



Tools and instruments for data collection and policy development

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Incentives for policy reform

- acceptance that not-leaving-the-country is no alternative to migration and that migration cannot be stopped
- alternatives to avoid permanent migration – particularly as most migrants initially do not intend to leave their country forever



Main policy directions of the Government:

- To create effective mechanisms for management and **monitoring of migration flows**;
- Supporting and deploying strategies to promote **remittances** as a lever for development;
- To enhance the **linkages** of the Government with **Diaspora** and its contribution to the development of the country;
- To favour **legal mobility** of labour force;
- To enhance the **human rights of migrants and their families** (protection mechanisms for most vulnerable migrants, especially victims of trafficking and unaccompanied minors);
- To ensure the **social protection** of the migrants;



EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership

Tool of the Global Approach of Migration

- Pilot Mobility partnership concluded in 2008: conceived as an open-ended instrument based on political dialogue
- 15 EU MS, European Commission, Frontex, European Training foundation
- 70 initiatives (23 initiatives have been implemented, 47 projects under implementation and 10 new initiatives were launched this year)
- Sources of financing: ENPI, Thematic Programme for Cooperation with third countries in the areas of migration and asylum, Bilateral financial assistance from the EU member states, national sources.



EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership

Objectives:

- Facilitating well-managed legal migration opportunities and their benefits
- Fighting illegal migration, protecting refugees and tackling the root causes of migration
- Investments of migrant remittances and local area support
- Limiting negative effects of migration
- National Migration Management System consolidation;
- Reintegration and return programs
- Diaspora consolidation
- Enhancing the cooperation between EU and Moldova in migration sphere
- Visa dialogue
- Social protection benefits

Examples of Projects within MP

- Strengthening the MD capacity to manage labour and return migration within the framework of the MP
- Strengthening of Moldova's Capacity to manage labour market and return migrants (Job fairs,
- Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of MP
- Better managing the mobility of health professionals in the RM
- Project "out of country voting"
- Programme PARE 1+1
- Capacity building for the RM Gov. in Diaspora programming
- Small and medium grant program for Diaspora
- Remittances Developing Moldovan communities – sustainable use of remittances by generating local income
- Development of the professional training and education system in Moldova
- Addressing the negative effects of migration on minors and families left behind



Migration Profile within the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership

- GFMD Athens 2009 – further development of Migration Profile approach recommended
- MD has acknowledged the utility of the Migration Profile with implementing an Extended Migration Profile
- As an **activity** within the Mobility Partnership



Key functions of the Migration Profile

- **Data collection tool** – identifying data gaps, enhancing data collection, analysis and sharing
- **Capacity-building tool** – empowering the Government to take ownership of the regular updating of the Migration Profile
- **Policy tool** – promoting a greater coherence and a more comprehensive approach to migration planning and policies
- **Reference tool** for supporting EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership – monitoring and evaluating the impact of the implemented initiatives



Specific features of the Migration Profile exercise in Moldova

- **Extended** M.P.: strong capacity building components geared towards achieving national ownership of the instrument
- Focus on the **process**, rather than on the output
- **Mainstreaming migration** into strategic development policies
- Special needs-based chapters to be prepared: the diaspora mapping exercise and profiling of special needs of the children and elderly left behind
- Tool to **monitor** and evaluate the implementation of the Mobility Partnership
- Enhancing data exchange with destination countries, including through twinning exercises



Technical Working Group (TWG)

Composition:

Members: 12 public institutions (policy makers/data users and data producers)

Observers: International development partners (UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, ILO, WB), EU Member States, other destination countries of Moldovan migrants

4 sessions of the TWG were organised

National Commission on Population and Development (NCPD) joined the TWG, given its mandate for coordination of the domain of population and development and demographic security and close coordination is ensured between the process of elaboration of the EMP and work of the NCPD.



Technical Working Group (TWG)

Functions:

- Platform for inter-agency dialogue between data users and producers to jointly assess the existing data and statistical capacity
- Guiding and supervising the entire implementation process
- Formulating recommendations addressing the issues of information sharing, capacity-building and coherent policy development related to migration
- Help identifying gaps in the currently collected migration data
- Providing inputs regarding indicators to be included during the development of the template for establishing the Migration Profile
- Supporting the expert team in the research and data collection activities, facilitating the access to the data
- Supporting the development of a national data management and dissemination strategy
- Designing and promoting policy options to increasingly manage migration for the benefit of national development, inclusive of the PRSP framework
- Approving capacity-building measures in mainstreaming migration into development plans, data collection and management
- Identifying a national institution which will take over the responsibility for the Migration Profile's regular updating
- Discussing the perspective and feasibility of utilising the Migration Profile as a tool for monitoring and evaluating the impact of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership

Preliminary results of the EMP

- The concept and the list of Migration Profile activities has been defined
- The international and local expert team started work, having carried out three field missions
- The MP work in progress and preliminary results were presented within GFMD meeting in Mexico (2010)
- Cooperation with all the relevant stakeholders has been initiated
- An assessment was undertaken of the existing data collection and analysis mechanisms, needs of data users, resources and data needed to update an EMP on a regular basis
- A draft Data assessment report was produced, presenting the findings of the assessment, including recommendations on how to improve the current data collection and information sharing with international/ European principles
- The core and non-core/country specific indicators were drafted and approved, in the light of the Data assessment report and international standards on migration statistics, including not only information on migration trends, but also on the broader development and institutional context related to migration, and the labour market
- Guidelines for producing missing data needed for the migration profile were developed
- Strategy/plan for national production, updating and disseminating of the Migration Profile to data users was proposed

Preliminary results of the EMP

- Based on the suggested Strategy for regular update of the EMP:
- Bureau for Migration and Asylum, Ministry of Interior will take ownership of the EMP Decision of the last NCPD meeting (3 October 2011)
- Special methodology to estimate the international migration flows using a data base with information about the border crossing was approved
- Ministry of Information Technology and Communication with National Bureau for statistics will draft and new statistical templates regarding the international migration flows and general register of population according to the international standards (according to the specific EMP indicators)

Next steps

- Decision of the Government on the ownership of the EMP should be taken at the recommendation of the NCPD
- Update and revision of the Integrated Informational System in the field of Migration and Asylum
- Compilation of the first Migration Profile Report;
- Implementation of capacity-building activities needed for an effective take-over of the tool by the Government & for regular update of the EXP
- Improve inter and intra agency coordination & cooperation & information exchange for the regular update of the EXP
- Initiate the evaluation exercise of the impact of the implementation of the Mobility Partnership as a tool of the Global Approach for Migration

Framework of implementation of the EMP

- EMP benchmark and priority within:
- National Strategy for Migration and Asylum (2011 – 2020) and it's implementation Action Plan (2011 – 2015)
- EU-Moldova Action Plan for visa liberalisation
- EU-Moldova Association Agreement



Questions & Answers



Thank you!