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Regional Support to Protection Sensitive Migration Management in the Western Balkans and Turkey

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Project Outline

Period	December 2015 - December 2018
Donors	EU DG for neighbourhood and Enlargement
Executing Agency	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Partner(s)	FRONTEX, EASO, UNHCR, MARRI

Project Description

Overall objective of the project is to close existing gaps and operationalize a comprehensive migration management system in the Western Balkan by complementing national efforts and improve the capacity of IPA II-Beneficiaries to offer a protection sensitive response to mixed migratory flows.

Activities

1. Advise on institutional and structural improvements, develop operational framework agreements for regional data exchange, including data protection safeguard, facilitate information sharing with neighbouring countries, enhance strategic and long-term analysis of regional migration trends undertaken, capacitate MARRI on data sharing, facilitate training workshops on data collection, facilitate guest analysis exchange programmes.

2. Undertake gap analysis, establish relevant structures for AVR, create synergies among all services involved, organize capacity building activities for AVRR practitioners, implement pilot for the AVRR to the countries of origin, workshop facilitating consular/diplomatic cooperation in relation to return from WB to countries of origin.

3. Assess scope to establish pool of interpreters in the WB region in cooperation with MARRI, implement a pilot shared pool of interpreters and cultural mediators, involving Serbia and Macedonia as two key transit countries in the WB, with a focus on Arabic, Farsi and Pashto as key languages spoken by third nationals.

4. Institutionalize identification mechanism in each national system and ensure the provision of systematic and continuous training/capacity building to relevant stakeholders on identification and vulnerability assessment methods, ensure identification techniques are applied to extent possible, provide follow up support to ensure improved comprehensive referral mechanism are established at the national level in line with EU practices and tested.