

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

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About the Project

The MANOMA project aimed to enhance the migration and asylum management system in the Republic of North Macedonia. This objective was pursued by strengthening the capacities of North Macedonian border management authorities to detect irregular migration, ensure the protection of vulnerable individuals, and facilitate the orderly return of irregular migrants arriving in the country. The project adopted a multifaceted approach, combining operational training, exchanges, and study visits, while promoting the transfer of best practices and knowledge in migration management. A central pillar of the intervention was the integration of a rights-based approach to border management, with particular emphasis on fostering culturally sensitive and gender-responsive practices among border authorities.



Partners

This MPF project was 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.



Countries

Poland, Republic of North Macedonia, Czech Republic



Time frame

January 2024– August 2025 (20 months)



Budget

EUR 309,701.11 (95% from AMIF)

Activities



Workshops, Operational Training and Exchanges

Several workshops were organised focusing on migration management. The key thematic areas included the detection of irregular migration, return management, and the international protection of third-country nationals.

The workshops were designed to facilitate the exchange of best practices and legal frameworks, with the objective of strengthening the operational and institutional capacities of border management authorities in the Republic of North Macedonia. Throughout their delivery, a cross-cutting human rights perspective was systematically integrated into all thematic areas.

In addition to the workshop sessions, a dedicated practical training on the organisation and implementation of return operations by air was conducted for selected beneficiaries. This training was facilitated by Frontex-certified trainers and hosted at the training centre of the Polish Border Guard.



Study Visit to Poland, June 2024



Peer Learning and Study Visits

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



Capacity Building in Intercultural Competencies

Complementing the operational-focused training on migration management, workshops were organised to delve into the critical legal and cultural dimensions integral to effective border management. The objective was 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 covered several topics, including the protection of foreigners, the socio-cultural facets of effective intercultural communication, and conflict resolution within a multicultural environment. Particular emphasis was placed on crisis situations, with a special focus on safeguarding human rights while implementing conflict resolution strategies involving migrants.



Study Visit to Slovenia, April 2025

Study Visit to Czechia, November 2024

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