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Second Joint Training/ Workshop  
„What Border Police gets and needs from MARRI”  
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## CONCLUSIONS

The Participants were:

- informed about ongoing MARRI RC reform activities and planned actions in the upcoming period,
- presented with the second cycle of the Project ‘Support of cooperation among border police in the Southeast Europe’ BOARDAIRPOL II, financed by the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, that will be implemented by MARRI RC until June 2018,
- presented with practical experiences from the EU Member States (Bulgaria and Romania) in negotiating Chapter 24.

The Participants assessed that MARRI:

- represents an excellent regional mechanism to provide need based outputs to national authorities in charge of border security, especially in managing migration flows;
- represents adequate format for work on harmonisation of national legislation with EU acquis, in particular in the context of the EU accession process related to the Chapter 24; training of border security officers, institutional building, upgraded and more efficient information exchange among border authorities in Western Balkans, taking into consideration our common obligation from the EU accession process in the Chapter 24
- leading role in the implementation of this Project and future ones shall enable all interested parties to intensify cooperation with international and regional organizations and initiatives meeting the needs of the border authorities;
- efforts to enhance regional cooperation through BOARDAIRPOL II should not overlap with the similar efforts of other regional or international initiatives and organizations in charge in border security issues, but creating synergetic effect with their efforts

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Participants recognised the need for a comprehensive approach in dealing with border police matters and intra-agency cooperation and launched following specific initiatives to be considered and developed within the MARRI format and mandate:

1. **Albania:** welcomed and supported MARRI plan to involve, in capacity of observers, other countries affected by the migration crisis such as: Italy, Greece, Hungary, Austria and Turkey
2. **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** proposed receiving assistance in screening draft laws and bylaws in the context of Chapter 24 of the EU membership negotiation process; support in acquiring technical assistance to setting up regional standards for biometric data processing; support for standardization of border video surveillance in order to prevent illegal entries; assistance to intensify cooperation and activities of the Network of commanders at the International airports.
3. **Moldova:** proposed receiving assistance in understanding standards and requests related to border security by training police officers; assistance in meeting the standards of the Schengen countries; enhancing institutional efforts to fight all forms of organized crime by organizing Study visits to WB countries in order to learn from best practices.
4. **Montenegro:** proposed establishing of Regional network of Commanders of land border units in order to perform joint operations; daily exchange of data and information related to migrant flows via MARRI protected web page; preparation of a draft regional project of electronic surveillances system to be presented to potential donors.
5. **Serbia:** proposed more intensive MARRI involvement in creation of regional polices, legislation and activities related to readmission of migrants who do not fulfill criteria for refugee status; anti-trafficking of human beings and smuggling to remain one of top priorities of MARRI; upgrading and intensifying activities of anti-trafficking NCs Network in MARRI format.
6. **Kosovo\*:** proposed better valorization of joint police centers through MARRI activities; regional approach to defining of specific requests for equipment purchase and appropriate staff training for its usage; underlined the importance of technologies compatibility used by different national administrations in MARRI Participants as precondition for successful and real time data exchange.

Delegations of MARRI Participants and Moldova proposed that MARRI RC should inform other MARRI bodies (Committee and Forum) on conclusions of this Workshop in order to advocate, their realization within the framework of national budgets and/or by donor support.

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence