

The IBM Silk Routes project supports development of intra-agency, inter-agency and international cooperation across six main areas:



I. Legal and regulatory framework

Ensuring the legal basis for cooperation and information exchange



II. Institutional framework

Developing or supporting an organisational setting for introducing IBM



III. Procedures

Procedures and processes required for cooperation to take place



IV. Human resources and training

Recruitment and educational or training issues



V. Communication and information exchange

Creating a standardised and efficient flow and exchange of information



VI. Infrastructure and equipment

Recommending how equipment and facilities can support cooperation and coordination at all levels

“In today’s interconnected world, no single state administration or institution could claim to be able to solve cross-border issues on its own. Border management covers a wide range of topics and tackles complex and sometimes controversial issues that warrant efficient and effective cooperation and coordination between all relevant stakeholders”.

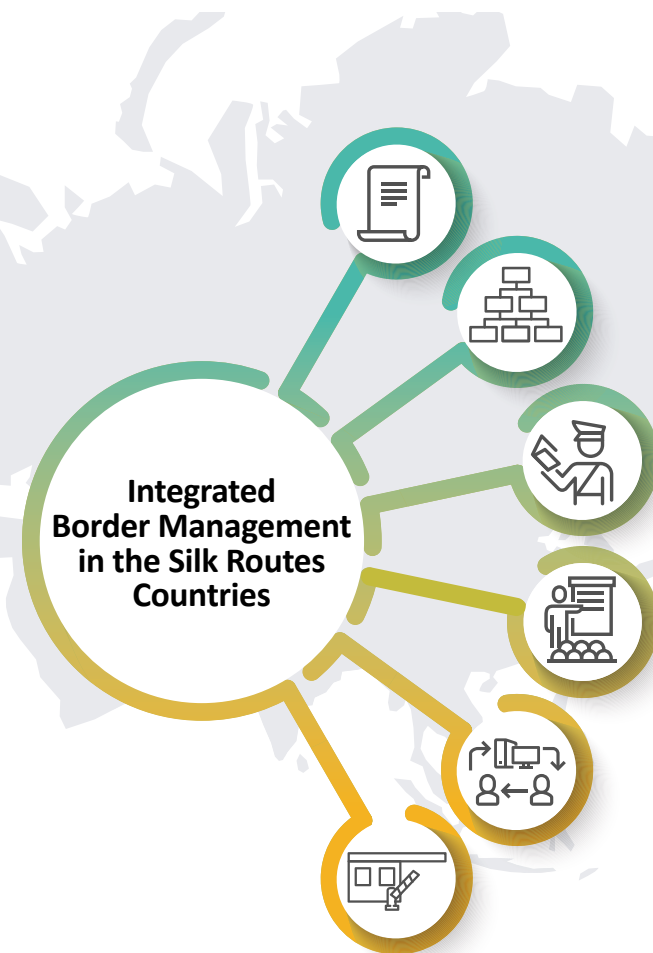
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Overall Objective

The overall objective of the Action is to support the countries of the Silk Routes region in building more effective and efficient border management systems, using as a blueprint the Integrated Border Management (IBM) concept and its developments, reflecting its principles and main components and translating them to the specific situations and realities of partner Silk Routes countries.

Specific Objectives

The specific objectives are as follows:

1. Silk Routes countries have capacities, instruments and infrastructure to develop and implement IBM.
2. Silk Routes countries have improved their regional and bilateral coordination and cooperation in the area of border management.

Silk Routes Countries

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan

Duration

1 January 2019 – 31 December 2022

Project Budget

12,030,000 EUR

Target groups

The main target groups of the Action are the national and local government authorities of the Silk Routes Countries with responsibilities in the area of border management, as well as non-governmental actors active in the field of border management and the local border communities:

- Senior staff within the main national agencies with border management responsibilities (border police or equivalent, customs, armed forces, immigration agencies, etc.), and, in particular, persons being responsible for operations and international relations;
- Specialists for certain topics (e.g. responsible for risk analysis, second line experts, information networks, legislation, etc.);
- Trainers of the national training institutions/entities;
- Other relevant stakeholders.

Targeted Institutions

The following institutions will be particularly targeted: Ministries of Interior/Home Affairs, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministries of Finance, Border Guards/Command, Revenue Services and national agencies for border control and surveillance. International organisations, EU agencies and non-state actors active in the area of border management in the region will be associated whenever possible and relevant.

The final beneficiaries of the Action include the staff and management of the border agencies, the businesses and other clients (international and national), migrant workers, border communities and overall population of the Silk Routes countries who will benefit from more secure and well managed borders.

The Action will lead to the achievement of the following results contributing to the two major outcomes:

Component (outcome) 1

Assistance in developing capacities, instruments and infrastructure

- National IBM strategies and action plans are developed to strengthen intra-, inter-agency and international cooperation.
- Operational capacities of border management agencies enhanced.
- Capacities of training entities of the beneficiary agencies increased.
- Infrastructure to facilitate better border management is improved.

Component (outcome) 2

Regional and bilateral coordination and cooperation

- Legal framework for international cooperation is improved.
- Mechanisms for information and knowledge exchange enhanced.