Supporting Migration Policy Development in Turkey (MIND)

**Timeline**
April 2017 – March 2019 (24 Months)

**Location**
Turkey

**Implementing Agency**
International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), in cooperation with the Directorate General of Migration Management of Turkey (DGMM)

**Donor**
Co-financed by the European Union and the Republic of Turkey

**Background and Justification**
Turkey has become a transit and target country owing to its geographical location and economic improvements. Additionally, Turkey has seen different waves of immigrants arriving on its territory related to specific incidents. Therefore, immigration to and through Turkey has become a long-lasting feature of the country’s migration reality.

Recent developments in migration management system in Turkey, rapidly changing migration landscape in the country and region, as well as identified challenges in evaluating the effectiveness of the state migration policy, have opened up a road to further strengthen a comprehensive migration policy development process. This process includes the development of the concrete migration agenda in Turkey, the analysis of different policies and its instruments, and a broad coordination and consultation process among all responsible entities and stakeholders, as well as the development of policy and evaluation tools. The migration policy framework will not only determine who is admitted to the country and under which conditions, but will also consider long term aspects of migration management such as rights and responsibilities of migrants, providing support to migrants, harmonisation of migrants, international protection, return of irregularly-staying migrants, developing cooperation with countries of origin and countries of destination, and finally, consider and analyse other policy areas in Turkey in order to effectively respond to development opportunities and challenges linked to migration.

Taking into account the above-mentioned needs, the development of migration policies, building of the research and analytical capacities on migration policy development and implementation, on regular monitoring of the implementation of those policies, and evaluation of their efficiency, remain among the key priorities in Turkey.

This project will support Turkey in the areas addressed by the Law on Foreigners and International Protection by raising awareness of its content among all parties concerned and creating a stronger migration management system and strategy. Furthermore, the project will address the need for a systemic approach to the development migration policies in the field of migration management and the
demanding migration situation due to global challenges related to migration flows created by the situation in Syria.

Finally, while focusing on developing capacity and procedures for migration policy development in line with its specific objectives, the project will also seek to ensure synergy and coordination with on-going and planned initiatives and projects in Turkey in the field of migration, including those funded by the EU.

**Objective and Beneficiaries**

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the establishment of a comprehensive and sustainable migration policy framework in Turkey taking into account good practices applied in EU MS and other countries.

**Specific objectives** of the project are:

1. Improved institutional capacities and inter-agency cooperation of DGMM with relevant stakeholders to develop and implement migration policies.
2. Increased institutional capacities and interagency cooperation of DGMM with the Turkish institutions listed as beneficiaries of this action to monitor the implementation of the policy and evaluate its impact.
3. Enhanced institutional and public awareness on migration policy in Turkey and its implementation in Turkey and at international level.

The final beneficiaries of the Project are the state institutions involved in migration management in Turkey, as well as migrants, foreign nationals, and stateless persons residing or travelling to Turkey.

**Activities**

In view of the identified needs and objectives, the planned activities of the Project are categorized into the following components:

- Collecting, analysing and sharing relevant EU experience and expertise in development, implementation and evaluation of migration policies (Component A).
- Evaluating the impact of existing migration policy documents and analysing the lessons learned for future actions (Component B).
- Strengthening cooperation on practical monitoring and evaluation of the migration policies (Component C).
- Raising public awareness on migration policies to ensure full and active participation of the civil society within the country (Component D).
- Strengthening international cooperation in the area of migration policy as the efficiency of the migration policy also depends on how well it is communicated to foreign and international partners of Turkey (Component E).

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