



SECOND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GREEN FINANCE FACILITY

The 2nd Steering Committee meeting for the Green Finance Facility (GFF) UN Joint Programme co-chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, Fatmir Bytyqi and UN Resident Coordinator Rossana Dudziak was organized on 25th of January in the UN House.

The remittance recipients and returning migrants households are supported by IOM North Macedonia to invest in renewable energy and/or energy efficiency solutions and contribute towards reduced energy consumption, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and cleaner air.

GFF is a flagship example of synergies between public and private sector, which significantly contributes to SDG7 Affordable And Clean Energy and SDG 13 climate action in the country. The UN Resident Coordinator Office, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the IOM North Macedonia and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) are jointly contributing to the GFF success story in the country.

The project is financially supported by the Joint SDG Fund and the Government of North Macedonia, with loan financing from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and local partner financial institutions.



MEETING BETWEEN NORTH MACEDONIA AND SERBIA OFFICIALS ON MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

On 21st of December, in Ohrid, delegations from the Ministries of Interior of the Republic of North Macedonia and Republic of Serbia met to coordinate the cross border cooperation.

This was a follow up to a meeting on bilateral cooperation held during the 1st Inaugural Meeting of the Regional Group of Readmission Specialist which took place in Belgrade in October 2023.

This meeting is part of the activities implemented under the 'Western Balkans Readmission Capacity Building Facility' WBCAP, funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark



STRENGTHENING OF THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES FOR DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT AND EVIDENCE-BASED MIGRATION POLICY PLANNING

The final recommendations for mapping and engaging with the Macedonian diaspora in Italy were presented during the Closing event organized by IOM North Macedonia. Relevant stakeholders, such as representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, the National Bank, the Ministry of Local Self-Government, the Ministry of Health, the United Macedonian Diaspora, professors, and researchers attended the event. Following the presentation conducted by three diaspora members from Italy that were engaged by IOM to support MFA, a discussion occurred on national strategic priorities for cooperation with the diaspora, including strategic documents, priority areas, and challenges and actions to be taken.

The activity was implemented within the project Advisory Support for Strengthening the Capacities for Diaspora Engagement and Evidence-Based Migration Policy Planning funded by the Government of Italy.



EXCHANGE OF PRACTICES ON EUROPEAN INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION SYSTEM

From 11-14th of December 2023, IOM organized a 3-day study visit in Croatia for the Ministry of Interior of North Macedonia officials. The visit was focused on the functioning of the European information exchange and cooperation system.

The activity was conducted within the framework of the EU funded project “Further support to strengthen the response capacity to manage migration flows in North Macedonia”.



SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS IN COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On December 22, IOM North Macedonia supported the coordinative meeting of the Operational Team for coordination, monitoring, and management of trafficking in human beings' cases, including formal identification of the victims and their status. As per the Guidelines for functioning of the Team developed with IOM support, the members of the

team coming from the law enforcement, social system and civil society organizations joined efforts to review the trafficking in human beings' caseload and conduct formal identification of the victims.

The support was provided within the project Western Balkans Joint Actions Against Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Human Beings (WBJAST), funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

IOM actions in the area of human trafficking in North Macedonia include participation in the work of the National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Irregular Migration, expert support in the development and implementation of the strategical documents, capacity building of the stakeholders, supporting the intra-state collaboration in combating of trafficking in human beings, support of the identification process of the victims of trafficking in human beings and other.

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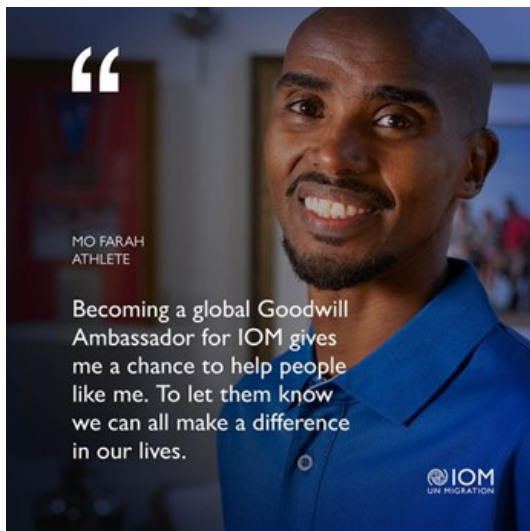
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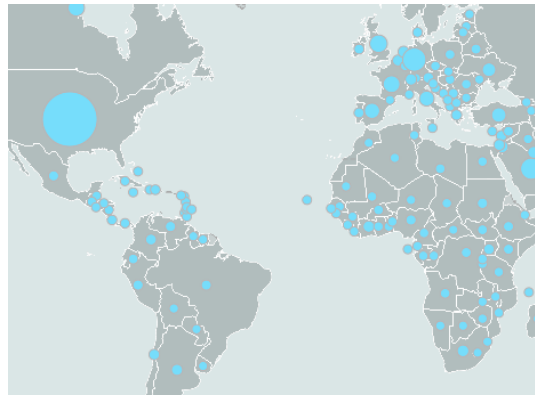
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