Migration Partnership Facility

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Migration Management Diploma Programme (MMDP) and Moving the Migration Policy Agenda Forward (MMPAF) programme

Project completed

About the Project

The overarching aim of the Migration Management Diploma Programme (MMDP) and Moving the Migration Policy Agenda Forward (MMPAF) — a 26-month capacity-building initiative — was to address gaps in migration knowledge of 171 participants from the target countries. This was achieved by training policymakers to approach migration policy in a coherent and cross-cutting manner, resulting in more comprehensive and better-informed migration policies. In turn, this supports improved cooperation and coordination of policy responses at the regional and global levels. The programme builds on the success of previous editions of the MMDP.

Partners

This MPF project is implemented by UNU-MERIT and Maastricht University (The Netherlands).

Countries

MP and CAMM countries, EU Neighbourhood, Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans, African countries, and South Asia

Time frame

September 2023 – October 2025 (26 months)

Budget

1,152,414.52 (94.91% from AMIF)

Activities

Migration Management Diploma Programme (MMDP)

The MMDP component was a full-time, three-month capacity-building training programme targeting 48 civil servants from partner countries working in the field of migration policy within their national governments.

Based on migration policy priorities identified within their respective national contexts, participants were guided on how to navigate and further develop these priority areas, drawing on global good practices to strengthen and reinforce national approaches.

The curriculum covered key competence areas, including international protection, facilitation of legal mobility, and enhancing the development impact of migration. Participants were trained in legal migration management, including policies related to migrants' contributions to national development, as well as asylum policy and international protection frameworks in line with international standards.



MMDP cohort in Maastricht, The Netherlands – March 2025

Moving the Migration Policy Agenda Forward (MMPAF)

This component comprised four one-week online courses delivered to 96 civil servants holding mid- to senior-level responsibilities in migration management within partner countries. The courses encouraged participants to adopt a more holistic approach to migration governance and provided guidance on mainstreaming migration into cross-sectoral and cross-agency policy frameworks.

The ultimate objective was to enable participants to translate their learning into concrete policy development within their national institutions, while strengthening their ability to apply theoretical knowledge in practical policy implementation.

Migration Management Embassy Professionals Training (MMEP)

The MMEP Training was a tailor-made programme designed for mid- to senior-level civil servants working on migration issues, specifically targeting 15 professionals from embassies and consulates accredited to the European Union and its Member States.

Throughout the programme, participants benefited from the academic expertise of UNU-MERIT, complemented by insights from EU institutions gained through study visits to key migration-related bodies in Brussels. The MMEP Training provided high-quality, specialised knowledge and strengthened participants' capacities across various areas of migration governance. It also supported them in navigating the complex and evolving migration policy landscape and in engaging effectively with EU institutions.



MMDP field Trip to The Hague, The Netherlands – April 2025



MMEP Training in Brussels, Belgium - October 2025

For more information about the project

- https://unu.edu/merit/series/mmdp-insights
- https://unu.edu/merit/course/migration-management-diploma-programme-mmdp
- https://unu.edu/merit/course/moving-migration-policy-agenda-forward-mmpaf-programme

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