

Strengthening of the Migration and Asylum Management System in the Republic of North Macedonia (MANOMA)

About the Project

The MANOMA project aims to enhance the migration and asylum management system in the Republic of North Macedonia. This will be achieved by bolstering North Macedonian border management authorities' capacity for detecting, protecting, and ensuring the orderly return of irregular migrants arriving in the country. The project will employ a multifaceted approach that entails operational training, exchanges, study visits, and the promotion of the transfer of best practices and knowledge on migration management. A key emphasis is placed on implementing a rights-based approach to border management, with a particular focus on improving cultural and gender-sensitive practices among border management authorities. Project activities are divided into two components: Component 1 focuses on migration and return management, and Component 2 centres on asylum and reception.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the European Project Implementation Centre of the Ministry of Interior and Administration (EPIC MoIA) of the Republic of Poland in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of North Macedonia. The following institutions support the project: the Polish Border Guard; the Office for Foreigners (Poland), the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of North Macedonia, the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (Hungary) and the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Slovenia, in addition to Frontex.



Countries

Poland, Republic of North Macedonia, Czech Republic



Time frame

January 2024–August 2025 (20 months)



Budget

EUR 479,308.24 (95% from AMIF)

Activities



Workshops, Operational Training and Exchanges

Workshops will be organised focusing on the topic of migration management. Key thematic areas include the detection of irregular migration, return management, and the international protection of foreigners. The workshops will be designed in such a way as to facilitate the exchange of best practices and legal frameworks, aiming to enhance the capabilities of border management authorities in the Republic of North Macedonia. In the course of delivering the workshops, a fundamental human rights lens will be applied to the various topics. In addition to workshop sessions, a separate practical training will be organised for beneficiaries in conducting returns by air, facilitated by Frontex-certified trainers, and held at the Polish Border Guard training centre.



Strengthening Legal and Cultural Competence

Complementing the operational-focused training on migration management, workshops will be organised to delve into the critical legal and cultural dimensions integral to effective border management. The objective is to equip North Macedonian migration and return management officials with the necessary skills for navigating complex situations and scenarios at border/reception/detention centers whilst upholding human rights principles. The workshops will cover several topics, including the protection of foreigners, the socio-cultural facets of effective intercultural communication, and conflict resolution within a multicultural environment. Particular emphasis will be placed on crisis situations, with a special focus on safeguarding human rights while implementing conflict resolution strategies involving migrants.



Capacity Building Through Experiential Learning

The project will facilitate immersive study visits for North Macedonian officials, enabling them to travel to Poland and the Czech Republic. The study visits will be designed to provide first-hand experiential learning of best practices in migration management. Participants will visit closed detention facilities and open reception centres in Poland and the Czech Republic, enabling an exchange of practical knowledge on administrative procedures essential for operating reception and detention facilities.

Implemented by



The Migration Partnership Facility



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