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Prometheus II

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About the Project

The "Prometheus II" project was designed to strengthen the capacity of Georgian authorities to effectively manage and control migratory flows. The project supported capacity-building activities targeting the Georgian Border Police and Patrol Police. These activities were also extended to specialised investigators at both the central level (the Central Criminal Police Department) and the local level (Adjara and Tbilisi Police Departments). The objective was to enhance cooperation with the European Union and improve the ability of Georgian law enforcement authorities to respond to irregular migration flows and related challenges. In addition, the project supported the structural reorganisation of Georgian border and migration services and their operational activities, particularly the Border Management and Coordination Division within the Information Analytical Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. This support strengthened the investigative capacity to detect, investigate, and dismantle active organised criminal networks.

Partners

This MPF project was implemented by Civipol (France) in collaboration with the French Ministry of Interior and FIIAPP (Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas, F.S.P - Spain).

Countries

France, Italy, Latvia, Spain and Georgia

Time frame

December 2022 – August 2025 (33 months)

Budget

EUR 1,089,156.60 (95% from ISF Borders and Visa)

Activities

Capacity Building

During the implementation of the project, a total of 46 tailored capacity-building activities were delivered, benefiting more than 500 Georgian law enforcement officials.

Of these, 27 activities focused on improving the detection and prevention of irregular migration and migrant smuggling. These activities targeted officers of the Georgian Border Police, who received extensive training in border management, document fraud detection, behavioural analysis, border risk analysis, counter-trafficking in human beings, and migrant smuggling. In addition, officers deployed at frontline border crossing points strengthened their operational capacities to identify and detect irregular border crossings and to disrupt organised criminal networks operating across national borders.

A further 19 activities focused on strengthening the fight against criminal networks involved in irregular migration while ensuring the protection of victims. These activities aimed to enhance the capacities of Georgian institutions to combat migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings. The initiative targeted investigators from the Central Criminal Police Department, regional Police Departments, the Ministry of Internal Affairs Academy, and the Georgian Border Police working in the areas of irregular migration, migrant smuggling, and trafficking in human beings. Participants reinforced their knowledge and practical skills in behavioural analysis and investigative techniques related to migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, with particular emphasis on their practical application, as well as international cooperation, information exchange, and the application of the Common Integrated Risk Analysis Model (CIRAM) methodology for migration risk analysis.

In addition to these capacity-building activities, the project procured and delivered specialised equipment to strengthen the protection of Georgia's borders and enhance the detection of border-related threats, further improving the operational effectiveness of the country's law enforcement and border management authorities.



Workshop on Document Fraud Detection, Tbilisi, September 2023

Operational Exchange

With the aim of facilitating operational exchanges and enhancing coordination and mutual learning in the area of border management, several approaches were adopted: (a) study visits were organised for Georgian officials to EU Member States, namely France, Latvia and Spain, with a particular focus on border analysis; (b) two Georgian migration and police officers were deployed to a French airport for a period of seven months to support strengthened border controls, communication and information exchange; and (c) mentors from EU Member States were deployed to and embedded within Georgian investigative units to strengthen the capacity of Georgian law enforcement authorities to conduct and process investigations.

The latter intervention also contributed to building long-term partnerships. Regular follow-up visits were undertaken to support joint operations, facilitate information exchange and further strengthen cooperation between the Georgian and EU counterparts.



Workshop on Trafficking in Human Beings, Tbilisi, February 2024

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