

SCOP 3.1 - Support to the Complex Improvement of Migration and Border Management in Moldova

Activity 3.1 - Phase II: Strengthening Border Police operational capacities for border security

Project Summary Description

Background

During February-April 2024, a Border Gaps and Needs Assessment was carried out with the ICMPD expert support, within the SCOP 3.1 project funded by the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic. The assessment highlighted a series of immediate and longer-term needs derived from country's recently acquired EU candidate status and subsequent approximation efforts, while also acknowledging the persisting regional security concerns the role that Border Police is expected to play in addressing them.

As a result, a new project phase has been launched to address gaps and needs identified in the said Assessment. The new phase recognizes that, due to continued Russian aggression against neighboring Ukraine, Moldovan border control authorities are under continuous pressure to ensure efficient and secure border crossing, considering the growing threats with regard to trafficking and smuggling in people, weapons and goods. All of this requires support in institutional and technical capacities building of the Moldovan Inspectorate-General of Border Police. Therefore, the project envisages, among others, development of a new IBM Strategy and Action Plan, enhancing border surveillance through acquiring mobile equipment, along with strengthening the risk analysis capacity at the Moldovan Border Police in line with the Common European Integrated Risk Analysis Model (CIRAM).

ICMPD has been present in Moldova since 2000 supporting actions in the sector on various aspects of migration and border management. This action is part of a broader module-based project titled "Support to the Complex Improvement of Migration and Border Management in Moldova" (SCOP) and builds upon earlier efforts in the sector. Component 3.1 - Phase II of the SCOP project continues strengthening the technical and human capacities of the migration authorities, particularly the Inspectorate General of Border Police as a front-line response agency.

Duration and Budget

24 months (October 2024 to September 2026)

1 107 543 EUR, funded by the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic

Beneficiaries

The project targets the key border management authority in Moldova, the Inspectorate General of Border Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. However, the project also targets other authorities in the broader area of migration. The indirect beneficiaries are migrants, as well as the society at large.

Overall objective

The overall objective of the SCOP project is to support Moldovan authorities in consolidation of migration and border management system in line with the EU Acquis.

Specific objective

Component 3.1 - Phase II of the SCOP project aims at contributing to the resilience and capacities of the Moldovan Border Police. This includes effective management of the state border and timely and adequate response to crisis situations, achieved through acquiring selected equipment and carrying out capacity building activities.

Components and Activities

0) Project Management

ICMPD is responsible for the overall management of the project, including regular coordination with the stakeholders, work planning, budget expenditure, visibility and external communication, and donor reporting.

1) Procurement of Equipment

- Mobile equipment for border surveillance
- Night Vision Cameras
- Computing equipment for carrying out risk analysis at strategic, operational and tactical levels

2) Capacity Building

- Drafting of a New IBM Strategy & Action Plan
- IBM Study Visit to an EU Member State on external border
- Regulatory review of the IBM inter-governmental Committee
- IBM Self-Assessment training sessions
- Risk Analysis Job Description, Curricula, and Train-of-Trainers
- Inter-Agency and Cross-Border workshops on Risk Analysis (with Ukrainian counterparts)
- Workshops on Human Rights at the Border

Expected Results

At the end of the project, it is expected that Inspectorate General of Border Police will have enhanced technical and human capacities to effectively manage the state border and to respond timely and adequately to crisis situations.

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