

STRENGTHENING MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN WESTERN BALKANS VIA PARALLEL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU PACT ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

RePACT PROJECT

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Executive Summary

The main goal of this project is to improve the implementation and effectiveness of the EU PACT in managing migration in the region by increasing cooperation among Western Balkan (WB) countries and examining potential opportunities for collaboration with the European Union (EU). The specific objectives include gaining a better understanding of the PACT's rules and regulations as they apply to EU countries, supporting WB countries in improving their migration and border management systems, finding ways to enhance cooperation between the EU and WB countries on migration issues, and identifying potential areas for further collaboration to strengthen migration management. The expected outcome is that a shared approach to the potential effects of the EU Pact on WB countries will be identified and steps will be taken to improve cooperation with the EU in order to increase the effectiveness of the Pact in managing migration in the region.

Objectives

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.



Beneficiaries

The beneficiary of the RePACT projects are the European Commission and the Western Balkan countries (WB).

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Project Duration

RePact Project is running from October 2022-March 2023