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 THE MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA: FACTS AND FIGURES

- Almost 7% of the total MIEUX Actions.
- Implemented in 4 countries at country level.
- 14 experts deployed since 2009.
- Implemented in many fields:

MIEUX Events in the Middle East & North Africa

Activities with the Palestinian Authority
• Training on Border Management and Procedures
  Training provided to students, in particular on the practical aspects deployed in EU MS and experience developed so far throughout the EU.
• Development of the training curriculum for students on border and migration management, document security, and HR implications
  Multiple educational tools and techniques which allow the organisation of subsequent Training of Trainers, and the adaptation of the structure and content to the needs and level of participants, but also various resources and information sources.

Activities in Morocco
• Workshop on legal and administrative implications of a comprehensive Human Trafficking legal framework
  Exchange of views and experiences between Moroccan representatives and practitioners from EU States, to help define policy reform objectives.
• Fact-finding mission on the THB victim protection mechanisms
  Assessment of the current settings and institutional gaps in Morocco for responding to the needs of victims of trafficking.
• Study visit to France and Belgium
  Several representatives from different Moroccan ministries assessed the different policy and operational frameworks set up in Europe to identify and attend to THB victims’ needs.

Our Partners in the Middle East & North Africa

Ongoing Actions
• Jordan
• Morocco (Asylum)
• Morocco (Trafficking in Human Beings - THB)
• Tunisia

Completed Action
• Palestinian Authority

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### Border Management & Document Security

#### Action with the Palestinian Authority

*Technical assistance to provide support in strengthening its institutional capacities and knowledge related to migration management, in particular in the areas of borders, human rights and travel documents*

Since its creation in 1994, the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) has permanently confronted migration issues. Its exceptional situation and weak institutional capacities, including with respect to borders, led the Palestinian authorities to ask for MIEUX technical assistance.

In January 2011, an assessment mission took place with the aim to gather information on the state of play in the areas of border management, document security and other migration-related issues. Following the mission, the MIEUX expert prepared an assessment report with a special focus on document security and visa issues. After a delay in implementation, activities resumed in March 2012, with a set of three training sessions entitled "Human Rights Implications for Migration and Border Management", "Document Security and Visa Issues", and "Border Procedures". These training sessions supported the development of the Training Curricula for the Palestinian Academy for Security Sciences. Experts from several EU Member State administrations and ICMPD were deployed for this action.

Development of the Training Curricula had clear advantages as it reduced the need for staff to be trained overseas and enabled much larger numbers of personnel to be trained. As very little work has been done in Palestine in the area of migration and borders, this action paved the way for more extensive cooperation with the Palestinian Academy for Security.

### Migration Management & Data Management

#### Action in Tunisia

*Technical assistance to contribute to the improvement of migration management and policies in Tunisia through institutional reform and capacity building, in particular in the field of evidence-based policies*

The political changes that have taken place in Tunisia since the beginning of 2011, as well as the overall situation in the region, have had direct consequences on migratory flows. The Government shows strong political will to address the migration-related aspects, manifested through the improvement of the national migration policy, set-up of new structures and reform of national migration management.

Given this context, the MIEUX Action in Tunisia is being implemented with a two-step approach. The first step will be a fact-finding mission in May 2014 focusing on the mandate, structure and institutional priorities of the recently created Tunisian Observatory for Migration. The findings of the mission will contribute to the design of a set of follow-up activities under MIEUX which will further support the mandate of the Migration Observatory. A Belgian expert will participate in the scoping mission.
MIEUX ACTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST & NORTHERN AFRICA

Data Management

Action in the Kingdom of Jordan

Technical assistance to increase the capacities of the Department of Statistics and other relevant public authorities to collect, analyse and use migration-related data for policymaking purposes

Jordan is a country of both emigration and immigration flows and its economic development is tightly coupled with the dynamics of mobility. The political events affecting the region have strongly impacted migration flows to and from the country. Moreover, there is a general need for more recent and reliable data on migration flows.

Therefore, the aim of the action is to increase the capacities of the Department of Statistics and other relevant public authorities to collect, analyse and use migration-related data for policymaking purposes. In particular, this action will support the efforts of various data producers and users from Jordan to manage and disseminate data and statistics on migration; to contribute to enhanced inter-agency cooperation; and to increase the institutional knowledge base of the Department of Statistics and other public agencies dealing with migration data management.

This action will begin in May 2014 with bilateral meetings with national institutions in charge of data management in order to get acquainted with the functioning of the existing migration

Trafficking in Human Beings

Action in Morocco

Technical assistance to support the efforts and strengthen the capacities of the Moroccan authorities, mainly the institutions involved in the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings, but also civil society actors

Morocco has been a major sending country since the 1960s and has evolved to become a country of immigration and transit for migrants, mostly from Sub-Saharan countries. It is a source, destination and transit country for men, women and children who are subjected to forced labour and sex trafficking.

The recent ratification by Morocco of the Palermo Protocol against Human Trafficking, the drafting of the National Strategy against Human Trafficking and the creation of the Inter-ministerial Committee in charge of implementing the Strategy, testify to the country’s desire to tackle the issue. However, still lacking are a consistent approach to the identification and protection of THB victims, and a coordinated approach for return and reintegration of victims, as a referral mechanism to transfer identified trafficked victims to protection services, as well as a more solid legal framework.

The aim of the action is therefore to support the Moroccan authorities in elaborating a new Protocol on the identification of and assistance to victims of THB, and designing guidelines for field implementation.
Being an expert for MIEUX

Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Panloup,
French National Coordinator for the Fight against Human Trafficking, Inter-Ministerial Mission for the protection of women against violence and against THB, Expert for Morocco

This project was one of the most fascinating I have been involved in. I have several times been agreeably surprised by the convergence of views from the team members, the excellent atmosphere that we had and the perfect organisation of the mission. Indeed, it is complex to organise a transversal study mission and to choose good interlocutors. It was the case here and the quality of the mission was consequently enhanced.

The team has often coordinated decision-taking for the best choices possible. A pleasant surprise was to quickly observe an infallible team spirit, which I have never seen during my previous projects. It is undeniable that the daily meetings, the trinomial work amongst the experts and the ICMPD representative favoured this spirit, so precious for the project’s success.

Opportunities for dialogue and mutual understanding:
the MTM process and the i-Map

ICMPD has hosted the Secretariat of the Mediterranean Transit Migration (MTM) Dialogue since its inception in 2002. It is a consultative platform between migration officials in countries of origin, transit and destination along the migration routes in Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

Initially focusing on transit migration, it has extended its scope to cover a broad range of migration issues, including migration and development, and irregular and mixed migration. In 2009, the dialogue entered its 4th phase, “A Dialogue in Action”. The dialogue is intergovernmental in character, and entirely informal and nonbinding, thus enabling an open exchange of perspectives that contributes to the opinion-forming of state officials.

The Interactive Map on Migration (i-Map) was created in 2006 within the framework of the MTM Dialogue and is an instrument of information collection and exchange of practices adaptable to any regional cooperation framework. It provides a broad range of information on the institutional capacities and practices of a given country with regard to its migration management system.

The MTM i-Map Final Conference will take place in Brussels on 4-5 June 2014 and will focus on the topic “Migration data and information: Towards more targeted migration policies”. It will allow meeting participants to share their experiences in the field of data collection and information sharing, and to exchange on how they use the i-Map for evidence-based policymaking. At the same time, it will provide room to discuss the future of the i-Map, and to identify both the achievements made in the course of the project, as well as possibilities for further improvement. Participants of this Final Conference will comprise representatives of MTM Partner States. For more information please consult www.imap-migration.org.