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Türkiye and the Western Balkan countries are the countries most affected by mixed migration flows either as destination, transit or host countries. The region is faced with mounting pressures linked to the large numbers of refugees and displaced they already host and the increasing numbers of refugees and migrants crossing their territories to reach Europe. Since the outbreak of the Syrian conflict, Türkiye has been hosting the most significant number of refugees in the world. While the repercussions of the Syrian refugee crisis top the migration agenda of Türkiye, Türkiye is also facing increasing irregular migratory flows from countries to its east and south, with a secondary impact on irregular migration to Europe. The Western Balkans remain a transit region, with Serbia and Bosnia - Herzegovina hosting the highest number of migrants and refugees in the region. The functioning of the 18 March agreement reached between Türkiye and the EU in 2016, together with enhanced cooperation between states along the 'Western Balkans Route', is essential for better management of the multiple migration challenges in this geography and to be able to have sustainable migration cooperation frameworks in place.

The Regional Office for Western Balkans and Türkiye, as the centre of the activities of ICMPD in the region, works with all countries in the region on all aspects of migration to contribute to better migration management in this strategically and operationally important geography. Through its main seat located in Istanbul and through offices located in Ankara, Belgrade, Sarajevo, Skopje and,

the Regional Office coordinates the work of ICMPD in the region and implements projects on the ground. The Regional Office functions under the overall management of the Head of the Region. It encompasses five main portfolios led by separate Portfolio Managers: migration management, migration and development and cross-cutting portfolios in Türkiye, as well as two geographically focused portfolios in Western Balkans (KS, SRB, ALB – MN, NM, BiH).

The Regional Office for Western Balkans and Türkiye works on all aspects of migration management to contribute to sustainable and stronger migration in this strategically and operationally important region. The ICMPD portfolio in the Western Balkans and Türkiye region covers a wide range of thematic areas, including legal migration framework, irregular migration and national assisted voluntary return, asylum and international protection, trafficking in human beings, and border management in the migration management portfolio; migration and development aspects including diaspora matters, the socio-economic integration of migrants and refugees, grant management, entrepreneurship and finally cross-cutting areas such as cooperation, dialogue, migration data management, research, institutional capacity building and similar.

ICMPD remains committed to further supporting Western Balkan countries and Türkiye to develop and implement necessary proactive policies and durable solutions to migration challenges to facilitate sustainable migration management throughout the region.

The ICMPD Western Balkans and Türkiye Regional Office supports strengthening migration management, the interlinkages between migration and development and facilitating diaspora engagement in Western Balkans and Türkiye while also focusing on addressing the cross-cutting and multi-thematic migration matters as well as priority and emerging needs of the countries where ICMPD operates.

WESTERN BALKANS AND TÜRKİYE PUBLICATIONS

Policy Brief - Revisiting EU-Türkiye Cooperation on migration: Roadmap for an enhanced partnership



Revisiting the EU-Turkey Cooperation on migration: Roadmap for an enhanced partnership policy paper by ICMPD looks into ongoing cooperation between the EU and Türkiye on migration matters, including the implementation of the 2016 EU-Turkey Statement, in light of the recent migration context in the region and possible implications of the emerging reform of the EU's migration management system with the New Pact on Migration and Asylum unveiled in September 2020 and advocates five essential elements for enhanced cooperation.

Read it here:

ENG: <https://bit.ly/3zz1kj7>

TR: <https://bit.ly/2Y6rMm6>

ICMPD Regional Migration Outlooks - Türkiye & Western Balkans



ICMPD Regional Migration Outlook 2022 for Western Balkans and Türkiye by ICMPD presents a brief analysis of migration and policy trends in the region in 2022 and provides an outlook on developments to watch out for in 2023. Read it here: <https://bit.ly/3vprDIN>



ICMPD Regional Migration Outlook 2021 for Western Balkans and Türkiye by ICMPD presents a brief analysis of migration and policy trends in the region in 2020 and provides an outlook on developments to watch out for in 2021. Read it here: <https://bit.ly/2NT8KuO>

WESTERN BALKANS AND TÜRKİYE PORTFOLIO

MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

1) Enforcing Turkish Coast Guard Efforts to Mainstream Human Rights-Based and Gender-Sensitive Response to Irregular Migration (ESSENCE)

Ankara, Türkiye

April
2022

May
2023

The overall objective of the project is to support the institutional and organizational capacity of the Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) by reinforcing human rights compliance with their efforts in responding to irregular migration. In this context, the outcome statement of this project is that TCG staff has been equipped with a sufficient knowledge base to identify human rights concerns, take measures to prevent violations and implement gender mainstreaming throughout their operations and procedures regarding migration.

The project aims to reach the overall objective and outcome through the following output:

TCG strengthened its capacity in mainstreaming human-rights compliance and gender equality through developed training materials and delivery of trainings focusing on international migration law, human rights and gender mainstreaming.

Output 1 is aimed to be achieved through the following activities:

- 1) Complete baseline assessment of specific training needs

- 2) Deliver training to 210 TCG personnel on international migration law, human rights and gender mainstreaming

- 3) Develop tailor-made training materials

- 4) Prepare a post-training assessment report focusing on the needs and providing recommendations for further trainings.

2) Strengthening Cooperation with Countries of Origin and Fostering Cooperation with Strategic Partners to Prevent Irregular Migration Through Complementarity Actions (COMPLEMENT)

Ankara, Türkiye

April
2022

September
2023

The overall objective of the project is to further strengthen the operational capacities of Türkiye's Migration Agency, the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) and other strategic partners in the fight against irregular migration, such as the Turkish Law enforcement agencies, for proactive and enhanced migration management in Türkiye, while also strengthening regional cooperation between Türkiye and its primary countries of origin to prevent irregular migration.

With this background, the project will support the PMM and, where applicable, Turkish law enforcement agencies in enhancing dialogue and partnership with prioritized CoO; and contribute to multidimensional interagency cooperation in the area of irregular migration.

This outcome will be achieved through the following outputs:

1) PMM strengthened its operational capacity to have systematic dialogue and cooperation on migration and migration-related matters with the strategical CoO.

2) Coordination capacity of PMM is enhanced and interagency cooperation with strategic partners at national, regional and international levels is fostered in line with the Strategy Document and Action Plan on Irregular Migration

The project is directly implemented by the ICMPD Western Balkans and Türkiye Regional Office, in partnership with the PMM in Türkiye, and in cooperation with other regional offices of the ICMPD, responsible for the prioritized countries of origin, namely the ICMPD Regional Coordination Offices for Silk Routes and the Eastern Mediterranean. While the ICMPD Ankara office is leading the project, ICMPD teams on the ground in prioritized countries of origin actively lend support to the implementation, to facilitate dialogue and cooperation between Türkiye and prioritized countries of origin.

3) Strengthening Migration Management In Western Balkans Via Parallel Implementation Of The Eu Pact On Migration And Asylum (RePACT)

Skopje, North Macedonia

October 2022 December 2022



The overall objective of the project is to redound the implementation and effectiveness of the PACT to strengthen migration management structures in the region by enhancing cooperation among WB countries and exploring potential areas of cooperation with the EU.

The specific objectives of the project are;

- To have a clear understanding and enhance the knowledge of the terms and regulations of the Pact that will be applied in EU countries.

- To support WB countries to strengthen their migration and border management systems, in parallel with EU reforms.
- To explore expanding manner of cooperation between the EU and the WB countries on migration matters in a more complementary manner.
- Look for synergies for further enhancement of cooperation between the EU and WB on migration matters, which would result in the strengthening of migration management. Introduce similar measures in WB that would be implemented through PACT in EU countries to broaden the scope of the PACT in general.

The expected outcome of the project is that a common approach to the possible impacts of the EU Pact on WB countries has been identified, and in line with this approach, necessary steps have been taken to improve cooperation with the EU to increase the effectiveness of the Pact as it favours the overall migration management in the region. Upon conducting the inception phase of this initiative, subject to consideration of Western Balkan countries and partner EU MS and ICMPD MS; an *extensive phase* of the project is planned to be launched as of 2023.

4) Strengthening Capacities of the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia (KIRS)

Belgrade, Serbia

November 2022 December 2022



The overall objective of the project is to support strengthening the capacities of KIRS with a focus on responding to the training needs of employees and increasing technical capacities to provide adequate services to migrants.

Specifically, the following objectives are established:

- 1) To further build the capacities of KIRS staff by facilitating the organization of tailor-made courses by the University of Maastricht in Serbia and support the life-long learning of selected KIRS staff by providing grants for master students.
- 2) To provide support and upgrade the KIRS's online learning platform and enhance the cooperation of the Plandište Training Centre.
- 3) To strengthen the capacities of KIRS to provide basic services to an increased number of migrants arriving in Serbia.

ICMPD will implement this Action in close cooperation with KIRS, the University of Maastricht and other relevant partners. The initial stage of the project would require 3 months, with preparation for an estimated duration of the full project of 18 months.

5) Communication with Migrants on Application of Alternative Measures to Immigration Detention in Türkiye (COMMIT)

Ankara, Türkiye

(Expected) December
2022

May 2023

This project is planned to start before the end of 2022. It aims to implement the Alternative Measures to Immigration Detention (ATD) measures through the delivery of clear and concise information to migrants on the ATD measures in place in Türkiye, as well as their rights and responsibilities in the framework of ATDs.

There are three components of the projects;

- 1) Promotion and facilitation of the application of ATDs
- 2) Knowledge building and strategic outreach

- 3) Enhancing cooperation with partner countries

6) Supporting the Development of Return Counselling Capacities in Türkiye (RE-CONNECT)

Ankara, Türkiye

May
2021

April
2023

The project aims to support further capacity development and strengthening of the staff of the national stakeholders on (outreach and) return counselling through capacity-building activities and specialised training activities for addressing their institutional, human, and operational needs for effective implementation of the N-AVR system in the pre-return phase.

The overall objective of this project is to support the further establishment and implementation of a national (voluntary) return system in Türkiye, involving all relevant actors and fostering cooperation between the national stakeholders, and to ensure that AVRR in Türkiye is accessible through a network of professional return counsellors.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. To support the implementation of Türkiye's N-AVR system, return policy and strategy,
2. To develop the capacities of return counsellors in assisting irregular migrants with taking an informed decision as to voluntary return,
3. To increase the institutional capacities in the pre-return phase, and

To develop operational capacities for enabling the increase of voluntary return numbers.

The target group is the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), Provincial Directorates of DGMM, TRC and the Turkish CSOs. The final beneficiaries of the project are irregular migrants in Türkiye staying outside and inside closed facilities (e.g. detention centres), asylum applicants and

rejected asylum seekers and victims of trafficking in human beings.

The expected results of the project are:

1. The implementation of the N-AVR system and strategy in Türkiye is strengthened with stakeholders, both at the coordination and cooperation levels,
2. Institutional and operational capacities at the central and provincial levels for providing effective return counselling services to irregular migrants are developed and strengthened.
3. Outreach and communication concerning the AVR option throughout Türkiye are developed.
4. Irregular migrants in Türkiye dispose of increased knowledge and information on AVR.

7) Establishment Of The National Assisted Voluntary And Non-Voluntary Return System Of Bosnia And Herzegovina (EVOLVE)

Sarajevo, Bosnia And Herzegovina

November
2022

October
2023

The project aims to support the functioning of national assisted voluntary return (AVR) as well as of non-voluntary return systems in BiH.

The project includes also relevant activities to implement adequate forced return monitoring.

The programme will provide support to align the procedures in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the EU Return Directive (2008/115/EC) by covering all necessary aspects of a full-fledged return programme.

Content-wise, one of the main components of the project will focus on the support, improvement and functioning of the national assisted voluntary returns (AVR) system in BiH. The main pillars are to have it operating in accordance with the national legislation, based on the overall institutional framework of BiH and led by the national institutions. The purpose is, therefore, to provide support for the development, further enhancement,

and operationalization of the National (assisted voluntary) Return System in BiH, which would function under the overall coordination of the Ministry of Security (MoS), Service for Foreigner Affairs (SFA), and would be implemented in cooperation with national and international partner institutions.

Another component will provide support for the functioning of a national non-voluntary return system in line with the relevant EU policies and practices. Having an effective and functioning forced return – besides the already mentioned AVR system - is considered essential for a country’s migration management system. Taking into account the close links between assisted voluntary returns and non-voluntary return processes, the effective functioning of both is considered essential for returns to be effective and efficient in full.

As part of the objective of providing support for the overall functioning of the return operations; the project will also explore establishing a return counselling system, improvement of practices on issuing travel documents to returnees, as well as organizing national identification missions and the implementation of any other operational measure that may facilitate the realization and conducting of return operations.

Lastly, in order to be able to conduct return operations smoothly, and ensure a good baseline infrastructure in place; the project will also provide support for the procurement of selective equipment to satisfy emerging needs of Service for Foreigners.

8) Strengthening PMM’s Capacity to Conduct Forced Return Operations through Procurement of Pilot Means of Restraint (FRPMR)

Ankara, Türkiye

July 2022

February
2023

The overall objective of the proposed project is to support the institutional capacity of the

implementation of the forced return mechanism in line with international human rights principles and standards.

The project will support PMM to implement the return mechanism by conducting efficient return operations for sensitive cases with the use of pilot means of restraint used in the EU member states but not included in PMM's inventory.

In this context, ICMPD has set up a training for PMM during the project "Supporting the Strengthening of Capacity for Conducting Forced Return Operations" (FRMON) project which will now be elevated to an advanced level through the employment of the pilot means of constraint. In case it is found to be feasible, PMM will procure additional items from the national budget to employ these means more broadly in its forced return operations.

The overall outcome statement of the project is "PMM's and other national stakeholders' capacity to conduct forced return operations in line with human rights principles and international standards are strengthened through the use of soft material means of restraint.

9) Establishment of Assisted Voluntary Return Coordination Centres in Türkiye under the RETOUR Pilot Programme (RETOUR)

Ankara, Türkiye

November
2022

March 2024



The main purpose of renting an office space in the airport transit area is to create a venue where cash payments can be made just before departure. Besides, counsellors from PMM and the Turkish Red Crescent will meet the returnees here to help organize transit assistance, lodging of children and assistance with luggage.

The primary objective of the renovation of the Istanbul Kumkapı Coordination Centre Interview Room is to provide accredited/trained return counsellors with a physical space to perform

voluntary return counselling services to migrants who are interested in returning to their countries of origin.

This pilot phase will provide additional clarity on the N-AVRR's operational work plan, outputs, and outcomes. The pilot phase, overall, will provide the N-AVRR project partners with an opportunity to:

- 1) Run a reality check of the billed work plan through real-time testing;
- 2) Operationalize stakeholder engagement, communication and project financing plans based on the pilot operation; and,
- 3) Amend/confirm the final approach, work plan and budget based on the inputs coming from the field workers.

The final beneficiaries of the project are irregular migrants in Türkiye (including those in detention centres), asylum applicants and rejected asylum seekers as well as victims of trafficking in human beings.

10) Supporting the implementation and further strengthening of Türkiye's National Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration System (NAVRR)

Ankara, Türkiye

September
2021

August
2024



The overall objective of the NAVRR project is to contribute to the voluntary, dignified and sustainable return of irregular migrants through support for the implementation and further strengthening of a nationally assisted voluntary return system in Türkiye.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. To contribute to further developing and implementing Türkiye's N-AVRR program, AVRR policies and strategies, including the

- provision of financial support for a sustainable funding mechanism
2. To strengthen institutional capacities in the pre-return and post-arrival phases of N-AVRR stakeholders,
 3. To develop operational capacities for enabling an increase in voluntary returns,
 4. To maintain and improve bilateral cooperation with identified countries of origin, and
 5. To support outreach and communication with prospective returnees.

The project is funded by Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway. The Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) is the primary beneficiary of the project.

11) Support Capacities Of The Presidency Of Migration Management (Support PMM)

Ankara, Türkiye

October
2022

December
2022

The project aims to aim to further contribute to the ongoing efforts of PMM in addressing migratory challenges through further strengthening its capacities and capabilities.

The project consists of three components;

- 1) Strengthening the institutional capacity of PMM in the field of irregular migration
- 2) Strengthening the institutional capacity of PMM on assisted voluntary return and reintegration
- 3) Enhancing capacities of PMM and providing support for extending operational migration cooperation with other countries.

12) Extension of the multi-purpose reception centre at Lipa, Bosnia and Herzegovina (LIPA)

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

September
2022

March 2023

The Overall Objective of the Action is to support better management of the mixed migration flows in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Specific Objective is to improve the capacity for the accommodation of migrants in temporary reception centres in Bosnia and Herzegovina by the establishment of the extension/temporary retention unit for migrants within the multi-purpose reception centre Lipa in line with European and international standards.

The implementation of the project will be structured around the following two **Components**:

- The first component focuses on the design and technical specifications for the construction of the temporary prefabricated holding facility of the multi-purpose reception centre, security system, other equipment and furniture, and procurement procedures;
- The second component aims at constructing and equipping the temporary prefabricated retention facility.

The stakeholders of the project are the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including its Service for Foreigners' Affairs.

13) EU Support for the Effective Management of Green and Blue Borders in Albania (EU4SAFEALB)

Vienna, Austria

February 2020 December 2022



The objective of the project European Union (EU) Support for the Effective Management of Green and Blue Borders in Albania (EU4SAFEALB) is to support the Border and Migration Police (BMP) to achieve effective border control and surveillance to prevent and combat the trafficking of narcotics. The project is funded by the EU and is implemented by ICMPD.

The project supports the achievement of the following results:

- Module I: Inception and update of the procurement list
- Module II: Procurement of equipment for land border surveillance and control
- Module III: Procurement of equipment for maritime border surveillance and control
- Module IV: Capacity building, in particular, the BMP aims to be provided patrol boats, surveillance vehicles and the maritime radar surveillance system. The project focus on the enhancement of the BMP logistical and equipment maintenance capacity. In addition, the project is providing tailor-made training to the BMP personnel including trainings for patrol vessels and radar operators, essential maintenance of patrol vessels, and the maintenance of specialised IT systems and technical means.

The project builds on the assistance already provided to the Albanian Border and Migration Police in recent years. It addresses the immediate needs by enhancing the overall national capacity to counter cross-border crime including drug trafficking, at the Albanian borders.

14) Drafting of a National IBM Strategy and Updating of the "National Action Plan to Implement Türkiye's IBM Strategy" (EU4IBMTR)

Ankara, Türkiye

November 2021 May 2024



EU4IBMTR Project aims to develop a tailored national IBM Strategy for Türkiye and an updated National Action Plan for its implementation.

The project is funded by the European Union, with funds from the IPA II mechanism. The main beneficiary is the Ministry of Interior, Directorate General of Provincial Administration (DGPA), while the ICMPD is responsible for project management and implementation. The other beneficiaries of the project are "The Ministry of Interior (the relevant units of the Ministry of Interior that carry out various tasks related to border management), the Ministry of National Defence, the Ministry of Trade, the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, civil society and the private sector.

The overall objective of the Project is to support better alignment regarding Chapter 24 - Justice, freedom and security. The Specific Objective is to improve integrated border management in Türkiye in line with EU standards and EU acquis.

The National IBM Project consists of four main components:

- (1) As the first step, the current Border Management system in Türkiye (general strategic priorities, legal and institutional frameworks, policy and practices) will be reviewed, and after the determination of three models that may apply to Türkiye, the most appropriate model will be

selected and a national IBM model adapted to Türkiye will be developed.

(2) In coordination and cooperation with the relevant institutions, the selected model will be transformed into the National IBM Strategy in the next step, and the National Action Plan to be updated for the implementation of this strategy.

(3) In addition to the development of the new IBM model and related policy documents, the project will support activities that facilitate the implementation of the new IBM Strategy and Action Plan by relevant institutions and organizations, and contributes to the development of monitoring and evaluation tools.

(4) Finally, activities for the facilitation of inter-institutional and international coordination and cooperation will be carried out for the smooth implementation of the approved IBM Action Plan.

15) Supporting the Institutional Capacity of the National Coordination and Joint Risk Analysis Centre (NACORAC)

Ankara, Türkiye

May 2022

May 2024

The project is funded by the European Union and the timeline is May 2022 – 2024. The project has been implemented by ICMPD in close coordination with the Ministry of Interior’s Directorate General of Provincial Administration (DGPA) as the main project beneficiary.

NACORAC Centre under DGPA was established to ensure the collection of border management data through a single unit and to foster inter-agency coordination among border management actors. The core mandate of NACORAC is to improve inter-agency cooperation among officials from various national IBM authorities, facilitate information exchange and combine the derived data in a common database and share analysis and data with relevant institutions after a joint risk analysis

process, as well as support and facilitating informed decision making and operational actions.

Within this scope, the overall objective of the project is to support progress on alignment with EU acquis and improve Türkiye's institutional capacity on integrated border management (IBM) as regards Chapter 24 (Justice, Freedom and Security). The specific objective of the project is to improve inter-service cooperation on IBM through support to the institutional capacity and the operationalisation of NACORAC in line with EU standards.

The project has two components:

- 1) Establishment of an operational and institutional framework for the functioning of NACORAC
- 2) Enforcement of the functioning of NACORAC through the implementation of capacity-building activities

Under these components, the project aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- 1) A road map to guide and support the operability of NACORAC is developed on the basis of a comprehensive gaps and needs analysis;
- 2) Necessary conditions are put in place for the operability of NACORAC through the establishment of a baseline for inter-agency coordination and cooperation;
- 3) An overall framework is in place for NACORAC to establish partnerships with inter-governmental stakeholders and international partners;
- 4) The knowledge and experience of staff assigned to NACORAC are strengthened;
- 5) NACORAC has started collecting data and conducting data and risk analysis as well as studies and research and preparing an annual risk analyses report;
- 6) Institutional infrastructure strengthened for the efficient implementation of project activities and for ensuring the uninterrupted functioning of NACORAC.

In addition to DGPA as the main beneficiary the project have the following stakeholders that have a role in the border management of Türkiye:

- Ministry of Interior - Presidency of Migration Management (PMM),
- Ministry of Interior - General Directorate of Security (GDS),
- Ministry of Interior - Coast Guard Command (TURCG),
- Ministry of National Defense - Land Forces Command (TLFC),
- Ministry of Interior - Gendarmerie General Command (TGGC),
- Ministry of Trade,
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry,
- Ministry of Health - Directorate General of Health Services for Borders and Coasts of Türkiye,
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure,
- Non-public stakeholders (Civil society and local communities, private sector (airline companies, carriers, freight forwarders, customs brokers etc.) and migrants.

16) Enhancement of Migration Information System for Strengthening Migration, Asylum and Border Management in Bosnia and Herzegovina (MiS BiH)

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**November
2021**

**March
2023**



This project aims to further support the improvement of the efficiency of its migration management by increasing the level of control of the entry and stay of foreigners and upgrading the institutional capacities in efficient coordination of migration, asylum and border issues and enhancing the whole government approach. This means further improvement of the institutional capacities

that enable the collection, analysis and exchange of data and information and strengthening the technical and personnel capacities of the competent institutions as far as establishing and functioning of the migration information system and collection of data is concerned. The MiS BiH Project focuses on the further development of the Migration Information System, in order to introduce some new official modules connected within the MIS which remain as a central database and be operated by all relevant competent institutions.

The overall goal of the project is to provide support to BiH SFA to efficiently manage the regular and irregular movement of people and take effective measures to prevent and suppress related illegal acts, while maintaining a high level of security for BiH citizens, migrants and visitors and smooth manner of processing of workflows. This goal is aimed to be achieved via 1) upgrading and extending the Migration Information System with additional online application modules for visas and resident permits and 2) introducing the system for electronic biometric residence permit card issuance. The project is funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) and implemented by ICMPD. The project's primary beneficiaries are the Ministry of Security (MoS) Sector for International Relations and European Integration, the Sector for Immigration, the Sector for Asylum and the Sector for Informational and Telecommunication Technologies, SFA, BP and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Sector of International Legal and Consular Affairs).

MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

17) Enhancement of Entrepreneurship Capacities for Sustainable Socio-Economic Integration (ENHANCER)

Ankara, Türkiye

January 2020 December 2023

ENHANCER is a European Union-funded project through the Facility for Refugees in Türkiye Programme. The project is being conducted in 11 different locations in Türkiye (Istanbul, Sanliurfa, Gaziantep, Adana, Mersin, Bursa, Izmir, Ankara, Konya, Hatay, and Kayseri) to improve the Socio-Economic Integration of Syrians under Temporary Protection in Türkiye (SuTPs) and Local Host Communities (LHCs) via entrepreneurship opportunities. Within this context, the project team cooperates with various relevant stakeholders, including regional development agencies.

The project's target groups are:

1. Potential and existing entrepreneurs among the SuTPs and LHCs who are engaged in locally selected products and services
2. National-level institutions related to entrepreneurship, development as well as migration policy and implementation
3. Local institutions that provide services to entrepreneurs
4. SMEs and cooperatives have the potential to create new jobs and livelihood opportunities.

SuTPs and LHCs, host community entrepreneurs in the general labour force are among the final beneficiaries of the ENHANCER project.

18) Strengthening Transnational Entrepreneurship: Harnessing diaspora resources and expertise for business creation and investment in Serbia

(Link Up! II)

Belgrade, Serbia

November 2019 November 2022

The aim of the Link-Up! Serbia II project, funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) with funds from the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC), is to foster transnational entrepreneurial activities with and through the Serb diaspora in DACH countries (Germany, Austria and Switzerland).

The project's national partner is the Ministry of European Integration, and it is implemented in close cooperation with the Development Agency of Serbia and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The primary project beneficiaries of the intervention are SMEs (600 SMEs and entrepreneurs from Serbia and 100 SMEs from the diaspora), diaspora investors, brokers and experts from DACH countries, and Local Self-Governments/municipalities.

The project's overall objective is to foster transnational entrepreneurial activities with and through the Serb diaspora in DACH countries by facilitating access to knowledge, networks, and financial resources. This objective aimed to be reached through activities and outputs under two main components:

1. The first component focuses on improving competitiveness and capacity for business diaspora engagement.
2. The second component is focused on expanding business engagement and access to capital and DACH markets.

The project Link Up! Serbia II provide special measures to address market barriers for women entrepreneurs, family-managed SMEs, women working in precarious jobs in rural environments, youth and elderly farmers in lagging regions, Roma,

and entrepreneurs from other minority groups and persons with disabilities.

CROSS-CUTTING

19) Assessment of the Contribution to the Turkish Economy by Syrians under Temporary Protection (ECOIMPACT)

Ankara, Türkiye

June
2022

December
2022

The overall objective of ECOIMPACT is to contribute to the evidence-based migration policy development as well as to further strengthen socio-economic inclusion in Türkiye through analysing the economic impact of SuTPs on the Turkish economy.

The project specifically aims to:

- 1) Support the evidence-based policy development through research and analysis of the economic impact of SuTPs
- 2) Strengthen institutional capacities through improving institutional knowledge of employability, consumption, production as well as investment capacities of SuTPs
- 3) Support the development of policy recommendations in various aspects of SuTPs' economic impact and contribution to the Turkish economy

The expected results of the project are:

- 1) Economic Impact Analysis targeting SuTPs is completed in 11 provinces of Türkiye
- 2) A simulation tool that will be developed in the format of a software program is developed for the use of Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) and policy development in general
- 3) A policy paper is developed as a result of the collaborative assessment with the PMM

The ECOIMPACT Project consists of the following components. Component 1 includes the economic impact assessment of the SuTPs in the 11 selected provinces. Component 2 includes the development of a simulation tool to conduct similar analyses in the future in order to further build the in-house capacity of the PMM. Component 3 includes the collaborative analysis and assessment of the outcomes and development of policy recommendations in close collaboration with the PMM representatives.

20) Enhancing Analysis and Operational Capacity to Improve Legal Migration Policy in Türkiye (ANAPOL)

Ankara, Türkiye

April
2022

September
2023

The general objective of the project is to strengthen Türkiye's overall migration management in the area of legal migration through revisions in the legal, policy and procedural frameworks and enhancement of technical and operational capacity.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- 1) Improving institutional knowledge through analysis of current policies and procedures in the area of legal migration
- 2) Improving institutional capacities through tailor-made capacity-building activities in the area of legal migration with a specific focus on the coordination of international airports
- 3) Enhancing the institutional capacities in legal migration data analysis for the development of an evidence-based and data-driven migration policy and strategy
- 4) Supporting the development of the Legal Migration Strategy Framework Document through facilitating institutional knowledge-base and informed policymaking, including assessment of the

situations in countries of origin and destinations, which may affect Türkiye's legal migration policies

The project strictly considers gender equality, human rights and quality assurance while implementing effective monitoring and evaluation

There are four components:

- 1) Supporting Legal Migration Procedures and Policy Framework
- 2) Capacity Building and Training Programme to Ensure Uniformity in the Legislation and Applications in terms of Coordination of International Airports
- 3) Further Consolidation of the Migration Data Management Capabilities of the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) to Enforce Agile, Efficient and Evidence-Based Policymaking
- 4) Supporting the Development of Legal Migration Strategy Framework Document

The expected results:

- 1) Improvement of data and migration trends analysis of PMM support its data-driven and evidence-based policies and strategies in order to take a proactive approach to migration management in the field of legal migration
- 2) Through the application of adapted measures and procedures, possible further irregular migration flows towards Türkiye and from Türkiye to the EU/UK are prevented
- 3) Improvement of institutional knowledge base and understanding of legal migration policy framework from different country perspectives, which in return feed into the strategy development
- 4) Development of a guideline document in order to establish a legal migration policy framework in Türkiye