

**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MIGRATION MANAGEMENT; TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS;
BORDER MANAGEMENT**

Law enforcement cooperation on cross-border crimes within the migratory context under Mobility Partnerships and Common Agendas on Migration and Mobility

 Project completed

About the Project

Various forms of cross border crimes within the migratory context are of growing concern, exposing thousands of migrants to unacceptable risks and challenging the integrity of transnational borders. These illicit acts are related to trafficking in human beings (THB), smuggling of migrants, document fraud, terrorism and others. Thus an important element to ensure security is operational cooperation between law enforcement authorities at international level, while making full potential of cooperation among various actors at national levels. Elements linked to the fight of cross-border crimes within the migratory context are included in all Joint Declarations on Mobility Partnerships (MPs) and Common Agendas on Migration and Mobility (CAMMS). With the above context, the general aim of the project was to convene a workshop to improve understanding of cross-border crimes within the migratory context in relation to MP/CAMM countries and increase awareness of the need to enhance law enforcement cooperation to tackle such crimes.



Partners

This MPF project was implemented by ICMPD.



Countries

EU Member States, MP and CAMM country signatories



Time frame

February 2019



Budget

EUR 108,874.50 (ISF-Police)

Activities



Mapping

A mapping exercise was carried out prior to the workshop based on a questionnaire addressed to all the participating countries (EU MS and third countries) with questions delving into the manner in which trafficking in human beings, migrant smuggling and document fraud are addressed at the institutional, legal, policy and operational level. The mapping exercise informed the design, format and content of a workshop that would convene EU MS, partner third countries and relevant stakeholders.



Reporting

Following the workshop event, a report was elaborated summarizing the presentations and individual topics. Ultimately, the workshop enabled (i) a better understanding of the tools to address trafficking in human beings, migrant smuggling and document fraud through cooperation at various levels; (ii) identification of good practices in the area of cooperation at the national, regional and international levels; and (iii) identification of existing gaps/contingencies and options to overcome them within the framework of MPs/CAMMs.



Organisation of Workshop

In Cooperation with Europol's European Migrant Smuggling Centre (EMSC), a two-day workshop was held on the 14-15 February 2019 in a plenary format at the Europol Headquarters at The Hague, Netherlands, convening representatives from EU Member states, partner country signatories of MPs/CAMMs as well as academia. Information collected via the mapping exercise was presented focusing on the main aspects and feedback from participating countries. A practical approach was undertaken to addressing the thematic topics including specific examples of lessons learned with each session delivered through a combination of traditional presentation and open discussion moderated sessions. Overall, the workshop offered participants a unique opportunity to discuss strategic approaches and explore ways to enhance cross-border collaboration within the framework of MPs/CAMMS. During the in-depth exchange, experts shared experiences and contributed to developing new innovative approaches.



14-15 February 2019, The Hague, Netherlands. Pictured are representatives of the workshop entitled "Law enforcement cooperation on cross-border crimes within the migratory context under Mobility Partnerships (MPs) and Common Agendas on Migration and Mobility (CAMMs)"

The Migration Partnership Facility



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