

## INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION AND ASYLUM POLICY

# HIGH FIDELITY - Exercising for asylum procedures

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## About the Project

This action contributed to the EU-Georgia Mobility Partnership signed in 2009 by strengthening Georgia's capacity to implement its asylum policy. This was achieved by means of innovative and interactive training solutions, study visits and exchange of good practices. Within such framework, Virtual Reality Simulation was introduced and tested as methodology to train Georgian officials on various complex scenarios in the asylum procedure, therefore further contributing to skills development and learning.



### Partners

This MPF project was implemented by the Academy of Security Science (Estonia) with the participation of the Ministry of Interior (Latvia) in coordination with the Office of the State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia.



### Countries

Estonia, Latvia and Georgia



### Time frame

March – November 2017 (8 months)



### Budget

EUR 56,456.59 (95% from AMIF)

## Activities



### Mapping exercise

The identification of training needs based on the existing Georgian asylum procedures was a key starting point of the Action. The kick off meeting in Tbilisi and related working groups in June 2017 served as a platform to discuss the concrete needs of the Georgian authorities, with a focus on evidence assessment and interviewing techniques.



*Workshop on Evidence Assessment and Country of Origin (COI) research online and in social media, 12-13 September 2017 (Tbilisi, Georgia)*



### Training on implementation of asylum procedures

A total of 34 Georgian officials were trained by their Estonian counterparts, sharing EU good practices on implementation of asylum policies and procedures through innovative and interactive training solutions aimed at boosting information processing and knowledge retention. Virtual Reality Simulation was introduced as training method, allowing to reproduce realistic scenarios and test the asylum process from registration of applications throughout the whole decision-making process. Seven different scenarios were simulated for the training participants and tested in practical exercises.



### Study visit in Estonia

Ten Georgian officials had the opportunity to carry out a field visit to Estonia where they could familiarize themselves with the functioning of an asylum-seekers reception centre as well as detention centre, facilitating a pragmatic comparative exercise between the approaches of different countries. This also allowed the participants to experience first-hand the application of the asylum practices by their Estonian counterparts.

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## The Migration Partnership Facility



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