Integrated Border Management in Lebanon

**About IBM**

Integrated Border Management (IBM) is broadly defined as national and international coordination and cooperation among all the relevant authorities and agencies involved in border security and trade facilitation, to establish effective, efficient and coordinated border management, in order to reach the objective of user-friendly, but well controlled and secure borders.

**IBM Pillars**

IBM has three pillars:
- **Intra-agency**: within a ministry or border agency.
- **Inter-agency**: between different ministries or border agencies.
- **International**: with other countries and international organisations.

Through **Cooperation** and **Coordination**, IBM leads to the improvement of individual border agencies, and enhancement of border management, thus resulting in shorter waiting periods at borders, increased detections of illicit trans-border activities and more effective identification of vulnerable travelers.

**IBM Lebanon and its Partners**

Guidance has been developed for border management practitioners worldwide and through **practical examples** and recommendations, these documents serve as **concrete, operational tools** for project implementation, as well as support to countries and other actors preparing and implementing projects related to IBM. The guidelines cover all coordination and cooperation aspects within border management, irrespective of location. Recommendations included are based on good practices of EU Member States and non-EU countries as well as expert advice on how to establish a functional IBM system. Copies can be downloaded at www.icmpd-lebanon.org

**IBM in Lebanon: Enhanced Capability**

Through European Union (EU) funding, IBM Lebanon assists the Lebanese border agencies to secure and control borders; increase security of citizens; promote regional stability and facilitate trade, development and human interaction. IBM Lebanon supports in the following ways:

- Definition and implementation of a **national IBM Strategy** leading to development of an **IBM Action Plan** that lays out concrete activities, responsibilities, time plans and identifies the necessary resources.
- Development of **Standard Operating Procedures**, the supply of border management equipment and linkages to databases, which facilitates the exchange of information among agencies.
- Enhancing of border management training systems through the update of curricula and training material, the training of trainers and the implementation of national training/development capacity.
- Increasing public awareness regarding border management through outreach activities, workshops and publication of information.
IBM Activities in Lebanon

- Gap & Need Analysis reports (IBM, training, equipment, operations room, public awareness, etc.)
- Joint workshops (Border surveillance, IBM Strategy, Action Plans, Contingency Plans, memoranda of understanding, information exchange, etc.)
- Operational trainings (Document fraud, interviewing, IBM, trafficking in human beings, etc.)
- Training of trainers (Presentation, design, role of trainer, training skills.)
- Study visits (Austria, Croatia/Slovenia, Cyprus (UK), Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, etc.)
- International conferences (International cooperation, trafficking in art and artefacts, etc.)
- Provision of equipments supply and training
- Rehabilitation

The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

ICMPD was established in Vienna, in 1993 and has 15 member states, a mission in Brussels and global representatives including in the MENA region. ICMPD carries out migration-related research, projects, and provides policy recommendations to (inter)governmental agencies. ICMPD has strong expertise in border management/migration-related capacity building activities and policy development. It has a successful track record in project management on a global scale, with IBM Lebanon widely considered a flagship project. ICMPD cooperates with governments, (I)NGOs and research institutes, and has produced the Guidelines for IBM in EC external Cooperation which is regarded as an international standard and is used as a key reference by IBM Lebanon.

Strength Through Partnership

IBM Lebanon is an EU-funded project with a total volume of approximately EUR 10.5 Million. It is also financially supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration (SEM). The key component of the project supports the strengthening of Lebanon’s security institutions’ resilience to withstand internal and external pressures and shocks, and to reinforce the role they can play as drivers of stability and national cohesion. Other components are aimed at (1) raising the capacities of border agencies in specific areas, including: document security, trafficking/smuggling in human beings, physical control of vehicles and passengers, drugs enforcement, risk analysis, border surveillance and security, training design and delivery, and (2) supporting Lebanon in fostering a rights-based approach to managing the arrival, stay, and exit of migrants and refugees.