

Concept Note

EUROMED Migration V & Swiss Support to Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (Phase III)

Learning Session on Professionalisation of Capacities: Gender and Human Rights Mainstreaming in Integrated Border Management

23 November 2022

Context: How Gender and Border Management are Connected

‘Effective border management strategies acknowledge the importance of a gender perspective and integrate gender equality mechanisms into all border security functions. Failing to take into account the gendered needs of those who cross borders may result in poor decision-making, affecting individuals’ rights and opportunities, and ultimately national and international security.’¹

Similarly, border agencies that discriminate based on gender fail to comply with international human rights standards, and thereby undermine their effectiveness in doing their jobs. The more leadership is informed and committed to gender architecture, the sooner institutional change can happen.

In order for gender mainstreaming to be adopted in border management, activities need to apply catered methodologies and approaches to ensure thematic relevance, sustained impact of knowledge transfer and firm alignment on national and regional priorities and recommendations.

Objective

The overall objective of the joint EUROMED Migration V and Swiss Support to Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (Phase III) capacity development session is to enhance the capacities of the border and security agencies’ officials to implement a rights-based approach to border and migration management.

The joint session will aim at capitalising on the knowledge and expertise of the Swiss Support to Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (Phase III) project, and will contribute to achieve the expected results of the EUROMED Migration V Component 2, dedicated to knowledge management and development, national stability and social cohesion.

The session will be organised during the Border Management Conference held in Amman on 23 and 24 November 2022, in coordination with the Jordanian Ministry of Interior, to ensure relevant

¹ <https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/c/4/447049.pdf>



stakeholders from EMM5 participating countries may benefit from the knowledge opportunity. In particular, the session will aim:

- a. To present results and achievements of the Swiss Support to Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (Phase III) project, and good practices developed in collaboration with the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), with a specific focus on the modernisation effort to create the Gender Unit at the LAF.
- b. To illustrate specific professionalisation activities implemented through the project as to contribute to peer exchange, experience sharing and knowledge development in the mainstreaming of human rights and gender in border management policies and actions implemented at national level. In particular, present a sample of the training on gender awareness that is planned to be integrated into the curriculum of LAF. The demonstration will be done by the trainers trained by ICMPD (through ToT).

The sessions will therefore showcase the professionalisation of capacities towards a more rights-based approach of border management in Lebanon. Through the abovementioned objectives, the session aims to create an open space for dialogue and exchange of ideas and lessons learned, allowing national stakeholders to observe how specific interventions support creating a more unified interactive approach towards gender mainstreaming and a rights-based approach in border management.

Proposed interventions

- i. Colonel Marwa Saoud (Head of Gender Department at LAF) – 25 minutes
- ii. Captain Ahmad Nasser Aldein (LAF Trainer) – 10 minutes on the importance of Gender Awareness and mainstreaming at the LAF
- iii. Adjutant Nada Rifai (Trainer from NCO Institute) – 10 minutes on Gender Awareness
- iv. Mr. Tomas Skrinar (Human Rights expert) – 15 minutes on Human Rights

Swiss Support to Integrated Border Management in Lebanon (Phase III) project

The overall objective of the project is to enhance the capacities of the Lebanese border and security agencies to implement a rights-based approach to border and migration management, contributing to national stability and social cohesion. Through its three objectives, this project aims to develop, expand and strengthen capacities of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) Non-commissioned Officers Institute (NCO), LAF Military Academy and the General Security Civil Military Cooperation (CIMIC) Unit. The activities linked to the objectives are being carried out by maintaining capacity at the heart of partnerships with the local security agencies.



About EUROMED Migration V

EUROMED Migration V (EMM5: 2020-2023) is a programme funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). It supports EU Member States and the European Neighbourhood Instrument Southern Partner Countries (ENI SPCs) in establishing a comprehensive, constructive and operational dialogue and co-operation framework on migration, with a particular focus on reinforcing instruments and capacities to develop and implement evidence-based migration policies.

EMM5 builds upon the results of its first four phases (2004-2020) and tailors its activities around facilitating effective North-South and South-South regional dialogues and cooperation within the thematic areas identified in the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM): legal migration, irregular migration, migration and development and international protection in addition to cross cutting topics such as migration governance and communication on migration.

EMM5 aims to foster rights-based migration governance systems by consolidating and expanding cooperation between European Neighbourhood Instrument South Partner Countries and European Union Member States (EU MS) as well as among ENI SPCs themselves. It sets out to do so through three distinct yet complementary components, aligned and integrated to enhance and reinforce one another, namely: Dialogue, Knowledge and Communications.

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ICMPD 5th Border Management Conference

The International Border Management Conference is the annual flagship border governance event organised by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). Organised since 2018 in close cooperation with ICMPD's main partners, the conference brings together practitioners, policy makers, donors and experts from public institutions, agencies, international and regional organisations and private entities to engage in dialogue on state-of-the-art developments, good practice and the latest trends and research related to the field of border governance.

