**What is MIEUX?**

“Mieux is Exchange. Exchange of knowledge, experiences, perspective” MIEUX Expert for Mozambique, Brazil, Zambia and MERCOSUR

Migration EU eXpertise ‘MIEUX’ is a Joint Initiative of the European Union (EU) and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) which aims to enhance the capacities of partner countries in the management of all areas of migration including: irregular migration; migration and development; asylum and refugees; and legal migration. MIEUX 2 works together with partner country administrations and regional organisations to:

- Rapidly identify the priority areas for assistance
- Liaise with the requesting authority and the EU to develop an action plan
- Submit an Action Fiche for approval to the MIEUX Project Steering Group (PSG)
- Recruit and deploy EU Member State experts
- Provide quick technical assistance tailored to the needs of the partner country in migration management, in line with the approved Action Fiche.

The **Project Steering Group** is composed of members of the European Commission (EC), European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Management Team (ICMPD).

After three successful years, during which technical assistance was implemented in response to **50 requests received from national and regional organisations in over 60 countries worldwide**, MIEUX has entered its second phase and broadened its scope to include all areas of migration management. MIEUX 2’s global scope is complementary to other initiatives implemented by the EU in the area of migration and provides quick-reaction, short-term capacity building actions which ensure sustainability and a platform for dialogue and sharing EU practices in migration management.

“With the guidance of the [MIEUX] technical experts, we have redirected our strategies to make it attuned to the needs of our clientele, not to mention the fact that our personnel are now bombarded with additional skills and knowledge in rendering the campaign at grassroots level more challenging and effective.” Philippines Overseas Employment Administration (POEA)

**How does MIEUX work?**

**Request**
- Partner countries
- Regional organisations
- Submitted to MIEUX team or EU Delegations

**Approval**
- Preparation of Action Fiche
- Consultation of requesting authority and EC services
- Submission to Project Steering Group

**Implementation**
- Recruitment of Experts
- Organisation of approved activities
- Dissemination of results
MIEUX 2 deploys experts from EU Member States to support, enhance and strengthen migration management capacities and facilitate the peer-to-peer transfer of knowledge.

“This contrast of perspectives allows us to be more open-minded and stimulates the search for innovative solutions and proposals when formulating recommendations for each beneficiary.” MIEUX Expert for Colombia and MERCOSUR

The technical assistance can cover a range of migration management issues including but not limited to: policy making; institutional development; cooperation; and regulatory frameworks. MIEUX 2 supports partner countries with all logistical and financial aspects related to the implementation of technical assistance.

Who can benefit from MIEUX 2?

- National public authorities
- Regional organisations

What areas are covered by MIEUX 2?

MIEUX 2 provides assistance in all migration policy areas: includes irregular migration; migration and development; asylum and refugees; and legal migration.

What kind of activities does MIEUX 2 implement?

The activities are developed in cooperation with the partner countries from the initial preparatory stages through to implementation. Experts from EU countries are deployed to provide specialised technical assistance in each activity. Examples of activities completed under MIEUX I include:

**Eastern Europe and Asia**

- Kazakhstan: Seminar on Visa and EU Policies
- Armenia: Migration Data Management and Migration Policies
- The Philippines: Awareness Raising Against Illegal Recruitment and Trafficking in Human Beings

**Africa**

- Malawi: Border Management
- Ethiopia: Conference on National Dialogue on Tackling Illegal Migration
- Zambia: Trafficking in Human Beings

**Latin America**

- SICA: Integrated Border Management in Central America
- Colombia: Document security and transnational organised crime, with a focus on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of persons.
What is the geographical scope of MIEUX 2?

- European Neighbourhood countries
- South Africa, Latin America, Asia (including Central Asia), and the Middle East (countries covered by the EU Development Cooperation Instrument)
- African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries (ACP)

How do applicants request MIEUX 2 technical assistance?

The MIEUX team reacts to action requests immediately upon receipt. The MIEUX team then coordinates with the partner country to:

- Identify priorities for assistance
- Propose activities which will deliver assistance in the requested area
- Prepare the description of activities for approval by the PSG
- Select experts and facilitate the organisation of events and activities

Interested countries are invited to send a written request for support by email, letter or fax to:

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The request should specify the name and professional status of the applicant, and briefly outline the needs to be addressed.