Preparing the legal framework (new NBC law, and related amendments to existing laws) for the establishment of the National Business Center, providing for the NBC to be the authorized body for all business registration through the District Court.	USAID	2006
35	Fair Trial and Human Rights (three years program)	-Monitoring the observance of human rights in Albanian courts by focusing on three elements: access of parties to courts, judicial proceedings and overall transparency of courts. -Advocacy activities for a better observance of the constitutional rights of parties to judicial proceedings.	NOSA-SOROS Foundation	2006
36	PACO Impact Project “Implementation of Anti-Corruption Plans in South-East Europe”	IPLS provided legal and technical advice and written recommendations on the content and structure of the [then] future Internal Rules of Procedure for the Anti-Corruption Agency of Kosovo, in	Council of Europe/Secretariat General	2006

		accordance with the newly passed law on “Suppression of Corruption”.		
37	Millennium Challenge Account(MCA) Program -“Business Registration Component”	Preparation of the Internal Rules of the Business Registration Center; Preparation and Negotiation of Formal Agreements between the Business Registration Center and other Registration Agencies and Municipalities.	USAID	2007
38	Translation of Introductory Social Science Texts Project and publication of sciences books collection.	Translation of Introductory Social Science Texts Project. To Introduce Albanian undergraduate students and other interested audiences to fundamental concepts, theories, and methods in the study of the political and other social sciences, thereby making direct impact on the education of the generation of leaders and citizens who will help to Albanian into Euro – Atlantic structures.	US Embassy/Center for Political Sciences and Public Law-USA	2007
39	Millennium Challenge	Technical expertise and know-how draft the package of secondary legislation for	USAID	2008

	Account(MCA) Program -“Business Registration Component”	the implementation of the tax procedure law.		
40	European Commission Program” Support to Civil Society participation to anti-corruption initiatives in Albania”-Project: “Improving Court Transparency in Albania”	Research, stakeholder consultation, drafting, lobbying and public awareness resulting in the approval of a Decree by the Albanian Minister of Justice introducing a normative act in the form of a Regulation on Court Public Relations. The Project introduced a new function in the Albanian court system that has the potential to greatly improve the transparency of courts and their service of respective communities.	European Commission	2009
41	OSFA, Rule of Law and Human Rights Program- “Government Accountability vis-à-vis Judicial Decisions”	The Project sought to: measure the level of enforcement by the Albanian Government of those court decisions (2006-2010) imposing sanctions on Government; improve the administrative process guaranteeing the execution of court decisions; and,	OSFA-Soros Foundation	2010

		raise the awareness of the Albanian Government and other relevant actors toward necessary constitutional/legal accountability.		
42	European Court of Human Rights Jurisprudence on article 8	The project researched the ECHR jurisprudence on article 8 (right to a private life) and presented milestone rulings and the related doctrine in a book.	US Embassy/Center for Political Sciences and Public Law-USA	2013-on going
43	OSFA, Rule of Law and Human Rights Program-“Government Accountability vis-à-vis Judicial Decisions”	Under a contract with the Open Society Foundation for Albania, IPLS is implementing a project that aims to overhaul Albania’s 13 years old Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Following a detailed analysis of the problems encountered by civil society organizations, media and individuals in the course of FOIA applications, in May 2012 IPLS and OSFA organized a major stakeholders’ conference where the findings of the analysis and the proposed areas of intervention were thoroughly	OSFA-Soros Foundation	2013 - ongoing

		<p>debated. Strong of the conference's feedback IPLS proceeded with the drafting stage which was completed in January 2013. The main features of the proposed Albanian FOIA include: a) a new oversight body; b) full proportionality and public interest test for all FOIA exceptions (including classified data); c) strong emphasis on proactive publishing of information by public bodies; and d) enhanced administrative review and sanctioning powers. In February 2013, the Ministry of Justice initiated the round of legislative consultations based on the IPLS draft. We will be following closely the legislative process until its completion</p>		
44	Agency for the Support of Civil Society	<p>IPLS is conducting a major monitoring of the "Efforts of Law Enforcement Agencies in the Fight against Organized Crime" with the support of Civil Society Support Fund. The monitoring strategy involves extensive use of FOIA to determine the achievement of the</p>	AMCH	2013 - ongoing

		<p>benchmarks, as defined by the implementing agencies in their official work plans, coupled with guided interviews and focus groups on specific themes. We expect to come up with a report on the findings by the end of the ongoing year.</p>		
45	<p>OSFA, Rule of Law and Human Rights Program- “Government Accountability vis-à-vis Judicial Decisions</p>	<p>IPLS is in the process of implementing a Court Users’ Satisfaction Survey with support from the Open Society Foundation for Albania. The survey is based on a methodology and a questionnaire developed by CEPEJ (European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice). The aim of the exercise is to capture the viewpoint of the court users such as parties, private attorneys and court experts (judges and prosecutors are not included in the first round) on the major aspects of the courts’ business including ease of access to the court services, length of proceedings and overall court transparency. IPLS chose to use the</p>	<p>OSFA-Soros Foundation</p>	<p>2013-on going</p>

		<p>CEPEJ developed questionnaire with a view to having results that are comparable to those in other European countries. The survey is conceived to be a regular exercise delivered on year by year basis, thus providing early indicators on trends and developments. Furthermore, we expect our regular findings on courts users' satisfaction to underpin policy processes and decision making concerning the judicial system.</p>		
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