

## BORDER MANAGEMENT

# Strengthening Moroccan operational capacities for the verification of false travel documents

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## About the Project

This Action supported the strengthening of the technical and operational capacities of the Moroccan border control forces through the provision of state-of-the-art equipment and in-depth training to border police officers. The implementation process was built on bilateral exchanges and participation in study visits and seminars that exposed the Moroccan participants to the latest good practices in air, land and sea borders management by their Spanish counterparts. The action contributed to an overall improvement of the technical resources available for fighting organised crime, prevention of irregular migration and trafficking in human beings in the EU neighborhood.



### Partners

This MPF project was implemented by the General Directorate for International Relations and Migration under the Ministry of Interior (Spain) in collaboration with the Direction Générale de la Sécurité Nationale (Kingdom of Morocco).



### Countries

Spain and Kingdom of Morocco



### Time frame

**November 2017 – July 2018** (9 months)



### Budget

**EUR 264,776.47** (90.6% from ISF Police)

## Activities



### Training and study visits

Over the course of the Action, 218 Moroccan participants (first and second line officers of the border police) benefited from ten training sessions on detection of document fraud. The trainings aimed at enhancing skills for the use of the new equipment purchased in the frame of the project as well of tools and applications needed for detecting document forgeries. Moreover, 25 Moroccan officials participated in study visits to Spain - dedicated to different types of border management systems (e.g. smart borders and biometric system) - and were introduced to the structure and functions within the Spanish General Commissariat for Immigration and Borders. Additionally, the participants had the opportunity to exchange information and good practices regarding new trends, modus operandi and tactical procedures with regard to document forgery.



*Training sessions on the detection of document fraud in Morocco (February 2018)*



*Project closure event in Morocco (July 2018)*



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## Strategic alignment and structural cooperation

For both Spain and Morocco, this action had a highly strategic dimension in order to ensure their continued overall structural cooperation but also technical and operational alignment. A high-level seminar on police cooperation between the two countries reinforced bilateral partnership on this important issue and facilitated the action follow-up, focused on exchange of operational information and better cooperation on border control and organized crime investigations.

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## The Migration Partnership Facility



This project was awarded and contracted in the framework of the Migration Partnership Facility (MPF), an EU-funded initiative implemented by ICMPD to support the external dimension of the EU migration policy. Through its grants, 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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