

MARRI MIGRATION PAPER 2012

The MARRI Migration Paper 2012 represents an effort of the MARRI Member States and MARRI RC to make a comprehensive overview and analysis of the state of play of migration and related areas within the MARRI scope of work. The analyzed period of time consists of last three years.

Taking into consideration that the migration is a dynamic process interlinked and interdependent with different areas, this paper aims at performing a thorough analysis of the achievements and progress made as well as gaps and obstacles encountered in the MARRI migration management during the period covered by this project. This paper also aims at providing recommendations for the future.

The present paper builds on the MARRI RC questionnaires answered by the MARRI member states relevant authorities, such as the Ministries of Interior, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministries of Labour and Social Affairs etc.

The questionnaire consists of ten chapters of equal importance as follows: National migration management organization in the MARRI member states; Country overview on illegal migration, combating trafficking and smuggling of human beings; Overview of asylum systems in the MARRI member states; Overview of types of identity and travel documents in the MARRI member states; Visa questionnaire; Refugees/displaced persons in the MARRI member states; Overview of personal data protection standards in the MARRI member states; Overview of labour migration management in the MARRI member states; Diaspora matters in the MARRI member states; and Overview of technical aspects of implementation of readmission agreements in the MARRI member states.

The answers developed by the relevant national authorities helped analyze all the above-mentioned areas, placing special focus on the analysis of the MARRI member states illegal migration management, document security, efficiency of law-enforcement cooperation and border management.

Bearing in mind that the migration process is of high importance for the national interests of the MARRI member states, the main objective of this paper is to help the MARRI member states national authorities, institutions and agencies, as well as the civil society, enhance and improve their capacities, better orient the migration management policies, strengthen the regional and international cooperation, adapt to the new developments and comply with the European Union standards.