

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

Strengthening the regional cooperation on migration management between Western Balkans and neighbouring EU Member States in accordance with EU Acquis and international standards (MIRCO)

About the Project

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen migration and asylum policy implementation in the Western Balkans, aligning with the EU Acquis. This will be accomplished by expanding and transforming the Republic of Serbia's Migration Training Centre into a digital Regional Migration Training Centre (RMTTC). The RMTTC will enhance capacity building and regional cooperation among Western Balkans partners and neighbouring EU Member States (EU MS). The project aims to reinforce the institutional capacity of Western Balkans partners to provide services and protection to migrants in line with EU best practices. Additionally, it will establish networks and mechanisms to enhance international cooperation among with other regional migration training centres.



Partners

This MPF project is implemented by the Swedish Migration Agency (SMA) in collaboration with the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia.



Countries

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia¹



Time frame

May 2024 – May 2026 (24 months)



Budget

EUR 1,974,267.85 (including Technical Assistance)
(95% from AMIF)

¹ Albania and Kosovo (UNSCR 1244) are invited, and negotiations are ongoing. In case of confirmation, they may be included later on in the project

Activities



Establishment and Operationalisation of the Regional Migration Training Centre

This component involves transforming the existing Migration Training Centre in Plandište, Serbia, into a full-fledged Regional Migration Training Centre with a digital platform accessible to all Western Balkans institutions. To achieve this goal, through a Technical Assistance and Support (TAS) component, ICMPD's Training Institute on Migration Capacity Partnership for the Mediterranean (MCP MED TI) will support the process of licensing the Plandište Training Centre as a provider of European-accredited migration training and the accreditation of training modules developed under the MIRCO project.



Training Module Development and Accreditation

Under this component, comprehensive training content tailored to the needs of Western Balkan partner institutions will be developed. A thorough needs assessment, coupled with study visits, will guide the creation of ten (10) customized and EU-accredited training modules. These modules will be translated and digitized for accessibility via RTMC and can be delivered using both online and offline delivery channels. The training modules will adhere closely to EU best practices and international standards, ensuring quality-assured and relevant training for all participants.



Capacity Building of Staff of Western Balkans Migration Authorities

Western Balkan staff from partner migration authorities will be trained on migration management in alignment with the EU acquis and international standards. The RTMC will conduct training (both online and in-person) based on the needs of Western Balkan partner institutions. Study visits to EU Member States will be organised, exposing Western Balkan partner institution representatives to EU training strategies and institutional best practices. Moreover, a pool of Western Balkan regional trainers will be established through an open call for migration experts to be drawn upon by the RTMC and partner institutions.



International Cooperation and Peer-to-Peer Learning

This component aims to establish a global network of Regional Migration Training Centres from Sweden, Malta, Azerbaijan, Türkiye, and Tanzania to facilitate the exchange of best practices in capacity building for migration management through peer-to-peer learning. This entails forming the network, planning annual thematic conferences on a rotational basis, conducting joint international training, and organising study visits for trainers.

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The Migration Partnership Facility



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