Migration Partnership Facility

SECURITY COOPERATION

Further strengthening of International Law Enforcement Coordination Units (ILECUs) Network in South-eastern Europe (SEE) and Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries

Project completed

About the Project

The ILECUs project was built upon previous actions funded by the European Union that aimed to support the establishment of International Law Enforcement Coordination Units (ILECUs) in the Eastern Partnership and Western Balkan regions. It focused on enhancing collaboration through effective information exchange and joint law enforcement activities across neighbouring countries to combat transnational organised crime. The project targeted Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, North Macedonia and Serbia.

Partners

This MPF project was implemented by ICMPD on behalf of EU Member States Hungary and Romania and in collaboration with the International Law Enforcement Cooperation Centre (ILECC) and the National Directorate General for Aliens Policing (NDGAP) as observer in Hungary as well as with the Romanian Police.

Countries

Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Georgia, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Ukraine

Time frame

January 2022 –December 2024 (24 months)

Budget

EUR 409,161.91 (From ISF Police)



Study Visit to INTERPOL, Leon, France, 7 June 2022

Activities

Facilitation of Joint Cross-Regional Meetings and Workshops among Partner Countries

Cross-regional meetings were facilitated between law enforcement agencies from partner countries, convening higher-level management. These meetings served as platforms for identifying common opportunities and challenges and generating ideas to enhance ILECU operations, among other objectives. Through such activities, significant improvements were made in the flow and quality of information between the ILECUs and other stakeholders, serving as a platform for relationship and trust-building, thereby laying a foundation for sustainable exchange and collaboration.

Capacity Building for Staff Operating in ILECUs

Targeted capacity-building activities were organised for staff members operating in ILECU to enhance harmonised working methods and closer cooperation. This component encompassed needs assessments, study visits at Interpol and Europol Headquarters and other EU member states, and workshops and capacity-building activities. To complement the capacity-building activities, a basic induction programme was developed to define a training and mentoring framework for new ILECUs staff, aligning with EU requirements. This shared programme added value to the project, establishing a common frame of reference for communication and thus enhancing collaboration and operational effectiveness within the ILECU network.



Study Visit to EUROPOL, The Hague, The Netherlands, 9 June 2022

Provision of Equipment to ILECUs

Following a dedicated needs assessment, minimal equipment was provided to facilitate interconnection and communication among partner ILECU offices in the target regions. Notably, the procurement of information and communication technology (ICT) equipment enabled ILECUs to modernise their information exchange systems and processes, ensuring effective network communication. Such enhancements in communication infrastructure will allow quicker operational responses to shared challenges and threats, thereby facilitating the sustainability of exchanges beyond the project's duration.



Study Visit to Budapest Hungary (ILECC, NDGAP, CEPOL and Joint Surveillance Operation at the Hungary-Romania border) on 3-7 October 2022



Study Visit to Bucharest, Romania (IPCC, UNIP, SELEC HQ), on 24-27 January 2023



Closing Conference, Brussels, Belgium, 23 November 2023

Cross-Cutting Activities

Throughout all project activities, participants were actively involved in preparing and implementing meetings, study visits, and workshops, which enabled the ownership and buy-in necessary to sustain the network. Such activities also facilitated the sharing of experiences and lessons learned and the compilation of best practices and relevant approaches for strengthening the ILECU network.

For more information about the project

All project news related to the study visits and handover events are available at LinkedIn page and Twitter page.

22-23/11/2024: Closing Conference, Brussels
https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7134874366063824896

17 July 2023: IT equipment Handover to the International Operational Police Cooperation Department (IOPCD) of the of the Ministry of Interior of Serbia.
https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7086702418641461249?updateEntityUrn=urn%3Ali%3Afs_feedUpdate%3A%28V2%2Curn%3Ali%3Aactivity%3A7086702418641461249%29

26-29 June 2023: Study Visit to Moldova
https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7080562195268300800

29 June 2023: IT equipment Handover to the International Police Cooperation Directorate (IPCD) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Moldova
https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7080189686228340736

22-26 May 2023: Study Visit to Serbia
https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7067730137747709952

24-28 April 2023: Study Visit to Georgia
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/icmpd-border-management-and-security_ilecus-international-icmpd-activity-7059089464148520960-vDpV?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

27 February-3 March 2023: Study Visit to North Macedonia
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/icmpd-border-management-and-security_mpf-ilecus-icmpd-activity-7037114019383537665-YH8v?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

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