

## **Migration for development in the Western Balkans (MIDWEB)**

The project “Migration for Development in the Western Balkans” started on 1st February 2011 and lasted until November 2012.

This was an EC Project, under IPA MB Program in which MARRI RC, as a partner with IOM, was directly involved for the first time.

Its beneficiaries were migrants, societies and governments in the Western Balkan region and the communities in EU Member States who benefit from migrant’s skills.

The overall objective of the project was to support informed migration from the Western Balkans (WB) to the EU Member States and to contribute to the positive impact of labor migration on socio-economic development in the Western Balkans.

The specific objectives were:

- To strengthen the capacity of Migrant Service Centre (MSCs) in the WB in order to facilitate the entry of potential migrants to the labor markets in the EU, and reinsertion of returning skilled migrants;
- To provide opportunities for return of skilled people and human capital and foster partnership between countries of origin and destination.

Main activities were:

- To promote and support cooperation initiatives between the relevant actors in EU Member States and in the WB to facilitate the entry of potential migrants to the labor markets in the EU and the WB;
- To develop measures to facilitate the return of skilled labour forces, reintegrating them into their society and supporting the dissemination of new acquired skills.

The main output of the Project was establishment of effective regional co-operation network among Migration Services Centre in the WB in order to facilitate the entry of potential migrants to the labor markets in the EU and reinsertion of returning skilled migrants.

MARRI Regional Centre performed the role of supporting agency for the implementation of the Project.

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