

# NORTH MACEDONIA

## PARTICIPATING UN ORGANIZATIONS



## KEY PARTNERS

Ministry of Interior; State Statistical Office; Ministry of Labor and Social Policy; Cabinet of the Minister without Portfolio (Minister for Diaspora); Ministry of Information Society and Public Administration; National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia; Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative; Macedonian Young Lawyers Association; European Policy Institute; Reactor-Research in Action; Local communities.

## BUDGET (USD)

1,500,000

## DURATION (MONTHS)

30

## MOST RELEVANT SDG GOALS



## STATUS

Joint Programme funded



## JOINT PROGRAMME

Evidence-based migration policy planning and discourse in North Macedonia

## SUMMARY

North Macedonia is affected by strong mixed migration movements but lacks reliable data on which to build its migration policy. The joint programme will strengthen national capacity to collect, share and analyse data and support the development of an evidence-based migration policy. The joint programme will also focus on using evidence gathered to raise awareness about migration amongst the general public and prevent xenophobia and stigmatization of migrants and refugees.

The initial needs assessment was carried out through a consultative process during which the UN agencies and the national government were actively engaged. With the emphasis placed on data exchange amongst key institutions and the active involvement of the State Statistical Office and three different ministries, this joint programme is strongly anchored on the whole of government principle. The joint programme also integrates the whole of society dimension as evidenced by engagement with various stakeholders including regional intergovernmental organizations, national civil society organizations, think-thanks, private sector, academia and local communities.

Complementarities with existing or planned programmes have been identified and will guarantee sustainability. In particular, the joint programme will ensure the integration of the migration dimension in key existing data collection mechanisms such as the upcoming census and the annual labour force survey.

Innovation is also very present through the support provided to the country in experimenting for the first time with the usage of large sets of proxy data, or "big data".