

BORDER MANAGEMENT

Enhancing capacities of Border Police forces to detect forged identity and travel documents for preventing and combating irregular migration and trafficking in human beings

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About the Project

This action aimed to strengthen the capacity of the Moldovan Border Police in preventing irregular migration, combating human trafficking, and addressing cross-border crimes related to the fraudulent use of travel documents. It supported the transfer and exchange of knowledge and best practices, with the objective of enhancing policy dialogue and transnational cooperation in migration and border management between EU Member States and the Republic of Moldova.



Partners

This MPF project was implemented by the State Border Guard Service at the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania in collaboration with the Border Police of the Republic of Moldova.



Countries

Lithuania, Republic of Moldova



Time frame

June 2021 – March 2024 (34 months)



Budget

EUR 371,194.58 (94.55% BMVI)

Activities

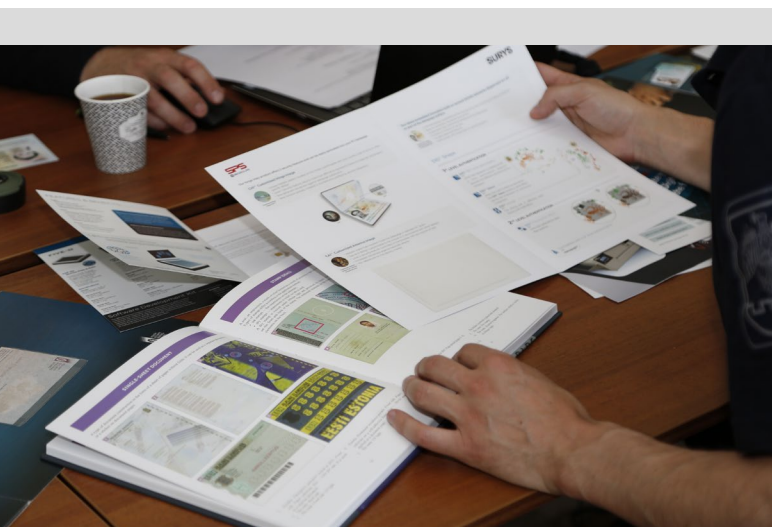


Capacity-building on border management

Specialists from the State Border Guard Service of Lithuania developed a set of guidelines on document examination, detection of counterfeit and forged travel documents and inspection of transport means. Lithuanian specialists also conducted targeted training sessions and expert workshops for the benefit of the Border Police of the Republic of Moldova in the areas of technical examination of travel documents and identification of transport means.



Project final event, 14 February 2024, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova



Working group on "Elaboration of Guidelines on Examination of Documents for Border Police Specialists", 31 May 2022, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova



Transfer of knowledge and support to transnational cooperation

As part of the activities aimed at reinforcing border control, staff from the Moldovan Border Police participated in two study visits to forensic laboratories in Lithuania and Poland. These visits provided an opportunity to exchange lessons learnt and good practices as well as to strengthen cooperation in combating cross-border crimes and irregular migration in the Eastern European region.



Procurement of a 'Schengen Bus'

To enhance the technical capacities of the Moldovan Border Police in crime prevention and their preparedness to respond to border incidents involving the fraudulent use of travel documents —based on EU standards and the Schengen acquis — the action facilitated the purchase of a mobile forensic laboratory, a vehicle equipped with specialized VSC-80i equipment for document examination (known as 'Schengen Bus') for the Border Police of the Republic of Moldova. Practical training sessions on the use and maintenance of this equipment were also organised for the benefit of the Moldovan counterparts.



'Schengen Bus' (vehicle equipped with specialized VSC-80i equipment for document examination)

Implemented by



The Migration Partnership Facility



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