Project carried on based on the Contract No. 42/26 from 05/26/2003

Operation contemplated in the contract

The operation contemplated in the contract referred to the development of a <u>Legislative</u> guide for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Scope of work

The contribution of the consultant to the project included:

- 1. Creating 10 different booklets of around 30 pages each aimed at presenting the basic legal regulations in force as of 05/31/2003, applicable to 10 areas of interest for the small and medium-sized enterprises, including:
 - 1. Forms of conducting business of the small and medium-sized enterprises (trading companies: incorporation, operation, termination; freelance professionals and family associations; other forms of organization; advantages and disadvantages of each form presented);
 - Fiscal liabilities (taxes: corporate tax, turnover tax, tax on dividends, global income tax, VAT; excises; customs duties; local taxes and duties; double taxation and taxes applicable to non-residents – presentation of each tax, including payment terms, payers, modality of calculating the taxable amount, deductions, violations);
 - 3. Financial and accounting discipline (key provisions of the basic accounting law; legal status of accounting documents);
 - 4. Financial control of business activities (control authorities; activities subject to verification; legal status of the verification documents drafted by the controlling authorities; relations of traders with the main state authorities involved in the economic activity)
 - 5. Basic contracts (General: contract discipline and mandatory legal provisions in agreements, provisions that cannot be subject to the agreement of the parties, abusive clauses; telecontracts; contracts concluded outside commercial premises; Special: sale and purchase, leasing, works, concession, renting, agency, shipping and warehousing contracts);
 - 6. Legal relations between employees and employer (legal framework, salary);
 - 7. Legal framework of the litigation related to the main situations that may arise in the activity of a company (debt collection by virtue of the common law or by payment request notification; cancellation / termination of contracts; annulment of the resolutions of the General Meeting of Shareholders, legal proceedings against the directors of the company; challenging the economic and financial verification documents; challenging the enforcement; labor litigation; commercial arbitration);
 - 8. Commercial practices: competition and pricing (applicable legal provisions regarding telesales, sales outside the commercial premises, e-commerce);

- 9. Public procurement (public private partnership contracts; conditions for a private company to conclude a public procurement contract; constraints for the contracting authority in connection with such contracts; incentives for SMEs);
- 10. Consumer protection. Discipline regulations regarding the manufacturing and trading of certain goods to which special rules apply (alcoholic beverages, tobacco, foodstuffs, durable goods, cosmetics, detergents, pharmaceutical products, toys, second-hand goods etc.; provisions of the Government Ordinance No. 21/1992 on consumer protection)
- 2. Updating the information presented in the Legislative Guide considering the changes in legislation occurred after 05/31/2003.
- 3. Creating a Glossary of specialized terms used in the materials and of lists of relevant laws and regulations for each section of the material.

The final outcome of the project included:

- A. 10 booklets presenting the basic legal regulations applicable in 10 areas of interest for the small and medium-sized enterprises, in force as of 08/31/2003, including:
 - 1. Forms of conducting business applicable to small and medium-sized enterprises
 - 2. Fiscal liabilities
 - 3. Financial and accounting discipline
 - 4. Financial verification of business operations
 - 5. Basic contracts
 - 6. Legal relations between employees and employers
 - 7. Legal framework of litigation related to the main situations likely to arise during the activity of a company
 - 8. Commercial practices; competition and pricing
 - 9. Public procurement
 - 10. Consumer protection. Discipline regarding the production and trading of certain products subject to special regulations.

A GLOSSARY of specialized terms used in the Legislation Guide.