

Capacity Building of Migration Management Programme (CBMMP): Ukraine - Phase I and Phase II



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CBMM II: €3 million

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CBMM II: August 2006 – December 2008

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Ukraine

Project implementing partner:
IOM (International Organisation for Migration) Mission in Ukraine

Key Project Partners and Beneficiaries:
• Ministry of Interior of Ukraine
• State Border Guard Service of Ukraine
• State Committee for Nationalities and Religion
• Centres for Migrant Advice

Project's Objectives and Tasks:

Overall objective:

- To enhance the capacity of the Government of Ukraine to manage migration flows and control the illegal movement of migrants to and through the territory of Ukraine, to support the aspirations of the Government of Ukraine to align its migration management-related efforts with EU's acquis communautaire;
- To promote awareness of issues related to regular migration and support to Ukrainian Government's efforts to comply with and ensure European best practices and international human rights standards;
- To establish a comprehensive migration management system in Ukraine within the scope IOM's Capacity Building in Migration Management Programme (CBMMP);
- To improve migration management in Ukraine through the development of operational and capacity building measures with a specific emphasis to address the problems arising from the current high level of irregular migrants.

Specific objectives:

CBMM I

- Research and EU study tours as well as training government officials on Best Practices in Accommodation of Irregular Migrants;
- Joint efforts to ensure the rights of migrants in Migrant Accommodation Centres (MAC) and Temporary Holding Facilities (THF) through procuring modern equipment and undertaking refurbishment works;
- Assessment of Ukraine's migration-related legislation to provide recommendations for legislative amendments;
- Support the management of Irregular Migration Flows in Ukraine through the establishment of Centres for Migrant Advice.

CBMM II

- Enhancing the safety and wellbeing of the migrant population within Ukraine;
- Ensuring international standards in the accommodation and movement of irregular migrants;
- Assisting the Government of Ukraine in developing a healthcare system to provide medical assistance to irregular migrants held in MACs and THFs;
- Equipping and refurbishing migrant interview rooms;
- Training for national staff in these facilities;
- Building the capacity of civil society to provide counselling to irregular migrants about the option of voluntary return;
- Provision of accurate information to Ukrainian potential migrants on safe migration abroad, residing abroad and returning to Ukraine;
- Reducing the illegal activities of smugglers and traffickers by making available easily understandable information on migration legislation and travel and regular labour/work opportunities.

Project's achievements:

- "Guideline and Best Practices for Migrant Accommodation Centres in Ukraine" Manual is compiled; more than 300 MOI and SBGS staff trained.
- Fully equipped 2 MACs in Volyn and in Chernihiv region with specialized EU-standard equipment.
- Refurbished and fully equipped 5 THF in Izmail, Chernivtsi, Mostyska, Malniv and Shatsk according the EU standards.
- 18 Migrant Interview Rooms are set up and equipped in accordance with the EU standards.
- 7 study visits for MOI, SBGS and NGO representatives to European countries including Poland, Sweden, Slovakia, Belgium and Austria.
- Increased quality of transportation of irregular migrants in Ukraine by procuring 27 modern Toyota buses for SBGS and MOI.
- Increased public awareness and knowledge about safe travel and work abroad by consulting over 50,000 Ukrainian nationals through network of CMAs providing free-of-charge services.
- Returned safely and in dignity over 200 stranded migrants, failed asylum seekers and other migrants who lacked financial resources to their countries of origin through the Assisted Voluntary Return (AVR) Programme.

"I would like to thank the European Commission (EC) Delegation and IOM for implementing CBMM project, namely for the provided equipment, buses and conducted trainings for the staff of temporary holding facilities (THFs) and study tours, which contributed to considerable improvement of treatment of migrants. The THFs established under CBMM project provide conditions enabling migrants to have access to legal, health, and interpretation assistance, access to international and non-governmental organizations."

SBGS Major General Borys Marchenko on the occasion of the official opening of Chernivtsi THF, 9 October 2008

ENPI - European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument

The European Union is the largest donor to Ukraine. EU assistance to Ukraine over 2007-2013 will principally be provided under the new European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) which is being established to promote the development of an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness between the EU and the partner countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy.

ENPI envelope for Ukraine will focus on the following three priority areas:

Support for Democratic Development and Good Governance

- Public administration reform and public finance management
- Rule of law and judicial reform
- Human rights, civil society development and local government
- Education, science and people-to-people contacts/exchanges

Support for Regulatory Reform and Administrative Capacity Building

- Promoting mutual trade, improving the investment climate and strengthening social reform
- Sector-specific regulatory aspects

Support for Infrastructure Development

- Energy
- Transport
- Environment
- Border management and migration including re-admission related issues

Indicative budget for Ukraine for the period 2007-2010 is €494 million:

Support for Democratic Development and Good Governance: €148.2 million (30%)

Support for Regulatory Reform and Administrative Capacity Building: €148.2 million (30%)

Support for Infrastructure Development: €197.6 million (40%)



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Following the enlargement of the European Union on 1 May 2004, the EU and Ukraine have, since that time, shared a common border and, as direct neighbours, face common challenges in the fight against organised crime, terrorism and other illegal activities which are of cross-border nature. In addition, Ukraine shares borders with three non-EU countries and hence, faces the challenge of being a transit spot for irregular migration to the EU.

The range of new neighbourhood priorities includes, among others, strong cooperation between the EU and major international stakeholders in the field of upgrading Ukraine's border management, customs standards and procedures and related infrastructure, harmonisation of respective bodies of law of Ukraine, training personnel of the State Border and Customs Services of Ukraine in line with most advanced international practices, fight against illegal trans-border trafficking in humans and commodities as well as enhanced migration management.

Within the framework of the EU-Ukraine Readmission Agreement ratified by Ukraine on 15 January 2008, Ukraine was given a 2 year transition period to prepare infrastructure and conditions for the reception of third country nationals and respectively committed to make every effort to create EU-compliant migration management regulatory framework and upgrade related facilities for handling irregular migrants.

That stated intention received a strong support from the European Commission that allocated under its ENPI 2007 National Programme some EUR30 million to Ukraine to support the country's moves on improving infrastructure and procedures related to the accommodation and treatment of irregular migrants (readmission-related assistance).