

BORDER MANAGEMENT

Support to implementation of the National Integrated Border Management Strategy in Iraq (IBM Iraq)

About the Project

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to increased regional security and to reduce irregular migration from Iraq by strengthening implementation coordination and strategic management within national border management agencies. The project will support the National Security Advisory in its role as the National Coordinator for implementing the Integrated Border Management (IBM) Strategy 2025–2030 by designing an annual IBM policy cycle and developing a comprehensive Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning framework. Additionally, the project will assist in mapping border-related data and improving information-sharing practices among Iraqi agencies.



Partners

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



Countries

Iraq



Time frame

October 2025 – March 2026 (5.5 months)



Budget

EUR 168,000.00 (100% from BMVI)

Activities



Strengthening capacity of the NSA to strategically coordinate implementation of the National IBM Strategy

To strengthen Iraq's capacity to implement its National Integrated Border Management (IBM) Strategy, the project will support state institutions in updating the draft Action Plan and preparing it for validation by the National IBM Committee. Activities will engage key agencies — including the Ministry of Interior, the Border Ports Commission, the Ministry of Planning and the General Customs Commission — to ensure alignment with national priorities and promote full institutional ownership.

The project will focus on designing Iraq's first annual IBM policy cycle and developing a comprehensive Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework. This framework will help authorities track progress, measure results and continuously improve implementation through clear indicators, standardised data collection methods, robust reporting mechanisms, and effective feedback loops.



Enhancing capacities of operational agencies to implement the National IBM Strategy

To ensure the effective implementation of Iraq's IBM Strategy, broad engagement from all relevant authorities and personnel at the central, regional, and local levels is essential. To support this, the project will implement a comprehensive awareness-raising campaign through a Training of Trainers (ToT) programme. Coordinated by the National Security Advisory (NSA), the ToT will establish a sustainable pool of national trainers equipped with tailored training materials and methodologies. These trainers will deliver pilot training sessions across Iraq, supported by expert feedback and peer-to-peer learning. This approach will ensure the effective transfer of knowledge, strengthen institutional capacities, and promote long-term ownership and sustainability of the IBM Strategy at national level.

In parallel, the project will conduct a baseline study on data management and information-sharing among border-related agencies. Through stakeholder consultations, mapping of existing datasets and a review of current practices, a data map will be developed to support evidence-based decision-making by the National IBM Committee.

The Migration Partnership Facility



This project is implemented by ICMPD within the framework of the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF), an EU-funded initiative that supports the external dimension of EU migration policy. Through its Grants and Technical Assistance and Support components, the MPF facilitates the implementation of projects that strengthen dialogue and cooperation on migration and mobility between EU Member States and partner countries outside the EU.

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