

PROGRAMME CONCEPT NOTE
Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021

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Basic information

Programme title: Home Affairs

Programme Areas: *PA 18: Asylum and Migration*
PA20: International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime
PA23: Disaster Prevention and Preparedness

Area(s) of support: PA18

- *National systems for asylum and migration management, including voluntary return*
- *Services to help asylum seekers to exercise their basic rights*

PA 20

- *Cooperation between national and international law enforcement authorities*
- *Efficiency of cooperation between law enforcement authorities in fighting organized crime*
- *Cooperation between authorities and relevant stakeholders (NGOs, general public, vulnerable groups)*
- *Combating transnational crime, including cybercrime, trafficking and smuggling of human beings and itinerant criminal groups*
- *Combating hate crime and violent extremism*
- *Combating domestic and gender-based violence*
- *Combating economic crime, money laundering and corruption*
- *Effectiveness of the police system and its performance*

PA 23

- *Risk and vulnerability competence and capacity*
- *Prevention and reduction of existing and new risks and vulnerability*
- *Disaster and crisis risk resilience*

Special concerns in the MoU:

- *No more than 60 per cent of the total eligible expenditure of the programme shall be allocated for infrastructure (hard measures).*
- *This programme shall contribute to the improvement of the situation for the Roma population and shall contribute towards the target set in section 2 “Specific Concerns” – 10% of the budget.*
- *In developing the concept note and during the implementation of the programme, the Programme Operator (PO) shall seek to ensure synergies with the programme Justice in order to strengthen the justice chain, inter alia regarding access to justice, good governance, gender based violence and trafficking in human beings.*
- *Synergies between the Programme Areas within this programme shall be explored during the concept note phase and implementation of the programme.*
- *The projects shall enhance the interaction and cooperation with relevant authorities and organisations.*



Programme *Total* € 28,235,294

Grant:

Norway € 24,000,000
Grants

Programme *Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA)*
Operator:

Donor Programme *Norwegian Ministry of Justice (NMoJ)*
Partner(s): *National Police Directorate (POD)*
 Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB)
 Norwegian Directorate for Immigration (UDI)

Other Programme *Council of Europe (CoE) – International Partner Organization (IPO)*
Partner(s):

Summary of the programme

The programme consists of three programme areas, including five predefined projects and three open calls with following budgets, modalities and main activities:

1. **PA18 - Asylum and Migration** with a budget of €5,882,353 with one predefined project and one open call. The main activities under this PA will be to
 - a. Establish two contingency reception centers for migrants with a capacity of 1000 migrants,
 - b. Improve the quality and capacity in two reception centers for asylum seekers,
 - c. Improve the knowledge through training of 1617 officials in asylum related matters, as country of origin information.
2. **PA20 - International police cooperation and combating crime** with a budget of €11,764,706 with two predefined projects. The main activities under this PA will be to:
 - a. Deploy 30 Romanian police officers to Norway to support investigation of cross-border crimes,
 - b. Modernize the national fingerprinting system to increase its capacity and act in line with EU regulations,
 - c. Establish a specialized unit within the police to combat hate crime and enhance the knowledge in this area within the police by training 600 police officers
 - d. Establish a specialized unit within the police to combat economic crimes and train 400 police officers in this area
3. **PA23 - Disaster prevention and preparedness** with a budget of €10,000,000 with two predefined projects and two open calls. The main activities under this PA will be to:
 - a. Enhance the capacity and competences by improving the training facilities,
 - b. Train a total of 790 officers in emergencies, search and rescue and nuclear security

Programme justification and description

As reported by Europol, the South Eastern region of Europe has seen an expansion of criminal activity in recent years, as a result of increased trafficking via the Black Sea, proliferation of numerous Balkan routes for illicit commodities to and from the EU, and a significant increase in illegal immigration via Greece. These developments in the region have contributed to a Balkan axis for trafficking to the EU, consisting of the Western Balkans and South East Europe. Criminal groups in this region are seeking to expand their interests in the EU, and may exploit opportunities in the possible accession of Bulgaria and