Who are we?
Since 1992, the IRZ has been commissioned by the Federal Government to support our partner states in the reform of their legal and judicial systems. It is primarily financed by the budget of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection and by project funding of the Federal Foreign Office. The IRZ also carries out projects as part of the European Union Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations.

What are our tasks?
Together with our partners, we develop and consolidate
• the rule-of-law, democratic constitutional structures within the framework of the European approach to human rights
• an independent, functioning judiciary including all the foundations for procedural law
• the private and commercial legal foundations for private law activities and business transactions
• the public law framework conditions for corporate activities
• the harmonisation of national legal systems with European law
• international legal assistance and cooperation in civil and criminal cases
• European standards, in particular human rights protection in criminal law, criminal procedural law and penitentiary law

With whom do we work?
We work with institutions involved in legal and judicial reform in almost 30 partner states. Our cooperation covers the states of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the MENA region and the South Caucasus, Central Asia and Vietnam. As part of our work for the German government or within the scope of EU projects, we are also prepared to work with other states.

How do we aim to achieve our objectives?
Within the framework of providing legislative advice, we organise expert discussions, help with the development of draft legislation and promote the continued training and education of law professionals from all kinds of disciplines. To this end, we organise seminars, workshops and conferences in our partner states. The main focus here is on national legal reforms and German and European law. We also offer working visits, work placements and job shadowing in Germany for training and education purposes, allowing a direct, practice-oriented exchange of experiences with German experts. We also do everything we can to support law students by working with universities, providing supplementary studies, seminars and lectures.

Wherein lies our expertise?
We are supported and assisted in our work by our members and the board of trustees, made up of personalities from the worlds of politics, business, management, academia and legal associations and companies. This comprehensive, specialist expertise and long-term, sustainable commitment are our key strengths. We can also rely on support from numerous other experienced experts from a wide variety of specialist areas of the law.

This means that we can guarantee specialist expert advice and non-bureaucratic, fast, flexible and coordinated support over the long term for our partner states.

Japanese Legal System
The IRZ supports the modernisation of the legal system in the partner states in various ways. Together with our partners, we develop and consolidate structural foundations, including an independent, functioning judiciary and harmonisation of national legal systems with European law. To this end, we organise expert discussions, help with the development of draft legislation and promote the continued training and education of law professionals from all kinds of disciplines. The main focus here is on national legal reforms and German and European law. We also offer working visits, work placements and job shadowing in Germany for training and education purposes, allowing a direct, practice-oriented exchange of experiences with German experts. We also do everything we can to support law students by working with universities, providing supplementary studies, seminars and lectures.

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