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The project will strengthen the partnership with the Western Balkans, in light of their unique status with the EU accession perspective and their continued efforts to align with the EU acquis. The development of a Regional Migration Training Centre, an e-learning platform following EU standards will have a significant beneficial impact on the whole sector of the region and EU.

Increased institutional and digital capacities will lead to better preparedness of Western Balkans countries for migration flows and crisis management as well as improved services and enhanced protection for migrants.



<https://kirs.gov.rs/eng>



www.migrationsverket.se/English.html



www.icmpd.org



www.migrationpartnershipfacility.eu



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



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KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

The project "Strengthening the regional cooperation on migration management between Western Balkans and neighbouring EU Member States in accordance with EU Acquis and international standards – MIRCO" is co-funded by the European Union and contracted by ICMPD through the Migration Partnership Facility.

The project is implemented by the Swedish Migration Agency of the Kingdom of Sweden, as a Lead Partner in close collaboration with the partner the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia. The project will contribute to enhanced regional cooperation on migration management, strengthen good neighborly relations and the implementation of the common European asylum system's external dimension in the WB region.



Project duration

24 months - 15 May 2024 until 14 May 2026.



Project beneficiaries

Ministry of Interior of Montenegro, Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia.

If the migration authorities of Albania and Kosovo* express a wish to join the project, they will be included.



Associated project partners

Ministry of Interior of Slovenia, Ministry of Interior of Austria, Ministry of Migration and Asylum of Greece.



PROJECT OBJECTIVE AND RESULTS

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the implementation of migration and asylum policy and procedures in the Western Balkans in line with the EU Acquis.



Project results:

1. To broaden and transform CRM's national Migration Training Centre into a digital Regional Migration Training Centre for strengthened capacity building and regional cooperation on migration management (legal/illegal migration, integration, return, reintegration, internal/external migration etc.) between Western Balkans partners and with neighbouring EU Member States in accordance with EU Acquis and international standards and in line with the New Pact for Migration and Asylum (Component 1);
2. To strengthen the institutional capacity of WB partners to provide services and protection to migrants in accordance with EU acquis and international standard (Component 2);
3. To establish mechanisms / networks for enhancing international cooperation between Western Balkans partners, neighbouring EU MS and other international regional migration training centres for international perspective on the development of national migration and asylum systems of WB, in line with EU regulations. (Component 3).



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Based on institutional needs assessment of WB countries and enhanced capacities, the Regional Migration Training Centre in Plandiste, Serbia with a digital platform accessible to all Western Balkans institutions will be established and fully operational for enhanced knowledge sharing in the field of migration management. In accordance with the needs assessment, WB countries will receive technical equipment for easier access and attending and organizing online trainings and meetings.

Training and capacity building will be supported through training modules and material developed on relevant topics on migration management, in line with EU Acquis and in accordance to needs of the WB partner institutions. Capacity building will be carried out on the basis of prepared training plans, which will include training for trainers, on-the-job training, organization of study visits, internship programs, as well as through the organization of English language courses for facilitated international cooperation. Through the project, 10 training modules will be developed, digitized and accredited in accordance with the best European practices and standards, which will be available for the training of relevant actors in the WB region.

Regional and international cooperation will be further developed and strengthened through the establishment of a network of regional training centers for migration and the organisation of conferences, meetings, common online training sessions, workshops and study visits to different international migration training centres for the exchange of strategies, experiences and practices of partner institutions WB with other training centers.

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