

**RETURN AND REINTEGRATION**

# Enforcement of Migration Governance and Partnership through a Holistic Methodology (EMPATHY)

## About the Project

This MPF Technical Assistance project aims to enhance the safe and dignified return and sustainable reintegration of irregular migrants from Türkiye. The activities will focus on capacity building in Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) and Alternatives to Administrative Detention (AtDs) as well as on enhancing cooperation to support safe and dignified return and sustainable reintegration through the establishment of an International Migration Cooperation Centre (IMC). Activities include procuring IT and technical equipment and delivering necessary capacity building trainings. Awareness-raising activities will engage municipalities, NGOs, and diaspora groups to expand stakeholder involvement. Additionally, the establishment of an International Migration Cooperation Centre will enhance cooperation to support safe, dignified return and sustainable reintegration.



### Partners

This project is implemented by the ICMPD office in Türkiye under the Technical Assistance and Support Component of MPF.



### Countries

EU Member States and Türkiye



### Time frame

**April 2024 – March 2027** (36 months)



### Budget

**EUR 11,104,285.46** (100% from AMIF)

## Activities



### Operational Capacities in Return Procedures

To strengthen operational capacities for return, the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) and national stakeholders need enhanced support throughout all phases, from pre-departure to reintegration. The project will offer targeted support, including custom training, specialized capacity building, and ad hoc assistance to address emerging needs and ensure effective system functioning.



### Case Management System for Returns and Reintegration

The goal is to replace the existing system by implementing a comprehensive online case management system for both voluntary and non-voluntary returns aligned to best international practice. This project component is implemented by IOM in its totality.



### Sustainable Reintegration

The project aims to address returnees' needs by fostering collaboration between voluntary return stakeholders and reintegration partners in countries of origin, guided by the EU's Voluntary Return and Reintegration Strategy. It will leverage ICMPD's regional connections and expertise to ensure coordinated support and effective implementation of reintegration projects.



### National assisted voluntary return and reintegration (NAVRR) Outreach Capacity

This component aims to boost voluntary return applications by expanding outreach to eligible migrants and enhancing PMM's outreach strategy with the Turkish Red Crescent and other partners. It will provide comprehensive information on assistance, eligibility, procedures, and relevant national authorities for support.



### Complementary measures relating to return

To improve the PMM's implementation of returns, consolidated support will be provided, including training staff on AtDs and other technical support.



### Support to the Establishment of the International Migration Cooperation Centre

To ensure safe and dignified migrant returns, it is crucial to strengthen domestic institutions and foster cooperation with partner countries and stakeholders. The project will establish an International Migration Cooperation Center (IMC) to enhance regional cooperation, support operational collaboration, and promote data-driven policy development across the Eastern Mediterranean and Western Balkans.

## The Migration Partnership Facility



Migration Partnership Facility

This project is implemented in the framework of the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF), an EU-funded initiative implemented by ICMPD in support of the external dimension of the EU migration policy. Through its grants and initiatives under technical assistance and support component, the MPF facilitates the execution of projects to strengthen dialogue and cooperation on migration and mobility between Member States and partner countries outside the EU.

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