What is MIEUX?
Migration EU eXpertise (MIEUX) is a joint EU-ICMPD initiative that supports third countries in addressing all areas of migration management through peer-to-peer transfer of knowledge and experience by EU Member States’ experts. More information on MIEUX is available at: www.icmpd.org/mieux

MIEUX in Asia and Eastern Europe: Facts and Figures
- Almost 30% of the total MIEUX Actions.
- Implemented in 20 countries at country and regional levels.
- 42 experts deployed since 2009.
- Implemented in many fields:

MIEUX Events in Asia and Eastern Europe
- 7-9 October 2013
  Study visit to Rome, Italy, for Kyrgyz Government officials with the aim of gaining knowledge, experience and skills related to the formulation, implementation and evaluation of communication strategies
- 14-15 October 2013
  Regional Conference on “Advancing Regional Cooperation and Efforts in Preventing Irregular Migration and Protecting Rights of Migrants” in Hanoi, Vietnam, attended by 66 participants from 9 South-East Asian countries
- 21-23 October 2013
  Data Collection Information Session in Tajikistan for Government officials
- 29 October-1 November 2013
  Information Session on communication strategy and information campaigns for Government officials in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- 13-17 January 2014
  Fact-finding mission to collect information on labour migration management in Myanmar
- 18-27 February 2014
  Two Information Sessions on Migration and Border Management in Cambodia
Labour Migration / Diaspora Cooperation

Action in Tajikistan

Technical assistance to enhance the capacities of the Tajik Migration Service to improve its labour migration management

Given the high percentage of Tajik worker emigrants, labour migration is of primary concern to the Tajik Government, especially for its Migration Service. The Tajik Government has thus adopted the National Strategy on Labour Migration of Tajik migrants for 2011-2015 which focuses, inter alia, on the establishment of a system of labour migration management. However, this system is not yet being implemented.

Within this framework, the Tajik authorities asked for technical assistance from MIEUX in order to develop a data collection and management system, and to elaborate a strategy for cooperation with the Tajik Diaspora.

In this regard, and with the support of Italian and Romanian experts, an information session on data collection was organised for Government officials in October 2013. The discussion focused on EU and EU MS practices in the field of migration data collection, dissemination and analysis. At the end of the session, participants agreed on a set of ideas on how to improve migration data collection in Tajikistan.

The next activity will be a training of trainers for predeparture orientation planned for March 2014.

Legal Migration

Action in Kyrgyzstan

Technical assistance to help Kyrgyz institutions to fine-tune their approach in countering irregular migration and negative practices related to it, and to promote the return and reintegration of migrants

With regard to migration, and in particular irregular migration, Kyrgyzstan plays an important role as a country of transit and origin in the region. The Government authorities are resolute in tackling this problem by reducing illegal migration and encouraging Kyrgyz living abroad to return to the country.

Given this context, the MIEUX Action in Kyrgyzstan is supporting the authorities’ efforts in developing a communication strategy, and designing an information campaign to counter irregular migration and negative practices related to it, and to promote the return and reintegration of migrants.

In particular, a study visit to Italy to consolidate the theoretical and practical information based on concrete examples, as well as information sessions on developing a communication strategy, were organised in 2013. With the support of Bulgarian and Italian experts, MIEUX will then provide technical assistance in 2014 for organising an information campaign.
Legal Migration / Migration and Development

**Action in South-East Asia**

Technical assistance to promote an inter-governmental result-oriented regional dialogue, to support the ongoing regional cooperation framework on mobility and migration issues, and to further the protection and promotion of rights of migrants in the region.

Given the international and intra-regional nature of population movements in South-East Asian countries, the Government of the Philippines, supported by the Governments of Indonesia and Vietnam, put forward a regional request on “Advancing Regional Cooperation and Efforts in Preventing Irregular Migration and Protecting the Rights of Migrants”.

The Action supported the efforts of governmental authorities in advancing the ongoing regional cooperation on mobility and migration issues; in enabling the sharing of knowledge and experience between EU Member States and the South-East Asian Governments on the given aspects related to migration and mobility; and in supporting the efforts of mainstreaming migration and development into the regional cooperation framework and national development policies.

To this end, and with the support of experts from various EU and South-East Asia countries, three regional conferences (in Manila, Jakarta and Hanoi) were organised with the aim of stimulating policy-oriented discussions and identifying future cooperation venues on a wide spectrum of migration-related issues varying from irregular migration, to protection of migrants’ rights, migration and development, mobility of people, etc.

**Data management**

**Action in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR)**

Technical assistance to enhance the capacities, and support the effort of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MoLSW) of the Lao PDR and other relevant agencies in migration data collection and analysis.

In October 2013, the Lao PDR authorities asked for MIEUX technical assistance in data management in order to further develop the Lao PDR National Migration Assessment Report for 2014. In particular, this Action will contribute to strengthening the capacities of Lao PDR Government officials in labour migration data collection and analysis, and improving the national migration information database, administered by the MoLSW.

With the view of achieving the above-mentioned objectives, three sets of activities will be implemented. This Action will start with a fact-finding mission to identify the needs of the national authorities dealing with quantifying labour emigration, followed by a workshop on mapping the Inter-Agency Coordination of Migration Data Collection. Further, workshops will be organised in order to improve the national data collection system. Guidelines for inter-agency cooperation on the production of migration statistics will eventually be developed and validated during a final national conference.
Being an expert for MIEUX

Mrs. Maria Virginia Rizzo, Deputy Prefect, Minister of Interior, Italy, Expert for Kyrgyzstan

The MIEUX Action in Kyrgyzstan has many positive aspects. Its activities enable the initiation of joint initiatives between European Governments and Central Asian Governments, both during the analysis of the Kyrgyz context and the workshops aiming at developing a communication strategy for the Kyrgyz Government. Moreover, the MIEUX Action in Kyrgyzstan offers the possibility to Kyrgyz authorities to know EU Member State practices, namely Bulgaria and Italy. To this end, the study visit, organised in Italy in October 2013, constituted a learning space of exchange of knowledge beneficial for both countries. Thus, the MIEUX Action strengthens relations between States. Personally, I am proud to take part in the MIEUX Project. MIEUX is a very interesting initiative because it increases my knowledge and experience by allowing me to have first-hand experience of the delicate topic of migration policy in a country of Central Asia.

Mrs. Imelda M. Nicolas, Secretary, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Philippines

With the support of MIEUX, the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, in collaboration with the Governments of Indonesia and Vietnam, initiated the project “Advancing Regional Cooperation on International Migration among Southeast Asian Countries”. Overall, the Project has been very significant in establishing and strengthening Southeast Asia Governments’ networks, most especially at bilateral and regional levels. The implementation of the Action under the MIEUX framework is simple, flexible and fast, but at the same time effective and efficient. The communication and coordination were smooth and responsive, and the support that we have received is invaluable. Thus, we would like to commend and to express our appreciation to the ICMPD-MIEUX team, as well as the SEA and EU experts who were involved in this Action, for their continuous guidance and the substantial input and recommendations they have contributed to the success of the Action.

Beneficiaries views on MIEUX partnership

Since 2009, 28 experts from 13 EU MS have taken part in MIEUX activities in Asia and Eastern Europe.