

Strengthening of the Georgian Border Police (GBP) capacities for green and sea border surveillance

About the Project

The project aims at strengthening the capacities of the Georgian Border Police (GBP) for green and sea border surveillance. The GBP Aviation Unit's knowledge and skills will be enhanced via a series of training focusing on migration-related challenges and technical equipment dedicated to border surveillance will be improved. To this end, the Latvian State Border Guard (SGBL) will donate one helicopter to GBP and train its staff on operation and maintenance of the new type of helicopter. In addition, the project will contribute to creating the necessary preconditions for greater alignment with the European Union's acquis in the area of Integrated Border Management and will improve platforms for joint interventions in cross-border cooperation and information exchange.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the State Border Guard of the Republic of Latvia (SBGL) in cooperation with the Georgian Border Police (GBP).



Countries

Latvia and Georgia



Time frame

April 2022 – March 2024 (24 months)



Budget

EUR 257,900.00 (94.24% from ISF Borders and Visa)

Activities



Needs analysis and revision of operating procedures

Aviation engineers of the Latvian State Border Guard Aviation Board will visit Georgia to assess the helicopter maintenance organisation and prepare a 'Gaps and Needs Analysis' followed by recommendations. This first assessment will be complemented by a study visit from the Georgian Border Police representatives to Latvia that will enable GBP to gain practical insight into the SBGL's structure and organisation and internal aviation and maintenance rules. Therefore, the Georgian Border Police will have the opportunity to revise – where necessary - its Standard Operating Procedures, internal rules, and mechanisms to better align them with European standards and Integrated Border Management guidelines.



Capacity Building

GBP pilots and engineers will receive theoretical and practical training on the use and maintenance of the new type of helicopter that will be donated to Georgia at the end of the project. Further, the project participants will be trained in Integrated Border Management, human rights, civil aviation rules and first aid. Such training will be in the form of a Training of Trainers (ToT), thereby contributing to a multiplier effect and the sustainability of project results.



Donation and Procurement of Equipment

At the end of the project, the State Border Guards of Latvia will donate one helicopter to Georgia and ensure its delivery, together with spare parts and tools to sustain the helicopter's operations and maintenance in the short and medium-term.

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The Migration Partnership Facility



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This project is awarded and contracted in the framework of the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF), an EU-funded initiative implemented by ICMPD in support of the external dimension of the EU migration policy. Through its grants, the MPF facilitates the execution of projects to strengthen dialogue and cooperation on migration and mobility between Member States and partner countries outside the EU.

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