IOM in the Black Sea Region: Integrated Border Management

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- Intergovernmental organization established in 1951
- HQ in Geneva
- 132 Member States, 97 observers
- + 430 Missions
- Committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society
International Organization for Migration
Four Areas of Migration Management

- IOM works in **four broad areas** of migration management:
  - Migration and development
  - Facilitating migration
  - Regulating migration
  - Forced migration

- IOM activities that cut across these areas include the promotion of international migration law, policy debate and guidance, protection of migrants' rights, migration health and the gender dimension of migration.
Integrated Border Management (IBM)

- Ability to address border management issues cooperatively and comprehensively is a fundamental requirement for effective national governance and friendly international relations.

- Border management is linked to human development, human mobility, human rights and security.

- Efforts to enhance national and regional border management capacities have become an important development issue.
IOM’s Approach to IBM

- IOM has a comprehensive and integrated approach to boosting State capacity to manage borders effectively and efficiently.

- IOM’s approach is based on wider context of human mobility in the world.

- IOM seeks to complement and enhance national, bilateral and multilateral efforts, and to enable and expand dialogue, planning and practical cooperation among affected governments.
IOM’s Experience in IBM

- IOM has been working in the region on border management issues and implementing border-related projects funded by the EC and other donors.

- IOM has provided support and implemented a number of projects in the Western Balkans, such as:
  - Border Police Cooperation between BiH and Serbia
  - Support to Full Implementation of Integrated Border Management at the South Portion of Croatia and BiH Border
  - Capacity Building of Border Police of Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina on the Implementation of Joint Patrols
  - Strengthening Cross-border Police Co-operation at Croatia-Montenegro Border
IOM is currently implementing an EC-funded regional project “Strengthening Integrated Border Management in the Western Balkans and Turkey”, focusing on promoting regional harmonization, cooperation and coordination by:

- Supporting the development of policy and legislation on national and regional level
- Improving the understanding regarding the practicalities of IBM (through trainings targeting border police, customs officials and other relevant service staff)
- Promoting the strengthening or implementation of national IBM Strategies at border crossing point (BCP) level operations with a focus on risk analysis

Partners involved:
- Polish Border Guards
- Italian Customs Agency
- Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania
- Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development
- Finnish National Board of Customs
- Lithuanian Border Guard
- Swedish National Criminal Police / Central Border Management Service.
- Frontex (Associate)
IOM IBM Projects in Black Sea Region

- IOM is implementing the project “Support to the Development of IBM Road Map for Turkey in the Framework of EU Accession Requirements”

- Project implemented in close cooperation with the Development and Implementation IBM Unit on Border Management Legislation and Administrative Capacity (DIP/IBM Unit)

- In its first phase, the project will focus on providing technical assistance and expertise for drafting the Road Map.

- The project is expected to significantly enhance the work and delivery of the IBM Coordination Unit, and create positive synergies with the IBM regional project

Objective: to establish a replicable integrated border management system at the southern borders of Azerbaijan, incorporating relevant approaches from EU experience, through cooperation among, and capacity building of border, customs and other authorities involved in border management.

Some of the results:
- New Border Guards Training School (BGTS)
- New State Migration Service
- Establishment of a first and second document control line
- Establishment of the Data Analysis Centre
- Enhanced mobile response capacity at the green borders
- 2-day technical workshop on Establishment of Biometric Identification System for government officials
Strengthening the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine’s Human Resource Management System (HUREMAS), 2006-2008

Objective: to assist the State Border Guard of Ukraine to align itself with the Government of Ukraine’s commitment to European standards, including the transformation of the Ukrainian service to a uniformed law enforcement agency.

Some of the results:
- Two legal manuals developed
- Textbook titled “European Law-Schengen Borders Code” developed and published
- Complete assessment of legislation, training strategy, recruitment, conducted
- Conducted several study visits to Hungary and Poland
Improving Integrated Border Management: Follow-Up to Reinforcing the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine Human Resources Management (HUREMAS 2), 2008-2010

Objective: to focus on the facilitation of the State Border Guard Service (SBGS) of Ukraine legislative reform in adherence with EU/Schengen standards and best practices. The IOM continues to examine compliance between Ukraine’s border management-related legal acts and EU/Schengen standards

Some of the results:
- Training capacity and opportunities for persons aspiring to become border guard officers enhanced
- Through the SBGS’ effort to continually revise and fundamentally change its structures, career development processes strengthened
- Recruitment and public-awareness capacity reinforced
- Existing border management legislation assessed and amended, and new border management-related legislation drafted
Thank you for your attention!