What is MIEUX?

Migration EU eXpertise (MIEUX) is a joint initiative of the European Union (EU) and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) providing peer-to-peer expertise and tailor-made technical assistance in all areas of migration management for partner countries of the EU and regional organisations.

A demand-driven, capacity building facility, MIEUX provides peer-to-peer expertise and tailor-made technical assistance by deploying migration experts primarily from EU Member State (EU MS) administrations. Where relevant, experts from non-EU MS are deployed alongside their EU MS counterparts, thus applying the ‘triangular peer-to-peer cooperation’ (EU-South-South) approach.

MIEUX contributes to the implementation of partner countries’ national and institutional priorities by supporting their efforts in developing policies, drafting legislation, strengthening institutional capacities, facilitating multi-stakeholder processes and partnerships at regional and national levels, and by advancing cooperation with the EU and EU MS.

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the beginning of 2016 coincides with the start of the third phase of the joint EU-ICMPD initiative MIEUX. In the four years to come, MIEUX, as a well-established EU expert facility, will continue to put at your disposal the expertise your institutions may require in all areas of migration, and to provide activities corresponding to the national priorities and agendas of your countries and region.

After seven years of successful implementation, the MIEUX team is proud to review this period, both in terms of achievements and figures. Up to now, MIEUX has implemented 14 Actions in the region and is currently carrying out 5 projects in the Dominican Republic, Paraguay, Peru and Mexico. In the course of 2015, MIEUX received 4 requests from the region. If you are interested in gaining a comprehensive insight into what MIEUX has achieved since 2009, please consult the new Publication on the MIEUX web-page.

MIEUX remains open to your cooperation proposals and you are strongly encouraged to consider MIEUX as a collaboration opportunity. Thank you so very much for your cooperation over the last years!

Yours sincerely,

Oleg Chirita
Programme Manager

Facts on MIEUX Actions in Latin America and Caribbean

- **14** Actions implemented
- **32** No. of activities implemented
- **960** No. of people who have attended MIEUX events
- **47** Experts involved

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Dominican Republic II – National Migration Institute

MIEUX is assisting the National Migration Institute in developing a comprehensive and innovative training programme for the National School of Migration. A fact-finding mission is scheduled for March 2016 including a visit to the Las Américas International Airport, the port of Santo Domingo, the office of the Directorate General for Migration in Barahona and the Jimani border post, as well as bilateral meetings with the main national stakeholders involved in border management. The last day of this mission will be used to analyse the training needs and plan the next activities.

Paraguay II – Directorate of Support to the Paraguayan Communities Abroad

MIEUX is supporting the implementation of the Paraguayan National Migration Policy, in particular with regards to professionalising its public services for Paraguayans abroad. This involves, inter alia, strengthening the knowledge base and practical skills of the national agencies involved in diaspora matters, supporting the government in elaborating a comprehensive, tailor-made training curriculum on diaspora engagement and strengthening data collection on Paraguayans living abroad.

Peru I – Permanent Multisectoral Working Group against Trafficking in Human Beings

The national and two regional anti-trafficking action plans will come to an end in 2016. Experts from Argentina, Brazil and Portugal assisted the Permanent Multisectoral Working Group against Trafficking in Human Beings and regional representatives in developing a framework for monitoring and evaluating the respective anti-trafficking action plans. The development of a monitoring and evaluation handbook is the final activity of this Action. This practical tool will provide the Peruvian authorities with easy-to-follow guidelines on how to monitor, review, evaluate and report on the implementation of national and regional anti-trafficking action plans.

Peru II - Public Prosecutor’s Office

The Public Prosecutor’s Office approached MIEUX to provide support in enhancing awareness of trafficking in human beings by organising an international conference and presenting European best practices in the area of prevention, protection, prosecution, reintegration and data collection. After the approval of this Action, the Public Prosecutor’s Office plans to organise the conference in the second semester of 2016.