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## Program Description

# Contract Law Enforcement (CLE) Program



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Programi për përmbarrim dhe legjislacion komercial  
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Duration of the program:  
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### Overview

The USAID Contract Law Enforcement (CLE) Program is a three year program, which started on May 2013 and is projected to run until April 2016. The Contract Law Enforcement (CLE) Program, serves to improve the rule of law and create a better business environment for economic development and investment. As such, the Program is built around two strategic goals: 1) to assist Kosovo institutions to improve the enforcement of civil judgments while dramatically reducing the backlog of enforcement cases in the Kosovo court system; 2) to assist Kosovo in developing and strengthening its contract and commercial law framework and systems, including Mediation. The program incorporates gender equality consideration in all of its activities.

### Improved Enforcement of Judgments and Backlog Reduction

The Contract Law Enforcement (CLE) Program supports the Kosovo Judicial Council and the Courts to improve management of judgment case load and increase the efficiency of enforcement actions. The Program works closely with court enforcement personnel to place greater emphasis on performing enforcement against debtor bank accounts as opposed to seizure and auction of movable property. Currently, the court system has more than 200,000 unenforced judgments. The Program and the Kosovo Judicial Council have set a goal of effectively eliminating the backlog by 2016. The Program supports the Ministry of Justice to implement the Law on Enforcement Procedures, including the introduction of a Private Enforcement Agent System. The new Private Enforcement Agent System begins operating on January 2014.

### Strengthened Contract and Commercial Law Framework and Systems Including ADR Mechanisms

The Contract Law Enforcement (CLE) Program works closely with Kosovo business community to improve knowledge and understanding of the importance of using written contracts and utilizing ADR mechanism such Mediation and Arbitration. The Program has developed a number of Standard Form Contracts with explanatory notes and legal commentary, and conducts an ongoing series of roundtables with the business community throughout Kosovo.

### Promotion of Gender Equality

The Contract Law Enforcement (CLE) Program promotes gender equality in all its activities. The Program works towards removing barriers to women in business, and ensures that women are strongly represented in all Program work.