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# Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in the Western Balkans Region (PaCT)

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Approach: Capacity Development  
(CD) for Identification



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**MARRI**

Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)** is implementing the regional project "Preventing and Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings in the Western Balkans (PaCT)". The project advises public authorities and civil society organizations (CSOs) in the Western Balkans on how to establish the underlying conditions to improve the situation for (potential) victims of human trafficking.

The strategic partner of the project is the **Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative (MARRI)** – the regional intergovernmental organisation on migration – with its Regional Centre in Skopje, North Macedonia.

The two main target groups of the project are migrants and refugees in the Western Balkan region and vulnerable groups from the Western Balkans who are particularly at risk of being trafficked such as, for example, members of the Roma minority.

### PaCT four fields of action:



#### Prevention:

Making vulnerable groups more resilient to the risks of human trafficking



#### Protection:

Better identifying (potential) victims of human trafficking



#### Partnership:

Improving coordination and cooperation between different institutions and referral mechanisms

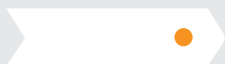


#### Support services:

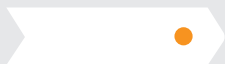
Offering education and training as well as advisory services in the area of mental health and psychosocial support tailored to the requirements of the target groups

## APPROACH: CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (CD) FOR IDENTIFICATION

CD for Identification supports all relevant actors and professionals responsible for identification of (potential) victims of trafficking in their efforts to:



conduct an early and efficient identification, as per requirements and responsibilities of the involved actors (health sector, police, social workers, etc.) and



refer the (potential) victims of trafficking for further protection and reintegration services.

This is done through the development of efficient and participatory tools and capacity building measures for all relevant professionals at regional level, so that they are able to implement the tools in their everyday work.

## MAIN PURPOSE OF THE APPROACH

The overall goal of this approach is to strengthen the institutional mechanisms and individual capacities to better identify (potential) victims of trafficking in the region.



## TARGET AUDIENCE

The awareness raising approach primarily targets:



Professionals from relevant institutions in the Western Balkan region (police officers, social welfare officers, health professionals, protection facility staff, educational professionals, employment officials).



(Potential) victims of trafficking in the region.

## RESULTS

The project has facilitated a regional dialogue on identification of the specific needs of each MARRI Participant when it comes to sector-specific indicators for early and efficient identification and referral of (potential) victims of trafficking.

As a result, the PaCT project is:

- Supporting the development of Health Indicators to improve the identification and referral of (potential) victims of trafficking.
- Supporting the development of regional Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in emergency situations to improve the identification and referral of (potential) victims of trafficking in the Western Balkans.

The project will also provide capacity development for professionals in the region for the implementation of the newly developed Health Indicators and SOPs.

## BENEFITS

The main benefits of the approach CD for Identification are early and efficient identification of (potential) victims of trafficking and their efficient referral to relevant service providing institutions and NGOs. This should lead to a higher number of identified (potential) victims of trafficking and eventually to a higher awareness for the problem of trafficking as well as better and more support services.

The SOPs offer a comprehensive overview of key issues and challenges in identifying trafficking victims in emergency situations. Practitioners can use them to improve their general knowledge and to address issues and barriers in victim identification in their day-to-day work. The SOPs will improve collaboration and coordination for early victim identification, referral, and the delivery of support services. As a result, this will improve the living conditions of (potential) victims of trafficking as the final beneficiaries of this approach.



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