

## SCOP 3.1 - Support to the Complex Improvement of Migration and Border Management in Moldova

### Activity 3.1: Strengthening Border Police operational capacities for border security

#### *Project Summary Description*

##### **Background**

In November 2022, the Moldovan Government approved a new Programme on Integrated Border Management (2022-2025) with the following overall and specific objectives:

*“(...) 3. Sustained capabilities for effective implementation of integrated management of the state border:*

*3.1 Increasing the degree of coverage of the state border with qualified staff in line with European best practices by 2025;*

*3.2 Progressively equipping with modern state border control technologies and ensuring the sustainability of integrated state border management by 2025.”*

The Programme also recognises that, due to continued Russian aggression against neighbouring Ukraine, Moldovan border control authorities are under continuous pressure to ensure efficient and secure border crossing, considering the growing threats with regard to trafficking and smuggling in people, weapons and goods. All of this requires support in institutional and technical capacities building of the Moldovan Inspectorate-General of Border Police.

ICMPD has been present in Moldova since 2000 supporting actions in the sector on various aspects of migration and border management, and has been acting as both a grant-provider<sup>1</sup>, as well as project implementer in the field. This action builds upon earlier efforts, such as the recent *“Support for the Monitoring and Evaluation of Integrated Border Management (IBM) in the Republic of Moldova”*<sup>2</sup>. It continues strengthening the technical and human capacities of the Inspectorate-General of Border Police as a front-line response agency, especially considering the new regional security challenges.

##### **Duration and Budget**

12 months (September 2023 to August 2024)

620 000 EUR, funded by the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic

<sup>1</sup> See the ICMPD Global Initiatives Programme at: <https://www.migrationpartnershipfacility.eu/>, <https://www.mieux-initiative.eu/>, <https://diasporaforddevelopment.eu/> and <https://reintegrationfacility.eu/>.

<sup>2</sup> This is a MIEUX+ action funded by the European Union: <https://www.mieux-initiative.eu/en/actions/189-moldova-vi>

## Beneficiaries

The project targets the key border management authority in Moldova, namely the Inspectorate-General of Border Police Migration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. However, the project also targets other authorities in the broader area of migration. The indirect beneficiaries are migrants, as well as the society at large.

## Overall objective

The overall objective of the SCOP project is to support Moldovan authorities in consolidation of migration and border management system in line with the EU Acquis.

## Specific objective

Component 3.1. of the SCOP project aims at contributing to the resilience and capacities of the Moldovan Border Police. This includes effective management of the state border and timely and adequate response to crisis situations, achieved through acquiring selected equipment and carrying out capacity building activities.

## Components and Activities

### 0) Project Management

ICMPD is responsible for the overall management of the project, including regular coordination with the stakeholders, work planning, budget expenditure, visibility and external communication, and donor reporting.

### 1) Procurement of Equipment

- Off-road vehicles
- Mini-UAVs (drones)
- Handheld thermal night vision cameras
- Detection and Alert devices

### 2) Capacity Building

- Assessment of development needs
- Training and workshops

## Expected Results

At the end of the project, it is expected that Inspectorate-General of Border Police will have enhanced technical and human capacities to effectively manage the state border and to respond timely and adequately to crisis situations.

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