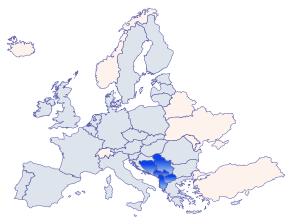# IPA II project "Regional Support to protection-Sensitive Migration Management in the Western Balkans and Turkey" (2016-2019) - Phase I

- **Geographical coverage:** Western Balkans (WB) i.e. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. **NB Turkey** participates only in regional activities.
- **Duration of the project:** 3,5 years, 1 January 2016 – 30 June 2019.
- **Total budget:** 8.25M EUR from IPA/EC instrument (**EASO approx. 1.3 MEUR**). 2 contracts (Frontex leads contract 1, IOM leads contract 2).

EASO's own budget is also mobilised to carry out complementary activities that went beyond the scope or duration of the project.

- **Overall objective:** develop a comprehensive and protection-sensitive migration management system in the Western Balkans and Turkey.
- **Specific objective:** improve the capacity of the national authorities to offer a protection-sensitive response to mixed migration flows by strengthening identification mechanism, registration, improving systematic information exchange and preparing sustainable return solutions.
- **Indirect objective:** Support to the EU accession (chapter 24 negotiations where applicable).
- **EASO has a key role in implementing activities within contract 1:**
  - Intervention 1. Strengthening identification mechanism regarding irregular migrants and asylum seekers including screening on nationality *(strong involvement of EASO).*
  - Intervention 2. Enhancing the capacity and tools of IPA II beneficiaries in the WB to perform the registration of mixed migration flows in a harmonised manner, observing future interoperability with EU/Schengen MS systems and practices, and in full respect of fundamental rights *(no specific role for EASO).*
  - Intervention 3. Setting up referral system into national mechanisms *(lead by EASO).*
  - Intervention 4. Support in establishing EU compatible systems for persons in need of international protection *(lead by EASO).*
  - Intervention 5: Establishing appropriate non-voluntary return mechanism at regional level and operational cooperation with the selected countries of origin *(no specific role for EASO).*
- **2 Roadmaps to support the establishment of an asylum and reception systems in line with EU standards with North Macedonia and Serbia established and implemented**

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

EASO's support carried out in the Western Balkans between 2016 until June 2019 (IPA or complementary funds)

BENEFICIARIES	ACTIVITY	TYPE OF INTERVENTION	AREAS	PARTICIPATION	DATES
Albania	National training on Inclusion, Tirana;	Training	INCL	17	2017.11.21-22
J - Albania, Kosovo*	National rollout of the EASO training module on Interview Techniques for Kosovo and Albania, Pristina;	Training	IT	14	2017.07.04-05
Bosnia and Herzegovina	National Training Module on Inclusion, Sarajevo;	Training	INCL	12	2018.03.05-07
Bosnia and Herzegovina	National training on Interview Techniques, Sarajevo;	Training	IT	12	2018.03.08-09
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1st scoping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina;	Scoping Mission	Scoping mission	x	2018.07.30-08.03
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Participation in the EASO TtT Evidence Assessment, Grand Harbour Valletta;	TtT	EA	2	2018.12.11-14
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2nd scoping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina;	Scoping Mission	Scoping mission	x	2018.12.03-06
J - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo	Participation in the EASO TtT Inclusion module, for officials from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo, in Estonia;	TtT	INCL	4	2017.11.14-17
Kosovo	National training on Inclusion, Pristina;	Training	INCL	15	2018.07.04-05
J - Kosovo, Albania	National training on Interview Techniques for Kosovo and Albania, Pristina;	Training	IT	14	2017.07.04-05
J -Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	Participation in the EASO TtT Inclusion module, for officials from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo, in Estonia;	TtT	INCL	4	2017.11.14-17
Montenegro	National training on Interview Techniques, Podgorica;	Training	IT	18	2017.09.13-14
Montenegro	National training on Inclusion, Belgrade;	Training	INCL	11	2017.10.11-12
North Macedonia	Gap analysis on referral mechanism and follow up mission to establish a National Roadmap to set up an asylum system in line with EU standards;	Assess. Mission	Roadmap development	x	2016.11.09-11
North Macedonia	Gap analysis on referral mechanism and follow up mission to establish a National Roadmap to set up an asylum system in line with EU standards;	Assess. Mission	Roadmap development	x	2017.01.31-02.1

North Macedonia	Gap analysis on referral mechanism and follow up mission to establish a National Roadmap to set up an asylum system in line with EU standards;	Assess. Mission	Roadmap development	x	2017.02.13-15
North Macedonia	Gap analysis on referral mechanism and follow up mission to establish a National Roadmap to set up an asylum system in line with EU standards;	Assess. Mission	Roadmap development	x	2017.04.26-27
North Macedonia	Validation meeting of the national Roadmap with North Macedonia, Skopje;	Validation meeting	Roadmap development		2017.04.17
J - North Macedonia, Serbia	Participation in the EASO Regional Train-the-Trainers' Session on the EASO Reception Module, in Belgium;	TtT	Reception	4	2017.10.03-06
J - North Macedonia, Serbia	Participation in the EASO Train the Trainer COI Module for Serbian and North Macedonian officials, Grand Harbour Valletta;	TtT	COI	4	2017.10.10-13
J - North Macedonia, Serbia	Joint workshop on the Common European Asylum System and the Asylum Procedures Directive for North Macedonia and Serbia, Belgrade;	Workshop	CEAS	14	2017.10.27
North Macedonia	On the job training on COI for officials of North Macedonia officials, Skopje;	On the Job	COI	18	2017.11.27-12.01
North Macedonia	National training on Interview Techniques, Skopje;	Training	IT	7	2018.03.22-23
North Macedonia	National Training on Inclusion, Skopje;	Training	INCL	6	2018.04.17-18
North Macedonia	Work visits to Italy in cooperation with OSCE Mission to Skopje on different areas of the asylum procedure, in Italy;	Work visit	Work visit	10	2018.07.02-06
North Macedonia	Developing of SOPs for asylum registration and the examination procedure for international protection, Skopje;	Drafting	SOP Registration and Examination	37	2018.09.17-28
North Macedonia	Third Contingency Plan Roundtable in cooperation with OSCE Mission to Skopje, Skopje;	Workshop	Contingency planning	22	2018.10.18-19
North Macedonia	Fourth Contingency Plan Roundtable in cooperation with OSCE Mission to Skopje, Skopje;	Workshop	Contingency Plan	19	2018.12.11-12
North Macedonia	On the job training on reception for North Macedonia, 5-8 March 2019, Skopje;	On the Job	Reception	14	2019.03.05-08
North Macedonia	Follow up meeting on the development of the SOPs, Skopje;	Workshop	Examination and Registration Procedure	12	2019.05.13-14
Serbia	Gap analysis on referral mechanism and follow up mission to establish a National Roadmap to set up an asylum system in line with EU standards;	Assess. Mission	Roadmap development	x	2016.12.19-21
Serbia	Gap analysis on referral mechanism and follow up mission to establish a National Roadmap to set up an asylum system in line with EU standards;	Assess. Mission	Roadmap development	x	2017.02.20-24

Serbia	Gap analysis on referral mechanism and follow up mission to establish a National Roadmap to set up an asylum system in line with EU standards;	Assess. Mission	Roadmap development	x	2017.05.03-05
Serbia	Gap analysis on referral mechanism and follow up mission to establish a National Roadmap to set up an asylum system in line with EU standards;	Assess. Mission	Roadmap development	x	2017.05.22-24
Serbia	Validation meeting of the Serbian Roadmap, Belgrade;	Meeting validation	Validation of the Roadmap	x	2017.11.08-09
Serbia	Workshops on the Common European Asylum System for Serbian judges of the Administrative Court, Belgrade;	Workshop	CEAS	19	2017.01.30-31
Serbia	Workshops on the Common European Asylum System for Serbian judges of the Administrative Court, Belgrade;	Workshop	CEAS	20	2017.07.04-05
J - North Macedonia, Serbia	EASO Regional Train-the-Trainers' Session on the EASO Reception Module, Brussels;	TtT	Reception	4	2017.10.03-06
J - North Macedonia, Serbia	Participation in the EASO TtT's on COI Module for Serbian and North Macedonia officials, Grand Harbour Valletta;	TtT	COI	4	2017.10.10-13
J - North Macedonia, Serbia	Joint workshop on the Common European Asylum System and the Asylum Procedures Directive for North Macedonia and Serbia, Belgrade;	Workshop	CEAS/APD	14	2017.10.27
Serbia	On the job training on COI for Serbian officials, Belgrade;	On the Job	COI	8	2017.11.20-24
Serbia	Workshop on the Identification of Persons with Special Needs (EASO tool) for Serbian officials, Belgrade;	Workshop	IPSN	18	2017.12.07
Serbia	Participation of Serbia in the meeting of the EASO Network of reception authorities, Grand Harbour Valletta;	Meeting	Reception	1	2018.03.06-07
Serbia	Work visit on the reception of unaccompanied children aged 15-18 for Serbian officials, 22-23 March, in the Netherlands;	Work visit	UAM	5	2018.03.22-23
Serbia	Expert mission to harmonize the SE twinning project's procedural guide for Serbia with relevant EASO tools and practical guides, Grand Harbour Valletta;			x	2018.04.24
Serbia	On the job training to introduce the relevant tools and practical guides on examination procedure, Belgrade;	On the Job	Examination procedure	8	2018.05.07-18
Serbia	On the job training to introduce the relevant tools and practical guides on reception, Belgrade;	On the Job	Reception	10	2018.05.07-18
Serbia	EASO TtT Sessions on the Training Module "Fundamental Rights and International Protection in the EU", Grand Harbour Valletta;	TtT	Fundamental Rights and International Protection in the EU	2	2018.05.29-06.01
Serbia	Participation of Serbia in the EASO-EPRA Workshop on "Prevention measures and sanction regimes in reception centres", in Poland;	Meeting	Reception	1	2018.06.06-07
Serbia	EASO National Training on Inclusion for Serbia, Belgrade	Training	INCL	9	2018.06.19-20
Serbia	National Training on EASO Interview Techniques, Belgrade;	Training	IT	11	2018.09.25-26

Serbia	National Training on EASO Evidence Assessment Module, Belgrade;	Training	EA	6	2018.09.27-28
Serbia	Participation in the EASO TtT Session on the End of Protection Module, Grand Harbour Valletta;	TtT	End of protection	2	2018.11.06-08
Serbia	Workshop to discuss the contingency planning and how to implement EASO guidelines for Serbia, Belgrade;	Workshop	Contingency	10	2018.11.13
Serbia	Participation in the EASO-EPRA NCP meeting, Brussels;	Meeting	Reception	1	2018.12.03-04
Serbia	Workshop on Admissibility Procedures, 2 April 2019, Belgrade;	Workshop	Admissibility Procedures	15	2019.04.02
Serbia	EASO Thematic Workshop on Information Provision in Reception, Sevilla;	Workshop	Reception	1	2019.05.20-22
Serbia	Work visit for the Asylum Commission, 20-24 May 2019 in Poland;	Work visit	Judges	7	2019.05.20-24
Serbia	NCP meeting EASO Network of Reception Authorities, Valletta;	Meeting	Reception	1	2019.06.12-13
Serbia	Monitoring and Evaluation system for the law on asylum, Belgrade;	Workshop	M&E	x	2019.06.20-28
Regional	Regional EASO Seminar on Identification of Persons with Special Needs, Podgorica;	Workshop	IPSN	20	2016.11.03-04
Regional	Regional EASO TtT on Interview Techniques, Podgorica;	TtT	IT	12	2016.11.22-25
Regional	Regional Seminar on EASO Country of Origin Information (COI) methodology, common EU best practices and selected countries of origin (Iran and Afghanistan), 5-6 December 2016, Tirana;	Workshop	COI	14	2016.12.05-06
Regional	Kick off discussions on the establishment of a regional practitioners' network, Podgorica;	Kick off	Practitioner's network	17	2017.05.17-18
Regional	Regional EASO Module for Managers, Podgorica;	Training	Module for Managers	15	2017.05.17-18
Regional	EASO TtT Module: Interviewing Vulnerable Persons, Podgorica;	TtT	Interviewing Vulnerable persons	12	2017.09.26-29
Regional	EASO Workshop for WB Judges, Podgorica;	Workshop	Judges	31	2017.10.09-10
Regional	Establishment of a regional practitioners' network, first meeting, Valletta;	Meeting	Practitioner's network	x	2017.11.13
Regional	Regional workshop on the use of EASO practical tools and practical guides, Valletta;	Workshop	EASO tools	22	2017.11.14
Regional	Pilot regional adaptation Workshop of EASO tools and practical guides (EASO guidance on Reception conditions, EASO practical tool for First-Contact Officials on Access to the Asylum Procedure, EASO practical guides on Personal Interview and Evidence Assessment, EASO tool for Identification of Persons with Special Needs), Valletta;	Workshop	EASO tools	10	2018.02.05-08
Regional	Regional workshop to discuss the establishment of country factsheets on COI (with IOM) + Practitioners' Network Meeting on COI – 2nd roundtable, Belgrade;	Workshop	COI	x	2018.06.21
Regional	Second regional professional seminar for Western Balkan judges on CEAS and QD, Durres;	Workshop	CEAS	30	2018.07.24-26

Regional	Regional workshop on the EASO-Frontex practical tools for first-contact officials on the Access to the Asylum procedure, Skopje;	Workshop	AtP	x	2018.11.13
Regional	Regional workshop to present progress/results of activities in the framework of a Roadmap, Malta;	Workshop	Roadmaps development	16	2019.06.12-14
Horizontal	Annual National Steering Committee (2016, 2017 and 2018) for each WB administrations	NSC	Steering Committee	x	2016/2017/2018
Horizontal	Annual Regional Steering Committee (2016, 2017, 2018)	NSC	Steering Committee	x	2016/2017/2018
Horizontal	IPA Closing Conference and Regional Steering Committee meeting, Phase I, Belgrade	NSC	Steering Committee	x	2019.05.15 and 16
MARRI	Regional Policy Meeting in cooperation with the Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative (MARRI), Valletta;	Meeting	MARRI	x	2017.11.15
MARRI	Meeting with MARRI on future cooperation and possible EASO technical assistance, Grand Harbour Valletta;	Meeting	MARRI	x	2018.12.17
MARRI	Assessment mission on trainings in the WB and regional training functions in MARRI, Multiple location;	Assess. Mission	Trainings	x	2019.04-05

List of Abbreviations

Assess. Mission	Assessment Mission
AtP	Access to Asylum Procedure
CEAS	Common European Asylum System
COI	Country of Origin
EA	Evidence Assessment
INCL	Inclusion
IPSN	Identification of persons with special needs
IT	Interview Techniques
J	Joint activity
MARRI	Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative
NSC	National Steering Committee
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
TtT	Train-the-Trainers
UAM	Unaccompanied minors