



Enhancing the Border Management Capacity of the Presidency of Migration Management (ENGAGE) Project

Executive Summary

“Enhancing the Border Management Capacity of the Presidency of Migration Management” Project aims to strengthen Türkiye's border management in line with the European Integrated Border Management (EIBM) standards.

The Project plans to provide operational and technical support to the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) through various actions including but not limited to recommendations for legal and administrative reform on border management, the establishment of a Border Management Coordination Centre, capacity development activities for the central and local level staff in Western borders, provision of border management equipment support, border management activities at the Western borders, and support to the enhancement of international cooperation mechanisms on border management.

Current Context

Situated at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Türkiye serves as a bridge between different regions and cultures, resulting in significant migratory flows to and through Türkiye. As a major transit hub and a destination for migratory movements, Türkiye currently provides refuge to nearly 4 million migrants, making it one of the largest asylum-seeker host countries globally. Furthermore, considering the unstable socio-economic, political, and security situation in nearby regions, it is expected that migration towards Türkiye will continue to be on rise also in the future. Türkiye has been mobilising substantial resources to manage and address the challenges posed by cross-border mobilities by implementing policies to ensure the protection and well-being of migrants, while also cooperating with international organisations and neighbouring countries to find sustainable solutions. However, this migratory dynamic presents a myriad of challenges, necessitating a strategic approach to further enhance border management systems.

The current legal and institutional framework in Türkiye continues to present significant challenges.

(1) Türkiye recognises the imperative to develop the strategic, institutional, and operational capacity of the PMM to effectively address migration and border management challenges. The current situation indicates the need to strengthen coordination among national agencies and requires the enhancement of workforce skills.

(2) Türkiye is committed to strengthening its operational border management capacity at the Western borders in line with the EIBM components to address existing migration challenges. The current situation highlights a need for better coordination among stakeholders, improved equipment and enhanced training for personnel, to ensure safe and orderly border management. Intervention in this field will lead to a positive change by significantly enhancing its ability to manage migration flows effectively while upholding international standards and safeguarding migrants' rights.

(3) Türkiye aims to elevate cross-border cooperation mechanisms to address migration challenges effectively. The current situation emphasises the need for heightened collaboration with the EU,



neighbouring countries, countries of origin and international/European organisations to develop joint strategies by means of roundtable meetings, joint workshops and bilateral/multilateral engagements. Additionally, there's a need to modernise the "Common Contact Centre for Police and Customs Cooperation" (CCC) to ensure continuous and structured communication among partner countries. Such interventions are foreseen to promote regional cooperation, advance capacity building initiatives, and ensure the provision of essential services to vulnerable migrants.

In summary, Türkiye acknowledges the need for strengthening the PMM's capabilities to effectively address migration and border management challenges at the central level and the Western border provinces. This involves aligning border management practices with the EU standards through legislative reforms, improving coordination and operational capacities, and enhancing the skills of personnel and strengthening cooperation with all relevant national and international stakeholders.

Objectives

The **Overall Objective** of the Action is to strengthen Türkiye's border management in line with the European Integrated Border Management (EIBM) standards.

The **Specific Objectives** of the Action are;

Specific Objective 1: To increase the capacity of the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) to coordinate Türkiye's national border management response.

Specific Objective 2: To strengthen Türkiye's operational border management capacity at the Western borders.

Specific Objective 3: To enhance international cooperation mechanisms on border management.

Project Stakeholders

The main beneficiary of the project is the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Türkiye, the Presidency of Migration Management, Directorate General of Border Management. Other key stakeholders of the project are the Governorships and District Governorships of the Republic of Türkiye, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of National Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Trade operating in the field of border management.

Donor and Budget

The donor of the project is the DG HOME. The project budget is EUR 10,000,000.

Project Duration

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