



Strengthening Utilization of Additional Policies and Measures for Reinforcing Migration Management in Turkey (SUPREME)

IRREGULAR MIGRATION, DIALOGUES AND AVRR 2019–2021

Executive Summary

The SUPREME project “Strengthening Utilization of Additional Policies and Measures for Reinforcing Migration Management in Turkey” aims to strengthen further migration management in Turkey in a complementary manner in order to cover all indispensable elements of the fully-fledged work in this area. The project will focus on strengthening the development of policies and operational strategies, enhancing cooperation with countries of origin, support the well-functioning of the national assisted voluntary return operations and exploring possibilities for introducing reintegration policies and programmes.

The project is funded by the United Kingdom and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is responsible for its management and implementation.

Current Context

With the entry into force in April 2013 of the new Law on Foreigners and International Protection of Turkey, which law regulates the entry and stay of foreigners in Turkey as well as all matters related to international protection; the DGMM was established and became operational in April 2014 as Turkey’s new and specialized migration management authority.

For years, ICMPD has been implementing projects in Turkey, focusing primarily on topics related to migration management and policy development, but also providing support to the establishment and capacity development of DGMM as an institution.

The SUPREME project has been preceded by respectively the DGMM I, DGMM II and DGMM III projects, which have aimed at providing support to the institutional development and enhancing operational capacity of the DGMM in selected areas of migration management, such as legal migration, irregular migration and international protection; touching upon specific areas of legal migration, irregular migration, return and readmission, AVR and temporary



protection. Furthermore, 3 other projects, namely eSRAC, PREDOC and READMIC projects, have aimed at providing support to DGMM in establishing a capacity in DGMM for conducting migration risk analyses and developing a pre-departure travel document and visa control system in countries of origin as well as training the DGMM staff on the effective implementation of the EU-TR Readmission Agreement.

Objectives

Building upon the outcomes of the previous projects, SUPREME project aims to provide further support to the DGMM in strengthening of the policies and procedures, support the functioning of the National Assisted Voluntary Return Mechanism, supporting the development of a reintegration programme and as well as enhancing structured cooperation with countries of origin for an effective and sustainable migration management in Turkey.

Specifically, the main objectives and components of the SUPREME project are as follows:

- to strengthen of the Policies and Procedures (Component I),
- to enhance International Cooperation with Countries of Origin (Component II),
- to support the functioning of the National Assisted Voluntary Return (Component III),
- to support the development of a Reintegration Programme (Component IV).

Beneficiaries

The beneficiary of the SUPREME project is the Directorate-General for Migration Management of Turkey (DGMM), its relevant departments including Combating Irregular Migration Department.

Project Duration

The SUPREME project has a duration of 24 months and runs from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021.

References

Source (2019): 'SUPREME', 30 May, available at Website.