

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Workshop on Technical Aspects of Implementation of Readmission Agreements MARRI Regional Centre in Skopje, 15-16 June 2006

*MARRI Member States need to develop comprehensive, integrated migration management systems tailored to their specific needs. The establishment of governmental agencies dealing with all forms of migration is an important element of such a system and is a precondition for efficient and effective bilateral and multilateral cooperation.*

*Integrated systems in asylum, migration and visa fields need to incorporate coordination and cooperation on national level of all stakeholders responsible for the development and execution of a relevant regulatory framework. Regional cooperation is imperative and of particular importance. It represents an efficient tool to exchange best practices and information, supports regional ownership, combat illegal migration and better cope with mixed migration flows as well as to harmonize existing legislation.*

Recognising the relevance of the above mentioned basic preconditions for better cooperation and coordination in the region, the participants agreed on *RECOMMENDATIONS* for further activities that need to be developed in order to achieve better results:

1. Necessity for setting up comprehensive migration policy with establishment of inter-ministerial and inter-agency working group for migration, with sub-working groups thematically mandated for specific tasks such as to: coordinate operative actions of the implementing bodies, compare and analyse data for short and long term development strategies, to harmonise procedures and regulations to avoid overlapping, coordinate training, awareness raising/media strategy etc.
2. Capacity building for development of permanent training systems specific for each profession category of the staff dealing with migration issues (law enforcement, policy units, units for aliens matters, asylum units, units for naturalization, for civil status, consular departments, labour agencies etc) needs to be established. Training should be updated and continuous throughout professional careers of the civil servants.
3. Regionally harmonised and coherent data collection methods are essential for gathering valid statistical data that would enable MARRI countries control and manage their migration, therefore sustainable harmonised system of data gathering mechanisms in migration should be developed.
4. Increased regional co-operation in matters related to the establishment of the identity as well as document security (civil status experts, nationality, residence, documents) shall result in improved management of irregular migration and in particular, in better implementation of readmission agreements; the workshop dealing with these aspects should be organized as early as possible.
5. In order to develop sustainable return policies, MARRI Member States must successfully implement readmission agreements and develop reintegration policies. MARRI Member States should furthermore explore the possibilities on how to maximize effective return policy of 3<sup>rd</sup> country nationals in conjunction with sustainable visa policy.
6. Capacity building in the area of asylum needs to be developed by strengthening training of staff in asylum units, police officers, border officials and border guards in dealing with asylum seekers.
7. Increased cooperation and preparation of the guiding rules on protection of vulnerable groups, in particular the minors need to be explored and developed.