







<u>IPA II project 'Regional Support to Protection-Sensitive</u> <u>Migration Management systems in the Western Balkans and</u> <u>Turkey' (July 2019 – June 2021) – Phase II</u>

- 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: 2 years, 1 July 2019 31 June 2021
- Total budget: 6.475M EUR from IPA/EC instrument and EASO's contract 3 approx. 1.4M EUR. 3 others partners for the overall programme: Frontex, IOM and UNHCR.
 - EASO's own budget is also mobilised to carry out complementary activities that go beyond the scope or duration of the project.
- Overall objective: To develop and operationalise a comprehensive migration management system in the IPA II beneficiaries focused on protection, resilience and human rights promotion.
- **Specific objective**: To further build institutional capacities and operations of the relevant institutions coming in first and second points of contact with migrants and persons in need of international protection that is in full respect of fundamental rights and international standards.
- Indirect objective: Support to the EU accession (chapter 24 negotiations where applicable).
- EASO has a key role in implementing activities contributing to the following results:

Result 1: Identification, registration and referral of mixed migration flows at first and second points of contact and within the territory as well as prescreening, screening on nationalities improved.

Result 2: Improved Asylum procedures that take vulnerabilities into consideration and are in line with EU standards in all Western Balkans.

The project will also address the following results (but EASO not directly involved):

- Result 3. Information exchange mechanisms on non-personal information and data set up, and data gathering, analysis, coordination and transparency with regards to migration and asylum enhanced, incorporating coherent and consistent data on labour migration to, from, and within the region, in line with the relevant EU standards.
- Result 4. Return mechanisms (Voluntary and non-voluntary) as well as operational cooperation established at regional level, and along with the selected countries of origin.
- Result 5: More resilient local communities created and improved social cohesion between dwellers and asylum seekers, refugees, migrants, people in need of international protection and persons with other protection needs (such as unaccompanied minor, potential victim of trafficking in human beings or other).

Specific EASO deliverables: 4 Roadmaps to support the establishment or further development of asylum and reception systems in line with EU standards with North Macedonia, Serbia, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

EASO's target groups: Asylum case workers but also social workers, reception officers, policy makers, first contact officials and members of second and final instance of Courts and Tribunals.

Modalities of support: trainings (EASO curriculum and operational training TBC), study visits, on-the-job coaching, technical assistance missions (such as legislative reviews, M&E etc.), thematic workshops, translations etc.

^{*} 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.









