

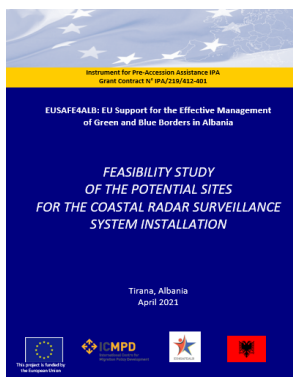
# EU4SAFEALB



## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The tender for the mobile surveillance systems, mobile maintenance workshop and patrol vessels was conducted in the course of February-April 2021. Only the lots for the procurement of the mobile surveillance systems and the mobile maintenance workshop were awarded. Contracts have been signed with selected companies and the expected time for delivery is in December 2021. However, meanwhile and due to the post-COVID implications, the suppliers announced potential delays in delivery to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022.

The tender for the supply of the patrol vessels was successfully accomplished as well. The technical evaluation committee evaluated offers between February and June 2021. The successful bidder for one 15-meter and four 10-meter long patrol vessels has started production of the patrol boats with estimated delivery to Albania in March 2022.



To launch the tender for the coastal radar surveillance system, the project team has conducted the radar sites feasibility study in March 2021.

The team of experts identified the radar sites as well as the scope of the work required for the installation of coastal radars. The findings of the feasibility study served as the basis for the development of the tender dossier for the coastal radar surveillance system, which was announced in July 2021. Due to budget limitations the decision was taken in consultation with the donor and the beneficiary about the radars installation in Tale and Dhermi.

The tender has been conducted between August and September 2021. In the first lot, a company for the construction of the radar towers has been identified. In the second lot, the technical evaluation committee didn't select any of the bidders due to non-compliance with the technical specification and the tender will be re-advertised.

## AD-HOC PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



To coordinate the next steps after the outcome of the first tender for the supply of the mobile surveillance systems, mobile maintenance workshop and the patrol vessels, as well as to agree on further steps with regard to the coastal radar surveillance system supply, an ad-hoc Project Steering Committee meeting was conducted on 6 May 2021 with the participation of the project team, the donor and the beneficiary representatives.

The Project Steering Committee made decisions on the prioritisation of the provision of the radar surveillance system over other remaining items from the procurement

list, on the re-advertisement of the tender for the procurement of the patrol vessels, as well, on the degree of flexibility in the procurement of the spare parts for immediate needs of the Albanian Border and Migration Police (BMP).

#### **COORDINATION WITH THE EU MEMBER STATES LIAISON OFFICERS LIOS IN ALBANIA**

On 15 July, the project team conducted a coordination meeting with the EU Member States law enforcement liaison officers (LiOs) in Tirana. LiOs from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland took part in the meeting. The project implementation team briefed the LiOs on the project status and expected deliverables, and shared the list of equipment procured within the project thus far. The coordination meeting concluded that there is no duplication of efforts and there are pathways for synergies.

#### **REFURBISHMENT OF THE BMP PATROL VESSELS AND PATROL VEHICLES**

As was identified in the course of the BMP gaps and needs assessment conducted in July 2020, the FB Design patrol boats donated to BMP by the EU in 2011 require refurbishment to enhance their operational capacity. To identify the scope of repairs, the project hired an expert who is conducting the technical assessment of the operational status of the patrol. The above-mentioned gaps and needs assessment also recommended that some funding is allocated within the project to repair the Land Rover patrol vehicles which are being used by the BMP for green border surveillance. The project team hired an expert and launched the technical assessment of the BMP Land Rover vehicles to identify priorities for refurbishment. The assessment was completed in the

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course of September – October. As a next step, the project will launch the procurement of the refurbishment services for the prioritized vehicles.

Both of these activities will add to the enhancement of the BMP overall operational capacity by extending the lifecycle of the already available equipment.

#### **BMP ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ASSESSMENT**

The project team contracted an expert for the assessment of the BMP asset management system. The questionnaire to identify the current situation in the area of asset management was developed by the expert and shared with the beneficiary. Upon receiving the BMP feedback the expert is currently drafting the recommendations for the improvement of the overall BMP asset management capacity. It is expected that along with the recommendations the expert will develop and deliver the training on asset management to the relevant BMP staff.

#### **Planned activities**

- Delivery of the mobile surveillance system and mobile maintenance workshop
- Re-advertisement of the tender for the procurement of the coastal surveillance radars
- Finalisation of the BMP asset management system assessment, enhancement of regulatory framework and training on asset management
- Procurement of travel document inspection devices, compressors, spare parts for the thermal vision cameras
- Refurbishment of the patrol vessels, patrol vehicles and thermal vision cameras
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