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## Representation of ICMPD in Türkiye

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## ICMPD in Türkiye

Türkiye is one of the most affected countries by mixed migration flows both as destination, transit or host country. Türkiye has been hosting the highest number of refugees in the world since the Syrian conflict. While the repercussions of the Syrian refugee crisis dominate the migration agenda of the country, 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 functioning of overall cooperation between EU and Türkiye, as well as cooperation modalities between Türkiye and other countries, is essential for better management of the multiple migration challenges in this geography and having sustainable migration cooperation frameworks in place.

Representation of ICMPD in Türkiye works with respective national and international authorities on all aspects of migration to better contribute to migration management in this strategically important geography. Operating in Istanbul and Ankara, the Representation of ICMPD in Türkiye serves as a central hub for coordinating its project deliveries in Türkiye. ICMPD, with its in-house expertise and customized projects tailored to specific needs, makes a significant

contribution to Türkiye's efforts in enhancing its capacity to manage migration effectively.

The Representation of ICMPD in Türkiye functions under the overall management of the Head of the Representation. The Representation encompasses four main portfolios led by separate Portfolio Managers: The Migration Management, Border Management, Migration & Development, and Interdisciplinary matters in Türkiye.

These portfolios cover a wide range of thematic areas such as the development of institutional and legislative frameworks, irregular migration, assisted voluntary returns, border management, human trafficking, legal migration pathways, and socio-economic support. Additional efforts include the social cohesion of migrants and refugees, grant management, entrepreneurship as well as other cross-cutting areas such as cooperation, dialogue, migration policy development and data analysis, research, institutional capacity-building and other complementary initiatives.

ICMPD remains committed to further supporting Türkiye to develop and implement proactive policies and durable solutions to migration challenges to facilitate sustainable migration management throughout the country and along the migration routes.

## MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

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

Ankara, Türkiye

September 2021

April 2025

NAVRR project aims to further develop and implement Türkiye's NAVRR mechanism, including capacity building activities addressing the needs of the National Stakeholders and the provision of financial assistance for conducting operational activities.

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:

- Contributing 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;
- Strengthening institutional capacities in the pre-return and post-arrival phases of N-AVRR stakeholders;

- Developing operational capacities for enabling an increase in voluntary returns;
- Maintaining and improving bilateral cooperation with identified countries of origin;
- Supporting outreach and communication with prospective returnees; and
- Providing financial and logistical support for returnees (incl. pre-return and post-arrival reintegration support).

The project is funded by Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway, with a total budget of EUR 5,041,000. The Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) is the primary beneficiary of the project.

### 2) 4P-ACTIONS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS PROJECT (P-ACT)

Ankara, Türkiye

November 2023

May 2025

P-ACT project aims to provide capacity building and awareness raising support to both Turkish law enforcement agencies, as well as the members of judiciary. The Project provided further support to Türkiye's efforts in the fields of identification, prosecution, protection, awareness raising and multilateral dialogues to prevent and combat THB on migration routes, while providing PMM and the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMMs) with enhanced technical infrastructure and means in the field of combat against THB.

The overall objective of the P-ACT project is to support efforts for reducing trafficking in human

beings in Türkiye through improved early identification and referral processes and to provide adequate assistance and support to victims of trafficking in human beings and prevention measures, including through establishing international cooperation with relevant countries.

The three specific objectives foreseen under the project are as follows:

- Strengthening early identification and referral processes of victims of trafficking alongside prosecution of traffickers through an integrated approach within the National Referral Mechanism in Türkiye;
- Developing an integrated approach to prevention of THB with an emphasis on coordinated approaches along trafficking and migration routes supported by increased awareness at national level; and
- Strengthening PMM's THB operations and procedures by providing support to its physical infrastructure.

Funded by the European Union and contracted by ICMPD through the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF), the project has a total budget of EUR 2,395,000. The project's main beneficiary is the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM). Other key stakeholders include the Turkish National Police (TNP), the General Command of Gendarmerie (GCG), and the Ministry of Justice.

### **3) MOBILISATION OF EXPERTS FOR STRENGTHENING TÜRKİYE'S REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION SYSTEM PROJECT (E-MOTION)**

**Ankara, Türkiye**

**April 2024**

**November 2024**

E-MOTION aims to enhance the international protection procedures through enhancing the capacity of mobile International Protection Status Determination (IPSD) units, providing refresher training on international and national protection legislation and IPSD procedures for mobile IPSD caseworkers, and facilitating IPSD visits to seven provinces having a backlog of applications.

The main objective of the project is to support the harmonisation of the International Protection Status Determination decisions in Türkiye, and to reduce the backlogs.

The project foresees the implementation of the following activities:

- Training of mobile International Protection Status Determination unit staff: Delivery of trainings to caseworkers on international/national protection legislation and procedures to enhance and refresh the skills and knowledge of the selected caseworkers and provide them with harmonised and standardised guidance and practices for RSD decision making, based on the latest national and international jurisprudence; and
- Deployment of caseworkers to mobile IPSD units in provinces: Deployment of

teams of the expert / trained caseworkers to provinces with backlogs to reduce the numbers of applicants who fail to appear for interviews, which in turn could decrease the administrative pausing of procedures and handle relevant applications without further delays.

Funded by the British Embassy in Ankara, the project budget is EUR 244,000. The main beneficiary of the project is the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM). The project has been successfully completed as of 31<sup>st</sup> November 2024.

#### **4) Enforcement of Migration Governance and Partnership through a Holistic Approach (EMPATHY)**

**Istanbul, Türkiye**

**April 2024**

**March 2027**

EMPATHY aims to address irregular migration in line with EU priorities by strengthening the effectiveness of Türkiye's migration management procedures on the voluntary, dignified, and sustainable return and reintegration of irregular migrants. The project offers consolidated intervention on one side to strengthen the national return system, but on the other side supports overall migration management of countries of origin to enable the application of sustainable reintegration programmes.

The project is funded by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG Home) under the Migration and Partnership Facility's programme. The total budget is EUR

12,277,485.44. The beneficiaries and stakeholders are the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), TRC-Turkish Red Crescent, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Ministry of Family and Social Services (MFSS), partners in Countries of Origin, NGOs, and migrant diasporas.

The overall objective of the project is to enhance the safe and dignified return and sustainable reintegration of irregular migrants from Türkiye.

Under the Migration Management Portfolio, the project implementation team conducts four components:

- Component 1: Operational Capacities and Case Management in Return Procedures.
- Component 2: Operational Capacities and Case Management in Return Procedures.
- Component 3: Effective NAVRR Outreach Capacity.
- Component 5: Sustainable Reintegration.

Under the Interdisciplinary Portfolio, the project team manages two components:

- Component 4: Complementary measures relating to return.
- Component 6: Support to the establishment of the International Migration Cooperation Centre (IMC).

## **BORDER MANAGEMENT**

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### **5) 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 2025**

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 total budget is EUR 2,000,000. The main beneficiary is the Ministry of Interior and the Directorate General of Border Management (DGBM) of the PMM, while 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, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The overall objective of the Project is to support institutional and legislative framework border management structures in Türkiye. The specific objective is to improve integrated border management in Türkiye in line with EU standards and EU *acquis*.

The EUIBMTR 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 alternative models that may apply to Türkiye, the most appropriate model will be selected by the authorities 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 as a next step, and the a National Action Plan will be prepared 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.

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

Ankara, Türkiye

May 2022

May 2025

NACORAC under the Directorate General of Border Management (DGBM) of the Presidency of the Migration Management 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 supporting and facilitating informed decision making and operational actions.

The NACORAC project is funded by the European Union and has a total budget of EUR 1,200,000. The project has been implemented by ICMPD in close coordination with the Directorate General of Border Management (DGBM) as the main project beneficiary.

In addition to DGBM as the main beneficiary the project has 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 Defence - 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, and
- Non-public stakeholders (Civil society and local communities, private sector (airline companies, carriers, freight forwarders, customs brokers etc.) and migrants.

Within this scope, the overall objective of the project is to support progress on alignment with the EU *acquis* and to 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) Establishing an operational and institutional framework for the functioning of NACORAC; and
- 2) Enforcing the functioning of NACORAC through the implementation of capacity-building activities.



## 7) Supporting Türkiye's Efforts to Strengthen Border Management at the Eastern and South Eastern Land Borders (SAFE)

Ankara, Türkiye

January 2024

December 2028

SAFE project aims to enhance Türkiye's capability to address irregular migration and other cross-border threats by advancing the technological and institutional capacity and operational expertise concerning the surveillance of Türkiye's eastern and southeastern land borders while supporting the beneficiaries' adherence to international human rights standards.

The project, funded by the European Commission, has a budget of EUR 220,000,000. The main beneficiary is the Directorate General of Border Management (DGBM).

The project provides support through the procurement of state-of-the-art technology border management equipment and the provision of technical assistance provided to the beneficiary institutions regarding the operation and maintenance of the procured equipment and infrastructure, as well as through human rights-based and protection-sensitive border surveillance.

The project consists of four main components:

1) Procurement and installation of a lighting system consisting of a set of road lanterns or other similar solutions at Türkiye's eastern and southeastern land borders.

2) Procurement and installation of a stationary surveillance system, including communication and surveillance masts and other compatible and complementary monitoring technology (including energy supply lines) at Türkiye's eastern and southeastern land borders.

3) Procurement of mobile electro-optical cameras at Türkiye's eastern and southeastern land borders.

4) Supporting capacity building and providing technical assistance to the beneficiary institutions through a tailored training program and assisting them in using and maintaining the new equipment and infrastructure, while also strengthening safe and orderly migration, human rights and the protection of persons in need. In addition, the beneficiary institutions will be supported in their efforts to mainstream human rights and exercise due diligence, as well as in outreach and trust-building with border communities and civil society.

The project is expected to strengthen security at the land borders, reduce the number of casualties among migrants in border zones, curb smuggling activities through the land borders, and modernize the border management system to promote effective border surveillance, and ensure safe and orderly migration.



## 8) Empowering the Border Management Capacity of the Presidency of Migration Management (EMPOWER) Project

Ankara, Türkiye

May 2024

March 2025

EMPOWER project aims to strengthen coordination and efficiency in border management procedures across central and local levels within the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM). The efforts in the Project are expected to strategically support PMM's effectiveness in border management, addressing the multifaceted challenges posed by migration flows and border security concerns.

EMPOWER is funded by the UK Embassy in Türkiye and has a total budget of EUR 500,000. The main beneficiary is the Directorate General of Border Management (DGBM) of the PM

The overall objective of the EMPOWER Project is to improve PMM's border management capacity through enhanced coordination and procedural efficiency. To that end, there are two expected outcomes of the project:

- Comprehensive review of the border management practices is conducted at all levels.
- Technical and operational assistance is provided at the central level.

In this framework, the project aims to conduct a thorough assessment of the border management practices and capacity of PMM both at the central and local level. It will also identify the needs in the institutional and legal framework in order to implement the

recommendations of the European Commission Country Report on Türkiye for 2023.

## 9) Strengthening National Coordination and Cooperation Mechanisms in the Field of Border Management (SYNCRON)

Ankara, Türkiye

December 2023

December 2025

SYNCRON project aims to support Türkiye's efforts in enhancing its technical capacity as well as strengthening cooperation and coordination mechanisms in the field of border management at the central and local levels.

The project, funded by the Ministry of Justice and Security of the Netherlands (J&V), has a total budget of EUR 2,000,000. The main beneficiary is the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM).

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen Türkiye's border management in line with the EU standards. The project implementation is structured around the following outputs & activities:

- Reviewing the current country situation to identify the technical, operational and administrative needs to facilitate better coordination of border management procedures at the central and local level;
- Enhancing technical capacity concerning the coordination of border management processes at the local level through the development of training curricula, consultation

workshops, and the delivery of tailored training programs;

- Increasing national coordination capacity at the central level by reviewing national legislation governing coordination processes, conducting workshops to discuss gaps, areas of improvement, and good practices, and drafting thematic recommendation reports;
- Increasing coordination capacity at the local level through organising consultation meetings in the field bringing together all local stakeholders including CSOs, associations, etc and developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and/or guidelines related to coordination of border management at the local level;
- Strengthening coordination mechanisms and ensuring effective collaboration between central and local stakeholders by organizing consultation workshops, drafting thematic recommendation reports, providing training and manuals on data collection and management, and equipment to enhance coordination capacity at the central level; and
- Enhancing the capacity of PMM and the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMMs) to ensure that relevant processes and procedures at the local level are compliant with the national regulations and standards.

As a result, the capacity building to be achieved through the project activities will improve the coordination capacity of the relevant national authorities in Türkiye, while enabling more effective inter-agency cooperation mechanisms, and will also accelerate operational cooperation

in this area as it will strengthen various data collection and sharing processes at both central and local levels.

### **10) Enhancing the Border Management Capacity of the Presidency of Migration Management (ENGAGE)**

**Ankara, Türkiye**

**July 2024**

**June 2027**

ENGAGE project aims to strengthen Türkiye's border management in line with the European Integrated Border Management (EIBM) standards through operational and technical support.

Funded by the European Union's DG HOME with a total budget of EUR 10,000,000, the main beneficiaries are the Ministry of Interior, the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) and the Directorate General of Border Management (DGBM).

The project's overall objective is to strengthen Türkiye's border management capacities, particularly through PMM's coordination of national border responses, enhanced operational capacity at the western borders, and improved international cooperation mechanisms. To achieve these aims, following activities will be implemented:

- The project will support a comprehensive review of relevant legal and administrative frameworks, aligning with EU and EIBM standards. Review of existing legislation, study visits and consultations with stakeholders will serve as the

references for PMM Legal Department in developing recommendations for a new draft law. Additionally, the project will facilitate the establishment of a Border Management Coordination Centre (BMCC) and contribute to creating sustainable training programs, including e-learning modules, to ensure ongoing staff development within PMM.

- A needs assessment, conducted through field visits to PDMMs and BCPs in the western border provinces, will identify specific requirements to enhance efficiency. Following this assessment, key equipment and infrastructure will be provided. Additionally, specialized training in document security, along with regional coordination meetings and inter-provincial gatherings, will address local migration challenges and reinforce coordinated responses.
- Collaboration with Bulgaria and Greece will be strengthened through coordinated meetings, workshops, and a regional conference to standardize practices across borders. The project will also support the Common Contact Centre for Police and Customs Cooperation (CCC) by conducting needs assessments, modernizing equipment, and improving information-sharing tools. Finally, reviewing cooperation frameworks with Frontex will enhance alignment with EU standards in border management.

## MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Ankara, Türkiye

December 2020

December 2025

ENHANCER project is being conducted in 11 different provinces in Türkiye (Adana, Ankara, Bursa, Gaziantep, Hatay, Istanbul, Izmir, Kayseri, Konya, Mersin and Sanliurfa) to improve the socio-economic integration of Syrians under Temporary Protection in Türkiye (SuTPs) and Local Host Communities (LHCs) via entrepreneurship opportunities.

The project is funded by the European Union under the Facility for Refugees in Türkiye Programme. The budget of the project is approximately 32.5 million Euros, and approximately 17.1 million Euros of this budget have been allocated for grant support to entrepreneurs and local institutions.

The beneficiaries are potential and existing entrepreneurs among SuTPs and LHC, cooperatives, SMEs, and institutions at the local and national level. The project team cooperates with various relevant stakeholders, including regional development agencies.

The project's overall objective is to strengthen the socio-economic integration and livelihoods of SuTPs and LHCs in Türkiye by building a robust, migration-sensitive entrepreneurial

ecosystem. Specifically, the project supports potential and existing entrepreneurs through targeted training in sectors such as textiles, agriculture, and high-tech, provides grants for start-ups, SMEs, and cooperatives, and develops local entrepreneurial hubs to promote collaboration, value chain development, and export-focused business growth.

The project's target groups are as follows:

- SuTP and LHC entrepreneurs working in selected local products and services.
- National institutions in entrepreneurship, development, and migration policy, supported with €5.6M across 25 organizations, including Chambers of Commerce, municipalities, universities, technoparks, and industrial zones. 25 local common use facilities have been benefited from LCUF Grant Scheme.
- Local institutions serving entrepreneurs, with €559K allocated to 20 institutions.
- Start-ups: The grant call for start-ups has been concluded and 188 start-ups were found sufficient to be awarded with grants. Until now, 59 contracts were signed.
- SMEs and cooperatives: Under the SME Support Grant Scheme for Job Creation, 64 SMEs have concluded their project implementation. Currently, 8 SMEs are in their final reporting stage. 8 cooperatives of first cooperative grant call, 16 cooperatives from second grant call continues with implementation. Third grant call for cooperatives was launched on September 23. In total, 3,493 Turkish and SuTP entrepreneur

candidates from 11 provinces were entitled to receive training certificates.

- 835 entrepreneurs have participated in B2B business matching events.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY

### 12) Supporting The Development of Return Counselling Capacities in Türkiye – PHASE II - (RECONNECT II)

Ankara, Türkiye

September 2023

July 2025

RECONNECT II aims to strengthen the capacity of Türkiye's Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) to provide standardized, effective, and human rights-based voluntary return counselling for irregular migrants. Through training, e-learning, and awareness-raising activities, it ensures migrants are well-informed about voluntary return options and promotes sustainable migration management practices in Türkiye.

The donor for the project is the Swiss Confederation's State Secretariat for Migration, and the project budget is EUR 800,000.00. The main beneficiary is PMM, along with PDMMs and migrants.

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of PMM on return counselling to conduct harmonized, high quality and effective voluntary return procedures in compliance with the national legislation and international human rights standards while ensuring well-informed decisions of migrants

and overall contributing to the effective and rights-based management of migration in Türkiye. This outcome will be achieved through the following outputs:

- The technical capacity of PMM and PDMMs for providing effective, standardized, harmonized and human rights-based return counselling services to migrants is strengthened.
- Migrants are well aware of the voluntary return processes, their rights and obligations in this respect and the post-return conditions in their countries of origin.

### 13) Enforcing Capacities for Application of Alternative Measures to Detention in Türkiye (ENACT)

Ankara, Türkiye

September 2023

July 2025

ENACT project aims to strengthen the operational and technical capacity of the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) in implementing human rights-based alternative measures to detention (ATDs) for irregular migrants. Through training, workshops, and international cooperation, the project seeks to ensure the effective, harmonized, and rights-respecting application of ATDs in line with national legislation and international standards.

The main donor for the project is the Swiss Confederation's State Secretariat for Migration. The total budget of the project is EUR 587,875.00. The beneficiaries include PMM and PDMMs as main beneficiaries as well as migrants.

The overall objective of the project is to enhance PMM's efforts in effective, harmonized and human rights-based implementation of the ATDs foreseen in the legislation by strengthened operational and technical capacity, enhanced cooperation and coordination among institutions and raising the awareness of migrants and relevant stakeholders on the ATD system in Türkiye. This outcome will be achieved through the following outputs:

- The operational and technical capacity of PMM and PDMMs in the implementation of ATD measures is strengthened, while ensuring respect for the human rights of affected migrants.
- Cooperation and coordination among relevant institutions in implementing ATDs are enhanced, and migrants and relevant actors are well informed of their rights and responsibilities in terms of ATDs.

### 14) European Union Scholarships (BEURS)

Istanbul, Türkiye

January 2023

December 2025

BEURS aims to increase access to higher education and strengthen pathways to employment through skill development and social cohesion.

The project is funded by the European Union and encompasses a budget of 10 million euros. The beneficiaries are Syrian students under temporary protection, students under international protection, and Turkish citizen students who pursue undergraduate or graduate studies. Gender mainstreaming and

inclusion of vulnerable groups are the fundamental approaches during the selection of beneficiaries and implementation of the project activities.

The project is implemented through a consortium consisting of four members where the International Centre for Migration Policy Development is the lead applicant and Ankara University (covering the provinces in Central and North Anatolia Region), Hasan Kalyoncu University (covering the provinces in the South East Region), and Marmara Municipalities Union (covering the provinces in Marmara Region) are the co-applicant consortium members.

The overall objective is to improve access to higher education and strengthen pathways to employment through skill development and social cohesion for the beneficiaries. The specific objective is to increase their enrolment to and graduation from higher education.

The project focuses to create synergies for reaching the overall and specific objectives and promotes partnerships between universities, municipalities, government institutions, and international and national organisations for upskilling students regarding higher education, social cohesion, and integration to employment opportunities.

### **15) Strengthening Capacities to Prevent Irregular Migration Through Introduction of New Measures and Reinforcement of Human Rights Sensitive Approach (INNOVATIVE)**

**Ankara, Türkiye**

**April 2024**

**March 2025**



INNOVATIVE project aims to strengthen the migration management capacities of PMM through targeted interventions enhancing operational capabilities and fostering national and international collaboration in line with the international human rights principles and standards.

The INNOVATIVE project has been funded by the British Embassy in Ankara with a total budget of GBP 800.000, and its beneficiaries include the Ministry of Interior, the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM).

Under the scope of INNOVATIVE, there are two specific objectives: The first one is to operationalize the Istanbul Airport Transfer Point in compliance with national and international law. The second objective aims to support strengthening of central-level capacities of PMM and relevant law enforcement agencies for the enhancement and use of a robust evidence base in migration management policy-making, and improving effective inter-institutional and international collaboration.

Within the scope of INNOVATIVE's Component 1, standard operating procedures for the functioning and workflow of the Istanbul Airport Transfer Point and a training curriculum for personnel deployed at the Istanbul Airport Transfer Point will be drafted, and training for law enforcement personnel will be conducted.

Component 2 defines activities such as organising consultative event(s) between PMM and the Judiciary actors on issues like decisions of entry bans, administrative detention and inadmissible passengers and organisation of the compilation of ECtHR decisions related to migration cases.



**16) Boosting Turkish National Police's Capacity in Detection of Forged Travel Documents at the Border Gates (TNP FORGERY)**

Ankara, Türkiye

May 2024

March 2025

TNP FORGERY aims to enhance the Turkish National Police (TNP)'s ability to detect and address the use of forged travel documents at border control points.

Funded by the British Embassy in Ankara with a total budget of GBP 600,000, the project's beneficiary is the TNP.

TNP FORGERY's overall objective is to significantly improve TNP's operational effectiveness in handling document fraud, contributing to national and international efforts to prevent irregular migration.

The project supports TNP in preventing irregular migration by offering specialized training to personnel and developing the skills of TNP trainers, ensuring long-term knowledge transfer. This includes intermediate training sessions on document fraud and travel document security for experienced staff, advanced training focused on detecting impostor passengers, and a Training of Trainers (ToT) program covering adult learning techniques and presentation skills, with practical sessions at airports. Additionally, the project will provide specialized forgery detection equipment for major border control points and TNP's central department, further enhancing technical capabilities.

TNP's capacity to detect forged documents and enhancing technical expertise will be strengthened through following outputs:

- TNP strengthened its capacity to detect forged documents by improving knowledge and ensuring multi-level knowledge-transfer.
- TNP bolstered its technical proficiency in forgery detection through procurement of specialized equipment.

**17) Fostering Integrated Migration Management Capacity of the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) through Operational and Technical Support (INTERLINK)**

Ankara, Türkiye

June 2024

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INTERLINK project aims to address irregular migration and strengthen Türkiye's migration management processes by enhancing visa and residence permit procedures. This initiative introduces a new interim mechanism aimed at preventing irregular migration attempts, including entry, stay, and transit through Türkiye.

Funded by the British Embassy in Ankara, with a budget of GBP 475,000, the project's beneficiary is PMM.

INTERLINK's overall objective is to contribute to Türkiye's ongoing efforts in addressing migration challenges holistically and in an integrated manner through technical and infrastructural support. By enhancing visa and



residence permit processes, supporting the standardization of document security, and strengthening institutional capacities, the project provide support for facilitation of legal and safe migration pathways while helping to prevent irregular migration and departures from Türkiye.

This outcome will be achieved through the following outputs:

- An integrated and sustainable visa and residence permit policy framework will be established, and technical support will be provided to enhance the operational capacity of PMM.
- The technical infrastructure and data analysis capacity of the newly established Department of Regular Migration Monitoring and Analysis will be strengthened.
- Technical support will be provided to the Department of Document Management to improve its institutional and operational capacities, ensuring the development and standardization of document security.