

EASO DGMM COOPERATION



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
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MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

Working together towards
strengthening international protection

Building a stronger partnership

The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the Turkish Directorate General for Migration Management (DGMM) have been working together on matters related to asylum since 2014. This collaboration has been reinforced with the successful implementation of two cooperation instruments: a pilot Roadmap in September 2017 – February 2018 followed by an expanded Roadmap in February 2018 - June 2019. Under this framework, EASO has supported the staff in DGMM and in the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMMs), with a view to improve their knowledge and working methodology in the asylum process, especially on matters concerning vulnerable groups. EASO and DGMM are building on these successful experiences to implement a new, enhanced Roadmap for the period 2019-2021.



Selected results (2014-2019):

The two Roadmaps have delivered **34 EASO training sessions** to over **200 Turkish participants**, including **23 Train-the-Trainer sessions**. As a result, DGMM now disposes of a pool of **40 trainers for EASO training modules**. In order to enhance the expertise of DGMM's Country of Origin Information (COI) Working Group, EASO has organised **four COI events on Somalia, Iraq, Pakistan, and Palestine** attended by over 100 DGMM/PDMM migration experts and caseworkers. EASO's **practical tool on the Identification of Persons with Special Needs (IPSN)** has been translated and piloted by Turkish caseworkers. Moreover, EASO and DGMM have jointly developed a **Contingency plan**, which should help DGMM and other stakeholders further improve their response to emergency situations characterised by a sudden inflow of third country nationals. Finally, EU+ countries have taken advantage of this established EASO-DGMM cooperation to promote exchanges at technical level with DGMM, with a view to improving asylum policies and services and facilitating efficient and protection-sensitive implementation of asylum procedures.

Planned cooperation under new Roadmap (2019-2021):

The cooperation between EASO and Turkey is based on a long-term perspective, which provides solid ground to support DGMM and strengthen its capacity. Following the positive review of the first two Roadmaps, EASO and DGMM have agreed to renew and further expand their cooperation under a **new Roadmap**, which will run for 2 years (**September 2019 – August 2021**).



The areas of cooperation include:

Country of Origin Information: establishment of a COI report methodology based on international best practices and improvement of the DGMM COI Working Group staff's knowledge and capacity;

Training System: national rollout of EASO training modules adapted to Turkish legislation and establishment of a pool of national trainers;

Decision Centres and Mobile Units: support to training activities and delivery of a quality assurance system based on EASO methodological tools;

Information analysis and management: development of an information exchange system for qualitative data and production of joint asylum-related analytical reporting;

Persons with Special Needs: establishment of a pool of experts on PSN and delivery of tools to help address effectively the special needs of applicants for international protection;

Contingency planning: further development and testing of a Turkish Migration Contingency Response Plan (GAMP) under various protection-related scenarios.

In the implementation of the Roadmap, EASO cooperates closely with the EU Delegation in Ankara, Member States, FRONTEX, and other partners such as UNHCR, IOM and ICMPD. This coordination is indispensable to provide added value and avoid duplication of efforts.

Selected Results (2014-2019):

200

Number of participants in EASO training sessions

34

Number of EASO asylum-related trainings delivered

100

Number of Turkish asylum officials benefitting from Country of Origin Information events on Somalia, Iraq, Pakistan, and Palestine

31

Number of EASO tools translated and/or developed for DGMM



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