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Director of MARRI RC, Dr. Trpe Stojanovski

On 23 & 24th of November, 2010 in Brussels the Belgium EU Presidency organized EU-

Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs, where MARRI RC was invited. The Conference brought great opportunity to exchange the information by the respective EU Authorities, international organizations and Ministers from WB, the progress in the Justice and Home Affairs, especially in the regional cooperation regarding

the organized crime, small arms and light weapons (SALW), visa liberalization dialogue and migration issues, including irregular migration, THB, money laundering, corruption etc.

MARRI RC Director made presentation in the panel for Visa liberalization dialogue and migration issues, including irregular migration, pointing out the progress, the visibility and ownership by the MARRI activities in 2010.

RCC STEERING GROUP REGIONAL STRATEGY MEETING HELD IN SARAJEVO

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 06 & 07 July 2010 - MARRI RC Director, Dr. Trpe Stojanovski attended the Steering Group Regional Strategy Meeting organised by the Regional Cooperation Council on 6/7 July, 2010 in Sarajevo. The meeting was a forum for discussion by the Donor Family, Beneficiary countries and International organizations for the priorities

in the field of Justice and Home affairs on SEE. The Draft Strategy Paper for 2011 – 2013 was reviewed, and further progress was achieved. The Regional Strategy and the Action Plan is expected to be operational starting from January, 2011.



Sarajevo, Part of Old Town—Baščaršija

MARRI RC PRESENT AT THE FRONTEx CONFERENCE IN TIRANA

On 17 & 18 November 2010 in Tirana, FRONTEx organized the Western Balkans Risk Analysis Conference. The event brought together EC, CoE, EUROPOL, MARRI, DCAF, SECI, ILECUS, EULEX, EUPM, ICMPD, IOM as well as the national

delegations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

The conference was an excellent opportunity for exchange of information among the international organizations in the field of migration and border security.

Added value at this event was the possibility to discuss about the common interest between the national delegations and the international organizations.

targeted the migration data sharing issue. It was a great opportunity for promotion of the MARRI project “Establishment of Network for Cooperation between Border Police on International Airport Border Crossing Points in MARRI Member States” as well as the future MARRI projects.

Also, this conference was used for sharing information between MARRI and FRONTEx representatives on the common approach in promoting the mutual work on the Western Balkans.



MARRI RC—On screen presentation

MARRI RC's presentation

DIPLOMATIC MEETINGS



Director of MARRI RC, Dr. Trpe Stojanovski, met with Mr. Alfred Fritschi, Co-Head of Division Western Balkans in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

SWISS OFFICIALS MET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF MARRI RC

Skopje, Macedonia 10 June 2010, Director of MARRI RC, Dr. Trpe Stojanovski, met with Mr. Alfred Fritschi, Co-Head of Division Western Balkans in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, at the premises of MARRI RC.

Mr. Fritschi and Mr. Stojanovski discussed about MARRI activities, development of Swiss migration partnership relations in the Balkans, diaspora policies in the Western Balkans, further strengthening of cooperation with MARRI, development of MARRI projects. Mr. Stojanovski thanked Mr. Fritschi for the financial support by Swiss Government of the successfully implemented project "Establishment of the network for cooperation among Border Police in the International Airport Border Crossing Points

in MARRI Member States". He expressed hope the Swiss Government will continue supporting MARRI projects. Mr. Fritschi congratulated Mr. Stojanovski on the work performed by MARRI and on the outcome of the abovementioned project, and stated his commitment of further contributing to strengthen the cooperation with MARRI.

VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA MR. ILIR META TO MARRI RC

Skopje, Macedonia 29 July 2010, The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, Mr. Ilir Meta, visited the MARRI RC, on 29 July 2010, within the framework of his official visit to the Republic of Macedonia. Mr. Meta addressed an audience consisted of high representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Interior, ambassadors of the MARRI Member States, representatives of the international organizations and university institutions gathered in MARRI RC on the occasion of his visit.

Mr. Meta stressed the strong support of Albania for MARRI in particular and for the

regional cooperation in general, and their importance in the EU integration process of all the Balkan countries. The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania Mr. Meta also interacted with the audience through Questions and Answers. The Director of MARRI RC, Mr. Trpe Stojanovski thanked Mr. Meta for the visit and pointed out that his presence in the MARRI RC proves that MARRI, as the best model for regional ownership, is on the track envisaged by the

audience consisted of high representatives of the Ministers of Interior of the Republic of Serbia and Republic of Macedonia, as well as the MARRI RC Director and MARRI state officials.

He stressed the strong support of the Republic of Serbia for the MARRI Regional Centre in particular, and for the regional cooperation, in general, and mentioned the importance of MARRI Initiative in the



First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Ivica Dačić, together with his counterpart from the Republic of Macedonia, Ms. Gordana Jankuloska, paid a visit to the MARRI Regional Centre

MARRI Member States Governments. He also briefed Mr. Meta and the audience on the MARRI work. The Republic of Albania is currently presiding over MARRI for the second time since the establishment of the MARRI Initiative.

European Union integration process of all the MARRI countries. The significant and permanent support to the MARRI Initiative as well as to the MARRI RC was underlined by Minister Jankuloska.

MINISTERS DAČIĆ AND JANKULOSKA VISITED MARRI REGIONAL CENTER

Skopje, Macedonia, On 18th of September 2010 the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Ivica Dačić, together with his counterpart from the Republic of Macedonia, Ms. Gordana Jankuloska, paid a visit to the MARRI Regional Centre, within the framework of his official visit to the Republic of Macedonia.

Mr. Dačić addressed an

The Director of the MARRI RC, Mr. Trpe Stojanovski, briefed Ministers Dačić and Jankuloska about the MARRI priorities under the Albanian Presidency-in-Office, the regional projects managed by MARRI, underlining the networking of the region and regional ownership as the crucial value of the Initiative.



Mr. Ilir Meta, visited the MARRI RC, on 29 July 2010, within the framework of his official visit to the Republic of Macedonia

DIPLOMATIC MEETINGS



SEECP MEETING IN PODGORICA

On 19.01.2011 in Podgorica the Montenegrin SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office organized a high level meeting of the Heads of Consular Services. The meeting was attended by representatives from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Turkey, as well as representatives from MARRI RC and RCC. The national delegations presented the progress in the visa policy in their respective countries. MARRI RC presented the information from the regional perspective regarding the progress in the area of visa and consular issues, asylum and readmission. The Montenegrin SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office thanked MARRI RC for the developed materials, with number of annexes. In the part of mutual representation in consular matters in third countries the national as well as the regional activities were presented. It is evident that all countries express positive attitude towards further progress in this field. MARRI RC kindly offered its expertise in analyzing the existing bilateral agreements, lessons learned from the practice and to come with recommendations for the next meeting, under the Serbian SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office, later this year.

Mr. Melchior Wathelet and his delegation paid a visit to the MARRI RC

MEETING OF MR. TRPE STOJANOVSKI AND MR. MAL BERISHA

On 16th of October, 2010 the MARRI Presidency-in-Office Chairman, Mr. Mal Berisha and MARRI RC Director, Dr. Trpe Stojanovski met on Albanian side of the Ohrid Lake. The focus of the meeting were MARRI forthcoming activities. MARRI RC Director briefed Albanian Presidency-in-Office for the implementation of the priorities under the Albanian Presidency.

The outcome of the meeting was the following:

- Organisation of the MARRI Committee meeting in Albania, on 4th of November, 2010
- Organisation of the MARRI Regional Forum in Albania, in the first half of December, 2010
- MARRI Presidency-in-Office and MARRI RC to present the MARRI initiative and the planned activities to EU in Brussels in February 2011
- The regular MARRI activities to be developed in close partnership between the MARRI Presidency-in-Office and MARRI RC, in daily contacts.

STATE SECRETARY OF BELGIUM H.E. MELCHIOR WATHELET VISITED MARRI RC

20 October 2010 Skopje, Macedonia - State Secretary for budget, migrations, asylum and family policy of the Kingdom of Belgium, in the capacity of EU presiding country, Mr. Melchior Wathelet and his delegation paid a visit to the MARRI RC within his official visit to Macedonia. He had a meeting with Mr. Trpe Stojanovski, Director of MARRI RC and MARRI National Representatives. Mr. Wathelet was briefed about the role of the MARRI Initiative and MARRI RC in the area of migration. Special attention was addressed to the regional cooperation, data exchange and through further institutionalization of the cooperation - developing the network between the experts from the MARRI MS.

The issue of asylum, which was in the focus of Wathelet's visit to Macedonia, was also discussed. The State Secretary expressed interest for two aspects: What steps are the national authorities taking in regard to the public awareness of this issue, and what is the cause of this process, which happened at the end of last year and still exists. "The visa liberalization should not be misused, as it is the case with the asylum seekers, because it produces lack of confidence between the country of origin and EU" - stated Mr. Wathelet.

MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF MARRI RC AND ICMPD

On 22nd October, 2010 in Skopje, Macedonia the ICMPD Director General, Mr. Peter Widermann and Ms. Sabine Klinglmair, ICMPD Director for General Affairs and Research, visited MARRI RC. On the meeting with Dr. Trpe Stojanovski, MARRI RC Director was assured of the excellent relation between both organizations. The future cooperation, in the frame of the existing Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation was discussed. Concrete ideas were presented for more intensive partnership between MARRI RC and ICMPD.

VISIT OF B&H MINISTRY OF SECURITY DELEGATION

06 December 2010 Skopje, Macedonia - BH delegation from the Ministry of Security visited MARRI RC on 29th of November 2010. The Delegation was briefed about the role, plan, activities and challenges of the MARRI Initiative. The guests thanked for the hospitality and briefing, expressed their strong support for MARRI plans and activities, in particular to endeavors for establishment of networks for cooperation in respective MARRI areas of work and setting of common standards in this respect. They were targeting the visit on the visa liberalization consequences and good practice from the Region in the scope of MARRI activities.



Mr. Peter Widermann, ICMPD Director General and Ms. Sabine Klinglmair, visited MARRI RC

SIGNING CEREMONY OF MOU IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE REGIONAL PROJECT ESTABLISHMENT OF NETWORK FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN BORDER POLICE ON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BORDER CROSSING POINTS IN MARRI MEMBER STATES HELD IN BELGRADE



High representatives—Family Picture

On 20 & 21 December 2010 in Belgrade, Serbia the Ceremony of signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Sustainability of Established Co-operation Network between Border Police Units on International Airport Border Crossing Points in MARRI Member States took place.

MARRI Regional Centre and its Project partners SEPCA and PCC SEE Secretariat have successfully completed the implementation of the Regional Project “Establishment of network for co-operation between border police on international airport border crossing points in

MARRI Member States”.

Envisaged Project outcomes have been successfully achieved namely, Permanent Regional Working Group/ Network for Cooperation consisting of commanders of the border police units from the main international airport border crossing points in MARRI

SARAJEVO, CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRATION SERVICES OF SOUTH EAST EUROPE

On 14 & 15th of December, 2010 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina the Ministry of Security from Bosnia and Herzegovina and European Commission – TAIEX hosted the conference on immigration services in South East Europe.

The participants on the Conference were high level representatives from the immigration services from

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia, Experts from EU, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Portugal, European Police Mission in B&H, MARRI, IOM and others. The conference brought opportunity to learn about the progress in each MARRI MS, exchange the information from the region, to present the ongoing projects, as well as

the regional and EU countries experience.

The MARRI presentation was oriented to point out the regional co-operation and especially the importance of further development of the networks in the MARRI MS.

The event was used for numerous contacts, exchanging views, as well as identifying the further steps in the field of immigration.

WORKSHOP ON INTRODUCTION OF BIOMETRIC IDENTIFIERS AND PROCESSING OF VISA APPLICATIONS

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 08 July 2010 – A Workshop on Introduction of Biometric Identifiers and Processing of Visa Applications was organized by European Commission-TAIEX, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and MARRI Regional Centre from Skopje.

The Workshop gathered high level national representatives from MARRI Member States as well as EU experts from Germany, Slovenia and Ro-

mania responsible for visa and consular affairs. It presented an excellent opportunity to exchange good practices and to discuss possible solutions for introducing biometric identifiers in the process of reception and processing of visa application. Also workshop presented opportunity to enhance regional cooperation and harmonization of visa issuance procedures and visa system with EU Acquis and practice.

The part of the Workshop was dedicated of strengthening of the consular cooperation and protection between MARRI Member States. In that context Memorandum of Understanding on Mutual Consular Protection and Services, signed during the MARRI Regional Forum April 2010 in Montenegro, was presented.

Member States has been established on permanent basis and participation in the data collection through FRONTEX Pulsar weekly data collection questionnaire has been accomplished.

As a final Project outcome, it is envisaged a Memorandum of Understanding for ensuring sustainability of the established Border Police.

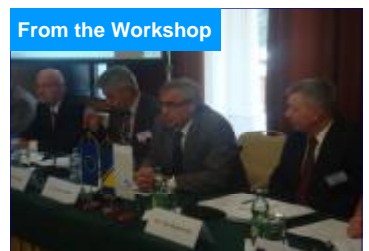
MEETING ON COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION, REFUGEES AND POPULATION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF COE

On 20 September 2010, Meeting of Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population of the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe took place in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, hosted by the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia.

The Meeting gathered members of the plenary Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population of the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe, Parliamentarians and representatives from Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Macedonia and experts from international organizations and agencies representing MARRI RC, IOM, Interpol, ILO.

The Meeting was formally opened by Mr. Trajko Veljanoski, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia and Mr. Aleksandar Nikoloski, Head of the Delegation of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia to the Parliamentary Assembly.

From the Workshop



SEPCA MEETING HELD IN OHRID

The meeting of the Executive Board of SEPCA was held in Ohrid, Macedonia, on 16 and 17 of September 2010. The main topic of the meeting was the successful cooperation among the police of the SEE countries so far and certain modalities for its continuation within the planned international police actions have been set.

The changes in the Executive Board of SEPCA were introduced during the meeting. Mr. Ljupčo Todorovski, Director of the Police of Macedonia has been elected as a new President, Mr. Veselin Veljović, Director of the Police of Montenegro as Vice-President and Mr. Zlatko Miletić, Director of the Police of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a new member.

On the meeting of the Executive Board of SEPCA the police representatives from Turkey, Austria, Italy and EULEKS Mission on Kosovo expressed their will to receive observer status. That issue

SEPCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN OHRID

From 29 November to 01 December 2010 in Ohrid, Macedonia, South East Europe Police Chiefs Association (SEPCA) organized General Assembly under the Macedonian Presidency-in-Office. The conference was attended by the SEPCA Member States' Police Directors and large number of guests, police and partner organizations, including the delegation of the Italian Police, headed by Director General Mr. Antonio Manganelli and Austrian Police delegation led by Major General Mr. Gerhard Lang as well as representatives from EC, Interpol, SDC, SECI, DCAF, UNODC, MARRI, FBI, UNDP/SEESAC, OSCE, etc. On the General Assembly the project proposal on "Joint comprehensive approach in

OPERATIONAL HEADS OF AIRPORTS FORUM INCLUDING WESTERN BALKANS

On 26 & 27 October 2010 in Warsaw, Poland, FRONTEX organized 2 days Forum for Operational Heads of Airports from EU and MARRI Member States. MARRI RC was invited as well. The aim of the Forum was to facilitate easy access to information between operational heads of European international airports, sharing experience and working procedures as key elements in facilitating mutual cooperation and common standards at European level. The conference was a good opportunity for the participants to discuss issues of common interest and get updated on the latest developments in the field of air border integrated management.

On the Forum, regional working group/network for cooperation consisted of Comma-



building co-operation between MARRI and SEPCA Member States' border police on international airport border crossing points" was presented and MARRI and SEPCA Project partnership was endorsed by the SEPCA Steering Committee and Executive Board.



From the Forum for Operational Heads of Airports from EU and MARRI Member States

nders of main international airports from MARRI Member States established in the frame of the Project "Establishment of network for cooperation between border police on international airport border crossing points in MARRI Member States" implemented by MARRI Regional Centre was introduced. Its Members had the opportunity to present border police on international airport border crossing points in their respective countries, to share their experience and to interact with their colleagues from EU Member States.

In compliance of the agreed activities for cooperation between FRONTEX and MARRI Regional Centre, FRONTEX plans to invite the Commanders of main international airports from MARRI Member States to participate at the forthcoming Operational Heads of Airports Conference in 2011 - A forum for Operational Heads of border control at EU international airports.

RCC ORGANIZED REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND SECURITY COOPERATION IN SARAJEVO



The Conference was attended by the National delegations from SEE countries and the international organizations.

The MARRI RC represented by the Director Stojanovski took active role in contributing the SEE

On 30.11 and 01.12.2010 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina Regional Cooperation Council organized SEE Regional Conference on Justice, Home Affairs and Security Cooperation - Meeting of the Steering Group on Regional Strategy.

Regional Strategy Document, especially in the part "Migration, Asylum and Refugee issues".

EMN CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS ADDRESSES THE LONG-TERM FOLLOW UP OF MIGRANTS' TRAJECTORIES

CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

In line also with the Stockholm Programme, there is a continuing need for up-date, objective, reliable and comparable information, particularly at EU level and building on progress already made, in order to better inform policymaking.

The European Migration Network, consistent with one of its task to "in collaboration with other relevant EU bodies, contribute to the development of indicators and criteria that will improve the consistency of information and help in the development of Union activities related to migratory statistics;" organized a conference of the topic of longitudinal follow-up of migrants' trajectories.

The specific theme of the conference was to consider the potential relevance and effectiveness of longitudinal follow-up of migrants' trajectories, i.e. the evolution of the legal, social and economic position of migrants over time, to complement and further enhance the progress already made in providing such information to support policymakers.

On 29 September 2010, the Belgian National Contact Point of the European Migration Network (EMN) organized a Conference, under the auspices of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, to exchange national experiences and international initiatives on the long term follow up of migrants' trajectories, i.e. the evolution of the legal social and economic position of migrants over time.

The Conference, which was held in the Egmont Palace, brought together around 150 participants. Representatives from the European Commission, from other European institutions (e.g. the European Economic and Social Committee) and from other international organizations (e.g. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, International Labour Organization, the Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative, etc), other National Contact Points of the EMN and their national networks, experts from statistical units and academics, exchanged information and methods and discussed practical as well as technical questions related to the production of more co-

mparable and consistent longitudinal data on migration.

Conclusions were drawn from the Conference on four main issues. In the first place, longitudinal data present an added value beside cross-sectional data. Longitudinal studies allow for a better analysis of migrants' trajectories and the evolution of

Lessons can be learnt from these initiatives in terms of challenges and success factors. Finally, there is a need to increase the availability of longitudinal data in the field of asylum and migration, in order to better follow-up on progress of migrants in the host society and identify areas where policy measures are needed.

The EMN, which undertakes the analysis of data and information, has an important role to play in contributing to the further development of better European migratory statistics and supporting policymaking in the European Union in these areas.



Belgian National Contact Point of the EMN organized a Conference

individuals and groups over time. In the second place, European-wide surveys need to be improved. For instance, by increasing sub-samples and adding key migration related variables, it would be possible to produce reliable and harmonized social and economic data on migrants. Thirdly, some Member States do carry out longitudinal studies, through panel studies, or by linking administrative data sets and enhancing these databases with other types of data (from panel studies, census, etc.).

FOURTH MEETING OF THE MARRI COMMITTEE HELD IN TIRANA

Tirana, Albania - The fourth meeting of the MARRI Regional Committee took place on 04.11.2010 in Tirana, Albania chaired by the Albanian Presidency with the Initiative. High level officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the MARRI Member States and representatives from the respective embassies in Tirana took part in this meeting where the future activities of MARRI were discussed. This meeting was an occasion to promote and discuss of the Strategy paper and action plan of MARRI for 2011-2013 as well as amendments to the Guidelines and rules of procedure of the MARRI Regional Centre. This meeting through active participation of the delegations is another step towards strengthening the principle of ownership.

MARRI REGIONAL FORUM, TIRANA, ALBANIA



MARRI Regional Forum under the Albanian Presidency-in Office

Tirana, Albania – MARRI Regional Forum under the Albanian Presidency-in Office took place on 06&07 December 2010, in Tirana, Albania. The Forum provided an opportunity for MARRI

Member States to discuss current and future activities of MARRI in the framework of regional cooperation and regional ownership where strategic documents were adopted.

Among the high representatives of the host country, MARRI National Coordinators and Members of the MARRI Regional Committee, representatives from International organizations were also present at this Forum.



DOCUMENTS

STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2011-2013

In order to ensure the continuity of regional cooperation, stronger cooperation among MARRI Member States, as well as closer aligning regional cooperation with EU integration, MARRI defines strategy and action plan for the period 2011-2013. The main goal of the strategy paper is to define priorities in order to reflect the progress made in MARRI scope of work, to maintain continuity of previous work and to ensure full political commitment by the countries of the region and continued involvement of EU countries and relevant international organizations.

NETWORKS FOR COOPERATION

Considering the networking as an important mean for increasing the efficiency and substance of the regional cooperation, MARRI Regional Centre has developed a model for improvement of cooperation. This will reflect on national strategic priorities and contribute to coordination with activities of other international stakeholders in the migration field.

Main outputs of the improved model of cooperation are:

- Networks for cooperation for each MARRI area of work (migration, asylum and refugees, visa and consular cooperation and

border management);

- Roster of experts from MARRI Member States' national institutions managing migration.

PRIORITIES FOR 2011-2013

MARRI priorities for the future work are in line with national and EU priorities.

The following areas are considered as MARRI priorities for 2011-2013:

- Migration management (regular and irregular),
- Asylum and refugees,
- Combating trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants,
- Implementation of readmission agreements,
- Document security,
- Border management,
- Consular cooperation.

ACTION PLAN FOR 2011-2013

The Action Plan for 2011-2013 includes promotion of the project proposals developed by MARRI Regional Centre towards EU and donor community. The project proposals follow:

- MARRI Interactive Migration Map



- Assessment of Types of Identification Documents in MARRI Member States
- Building a Regionally Integrated Approach for Successful Preventing and Combating of Trafficking in Human Beings (THB)
- MARRI Migration Paper 2009-2010
- MARRI Compilation of Migration Strategic Documents
- Regional Cooperation for Circular Migration in the Western Balkans
- "Joint Comprehensive approach in Building Cooperation between MARRI Member States and SEPCA Member States' Border Police on International Airports Border Crossing Points"
- Participation in IPA Multi-beneficiary Program – MIDWEB Project.

ACTIVITIES 2011-2013

MARRI activities are divided in two phases. First phase consists of activities which will be organized during 2011, mostly focused to establishing and developing networks for cooperation and the second phase

will be specific activities designed and initiated by working groups and networks in a period 2012-2013.

MIDWEB Project - The Migration and Socio-Economic Development in the Western Balkans Project under the IPA 2009 Multi-beneficiary Programme 2 is the first project where MARRI has participated and granted by the European Commission . In this Project MARRI acts as partner with IOM, the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany and the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, Austria. The duration of the project is supposed for 22 months and will commence on 1 February 2011.



DOCUMENTS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SUSTAINABILITY OF ESTABLISHED CO-OPERATION NETWORK BETWEEN BORDER POLICE UNITS ON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BORDER CROSSING POINTS IN MARRI MEMBER STATES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

on

Sustainability of Established Co-operation Network between Border Police Units on International Airport Border Crossing Points in MARRI Member States

The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Albania, Ministry of Security - Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Interior - General Police Directorate of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia, Ministry of Interior and Public Administration of Montenegro, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia and MARRI Regional Centre (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

DESIRING to set up effective and sustainable mechanism for functioning of the established Co-operation network between Border Police on international airport border crossing points between MARRI Member States;

RECOGNIZING that the Project "Establishment of network for co-operation between border police on international airport border crossing points in MARRI Member States" has been successfully implemented by MARRI Regional Centre and that Permanent Regional Working Group has been established whose members are commanders of Border Police Units on main International Airports in MARRI Member States;

ACKNOWLEDGING that created regional co-operation network between border police on main international airport border crossing points and Permanent Regional Working Group contributed to more effective regional cooperation and information exchange, increased efficiency in secure movement of persons and goods as well as assisted in preventing/including crime/humanism and irregular migration. In duration of the Project implementation;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the existing bilateral and multilateral agreements on police cooperation, as well as the obligations of some of the Signatory Parties created through the Police Cooperation Conventions for South East Europe, agreements with FRONTEX and MoU signed in the framework of AENEAS Programme;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION that among competent authorities of the Parties currently no unique mechanism for cooperation between Border Police Units on International Airports exists.

HAVE AGREED as follows:

On 21 December 2010 a Memorandum of Understanding on Sustainability of Established Co-operation Network between Border Police Units on International Airport Border Crossing Points in MARRI Member States was signed in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia.

The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Albania, Ministry of Security - Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Interior - General Police Directorate of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia, Ministry of Interior and Public Administration of Montenegro, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia and MARRI Regional Centre have agreed the following:

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to set up effective and sustainable mechanism for functioning of the established Co-operation Network between Border Police on international airport border crossing points between MARRI Member States.

The Project "Establishment of network for co-operation between border police on international airport border crossing points in MARRI Member States" has established Permanent Regional Working Group consisting of Commanders of Border Police Units on main International Airports. Permanent Regional Working Group Members have been identified and contact information including phone and fax number, e-mail address as well as other relevant information has been exchanged between the Parties.

The Members of the Permanent Regional Working Group shall exchange information relevant to their every

day operational activities as well as other information as it is deemed necessary. The information exchange shall be conducted in full compliance with national legal and regulatory framework as well as in line with relevant international legal instruments.

The Parties agreed that the Members of Permanent Regional Working Group shall meet annually on a rotational basis. Host of the meetings shall be the Border Police Unit on international airport in MARRI Member State determined in alphabetical order starting with the Republic of Albania three months after the signing of the MoU.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- MARRI Friends Meeting/ MARRI Diplomatic Briefing (Skopje, 17 February 2011)
- Operational Heads of Airports Conference, organized by FRONTEX (Budapest, 1-3 March 2011)
- Working meeting on Asylum network among MARRI MS (Albania, March 2011)
- MARRI Committee Meeting (Albania, April 2011)
- MARRI Regional Forum (Albania, April 2011)

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