Reinforcing the Capacities of the Government of Georgia in Border and Migration Management ("More for More")

Expert consultancies and study visits to EU Member States conducted by IOM

14 December 2013 – 1 March 2016
Component 1: Integrated Border Management

Component 2: Combating Irregular Migration

UNITED KINGDOM

- A document expert from the UK conducted training on document inspection for officials of Georgia’s Revenue Service (RS) in September 2014. He returned to Georgia in December 2015 to carry out training for Patrol Police and Forensic Laboratory staff in Batumi.
- A UK-based consultant conducted training on smuggling of migrants for Georgian law enforcement personnel (October 2014) and the management of migrant detention centres in the framework of migrant rights’ protection (November 2014). He is scheduled to return to Georgia in March 2016 to conduct training for prosecutors, Criminal Police and Revenue Service officials on investigating smuggling of migrants.
- The Border Force of the U.K. hosted a study visit from 25-29 May 2015 for a delegation from the Georgian Revenue Service dedicated to risk management. The delegation visited Birmingham airport, Coventry International postal hub and the port at Felixstowe.
- From 2-6 November 2015 a Sofia-based expert from the UK visited Georgia to carry out a training needs assessment with a view to preparing a revised training curriculum for the MIA Academy for basic training (4 hours) and advanced training (also 4 hours in duration) on the issue of combatting drugs trafficking.
- The Integrated Border Management Expert from the UK based at the IOM office in Tbilisi regularly conducts training for Georgian government officials. During this reporting period he conducted the following courses:
  - Interviewing skills in the border setting and general presentation skills for officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) and the Revenue Service (RS).
  - Additionally he delivered training on Travel Document Security and Fraud on 1 April 2015 for officials to be posted overseas from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
  - On 14 and 17 April 2015 in Tbilisi and Kutaisi respectively he delivered training in Document Fraud and Identity Management for officials from the Ministry of Justice’s Public Service Halls and followed suit on 13 October in Batumi. Additional training courses in all other Public Service Halls in Georgia are scheduled starting from November 2015 onwards.
The expert also delivered training courses on Migrant Smuggling from 5-6 May 2015 for judges from across Georgia and from 1-2 July 2015 for Georgian prosecutors, both in Tbilisi. A second course on smuggling of migrants for prosecutors was delivered from 28-30 October 2015 in Batumi.

In December 2015 and February 2016 he delivered Travel Document Security and impostor detection training for the Revenue Service of Georgia at Sarpi and Tbilisi respectively.

THE NETHERLANDS

- Document experts from the Netherlands conducted document examination courses for specialists in the Patrol Police and Forensics Department in the MIA in October and November 2014.
- The Migration Department of the MIA hosted training for 18 of its officials from 22-26 June 2015. The expert from the Netherlands has extensive experience of running migrant accommodation centres and was able to provide guidance concerning Standard Operating Procedures, conflict avoidance and increasing good communication between those working and staying in the centre. This expert is poised to return in June 2016 to continue providing expert contributions on the management of migrant detention centres and how to deal in practice with the principle of family unity.
- A Netherlands-based academic expert from the University of Maastricht acted as anchor person in the first “Migration & Development” workshop held in Tbilisi on 30 June 2015.
- IOM has continued negotiations with the Immigration and Naturalisation Service of the Netherlands to support the development of a core group of document experts in the Patrol Police Department. Dutch experts delivered intermediate training to this group of Georgian experts in September 2015 in Tbilisi followed by advanced training for 8 selected officers in the Netherlands from 9 November 2015.
- Document experts from the Netherlands will deliver training in May 2016 to officials from the Public Services Development Agency to raise their skills in determining the authenticity of civil acts.

BELGIUM

- Two experts visited Georgia from 6-8 October 2015 to engage with various departments from the Ministry of Internal Affairs concerning intelligence led policing. It has been recommended that the
Georgian authorities start producing a regular assessment report on the various existing threats, including future trends and emerging threats, based on intelligence-led policing and continuous evaluation. The aim of the expert mission was to discuss possible challenges in the implementation of recommendations and to set future plans.

**POLAND**

- A study visit on risk analysis for 7 Georgian MIA officials to Poland took place in November 2014.
- One expert in Risk Analysis visited Georgia from 18-22 May 2015. His mission was fact finding to produce a report with recommendations, but he also added his expertise to the drafting of the Georgian Action Plan for a centralized risk analysis function at MIA headquarters.
- A follow-up visit by this expert to further contribute to the development of risk analysis methodology planning took place in Georgia in February 2016, including in the scope of the State Commission on Migration Issues.
- From 1-5 June 2015 a Polish expert trained Revenue Service officials in search and inspection.

**ESTONIA**

- In February 2015 IOM accompanied a Georgian delegation on a study visit to Estonia to study in detail the practices concerning the management of migration-related data and appropriate system development for data processing and analytical purposes.
- In October 2015 a delegation from the Ministry of Internal Affairs visited Estonia to observe risk analysis approaches. The visit will support the existing work being carried out in Georgia by the IOM enlisted Polish expert.
FINLAND

- A study visit to Finland took place from 15-19 June 2015 for officials of the Operational-Technical Department of the MIA. The thematic scope of this visit was the management of green border defense by means of specialized technical equipment. This visit preceded the procurement and installation of the equipment that the EU will procure under the “More for More” project for the green border between Georgia and Turkey.
- A border expert has been identified to carry out an assessment of the Georgian Border Police induction training curriculum at a date to be finalised in March 2016.

ROMANIA

- From 14-16 July 2015 a police officer from Romania, expert in the combat of trafficking in children, provided expertise to a multi-disciplinary workshop dedicated to developing the role of law enforcement in combating the exploitation of street children. Subsequently, he shared his expertise with 40 officials from the Patrol Police, Criminal Police and Prosecutor’s Office concerning the roles of front-line officers and investigators.

ITALY

- Two Italian experts delivered training in Georgia in December 2015 for Revenue Service officials in body language analysis for border operations.
LITHUANIA

- IOM negotiates with a Lithuanian expert to conduct training in May 2016 for experts of the MIA Forensics Main Division on the specifics of preparation of chemical samples for forensic examinations.

FRANCE

- IOM has agreed with the French Police Liaison Officer in Georgia and a private company in France to organize a study visit in May 2016 for document experts of the MIA Forensics Main Division on the specifics of producing and printing high-security documents, in the framework of IOM’s programme of capacity building in document inspection and examination.

Annex 1: ROSTER OF REQUIRED CONSULTANCIES / Update 1 March 2016