MIEUX – Information Note for Experts

MIEUX is a joint initiative of the European Union and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). In its first three years of implementation, MIEUX received 50 requests for technical assistance spanning over 60 countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia. With the expertise of almost 70 different experts from several European national administrations, MIEUX has created a platform for information exchange and cooperation between partner countries and European Member States. MIEUX has entered its second phase of implementation and broadened the scope of intervention and assistance to partner countries, to encompass all areas of migration management, in line with the priorities of the EU Global Approach to Migration and Mobility.

How do EU experts benefit from MIEUX assistance?

By deploying experts from EU Member State public administrations to deliver technical assistance, MIEUX can create or reinforce dialogue and cooperation between EU Member States and partner countries. The peer-to-peer transfer of skills, expertise and know-how from EU Member States to partner countries and institutions is crucial for the successful delivery of MIEUX capacity building interventions. Experts provide first-hand experience of migration management and contribute to enhancing cooperation between the European Union and partner countries.

MIEUX “has strongly contributed to (re)generate synergies with ongoing activities at bilateral level, with an overall positive impact on the bilateral cooperation strategy on migration with these countries.” - Service of Foreigners and Frontiers, Portugal

MIEUX requires qualified and committed experts who can deliver their relevant expertise and prior experience in the provision of short-term capacity-building actions in partner countries. The flexible nature of MIEUX allows experts to approach the technical assistance projects in a variety of ways to best accommodate their institutional procedures and working methods.

MIEUX provides the “establishment of (new) direct contacts with experts from other countries (exchange of views not only in the field of MIEUX actions), establishing working contact with beneficiary representatives (who knows what will happen in the future), strengthening interlinks with ICMPD and presentation of my country/service in a positive light.” - Mr. SG Grzegorz Niemiec, Border Guard Commanding Centre, Government of Poland, MIEUX Expert for Sierra Leone and Uzbekistan Actions

How does the Expert Management Mechanism work?

The Expert Management Mechanism is the framework that allows for the effective and efficient management of national experts through standard operating procedures.
MIEUX supports and advises on the preparation of all background materials for experts prior to meetings, translates documents, drafts background documents and ensures that mission reports and recommendations are produced for national authorities and/or EC services.

The activities are developed in cooperation with the partner countries, and experts will provide their specialised technical assistance in each activity from its initial preparatory stages through to follow-up activities.

“Working together with my EU co-experts on a project gave me insight into the practice in my field of work in different EU Member States. It extended my relevant network in the EU and with EU institutions. MIEUX put me in contact with professionals in Africa, passionate about the same issues I am interested in. MIEUX is truly a different dimension.” – Mr. Mark De LEEUW, International Affairs and Immigration Service, Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands, MIEUX Expert for Zambia and Senegal Actions

Based on an expert profile as defined by the Terms of Reference (TOR), experts are hired by ICMPD based on a standard service/partnership agreement, which grants a fixed expert fee as well as a subsistence allowance (DSA) per night spent in the mission location.

Insurance coverage is provided to experts as per the ICMPD Travel Insurance Policy and all organisation of travel and accommodation is carried out under the responsibility of ICMPD.

All experts are registered in the ICMPD Expert and Action Roster (EAR), in which 248 experts are currently included.

Experts are selected in a non-discriminatory and transparent procedure, making use of EU standards in selection procedures.
How are experts evaluated?

- Experts will be briefed in preparation of the action they are assigned and are required to provide a debriefing to ICMPD once the action is completed.
- Experts are required to complete a travel report outlining the results and achievements of the individual action.

How to get involved?

Experts are invited to:

- Send their Curriculum Vitae to the ICMPD MIEUX Team; and
- Contact ICMPD MIEUX directly by email or telephone for further support.

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