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Enhancing Preparedness for Migration Management Through Contingency Planning in the Western Balkans

FACT SHEET

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Milestones

2011	The flow of migrants and refugees along Western Balkan route has grown from a trickle in 2011 to becoming one of the most popular routes into the EU
2015	During the period of the 19 June 2015 - 14 August 2015, a total of 44,762 people were registered in FYROM, which led the government to declare a state of emergency on 20 August due to the increased level of mixed migration flows.

Project Outline

Period	September 2015 – November 2016
Donors	N/A
Executing Agency	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Partner(s)	Ministry of Security (Sector for Border and Public Order Protection, Sector for Asylum)

Project Description

In response to the growing prominence of the Western Balkans as part of the Eastern Mediterranean migration route, this project proposes to enhance the capacity of the targeted countries in the management of mixed migration flows and by ensuring that appropriate and timely assistance and protection can be provided to all transiting vulnerable migrants and asylum seekers.

Based on the identified needs and current status of the migration crisis, the project approach will seek to achieve two primary outcomes:

1. Enhanced skills and knowledge of the local institutions in FYROM and Serbia facilitate enactment of measures effectively responding to management of migration crisis.
2. Enhanced capacity of government stakeholders in Albania, BiH, Montenegro and Kosovo, demonstrates ability to respond to potential shifts in mass mixed migration flows through the region.



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The overall objective of the project is to contribute to governments' capacity and preparedness to manage mass mixed migration flows by ensuring that appropriate and timely assistance and protection can be provided to all vulnerable migrants and asylum seekers transiting through Western Balkans.