



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION PROGRAMME FOR NORTH AFRICA (RDPP NA)

Context

The North of Africa region is characterised by complex displacement and migratory scenarios. On the one hand, asylum seekers and refugees are forcefully displaced as a result of protracted and/or unresolved crises in the region or in the immediate neighbourhood. On the other hand, flows of migrants are mainly driven by social and economic factors. The region encompasses countries of origin, transit and destination, each marked by its own challenges and opportunities.

Regardless of the reason for their displacement, asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants may be exposed to a wide range of risks, abuses and exploitation, which increase their vulnerabilities.

The **Regional Development and Protection Programme** for North Africa (RDPP NA) aims at improving protection of refugees and migrants and providing alternatives to irregular migration by enhancing dignified living conditions and opportunities. At the same time, the programme supports the welfare of host societies by promoting their empowerment and resilience.

The RDPP NA is funded by the European Union under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the North of Africa window of the EU Trust Fund for Africa, and by those States participating in an ad hoc consortium¹ and willing to contribute. The RDPP NA country leader is Italy who has also secured co-funding together with the Czech Republic and Norway.



¹ A Consortium led by Italy has been set up in order to manage the RDPP NA; its members are: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

The RDPP NA strategy includes a **protection** and a **development component**.

The objectives of the **protection** component are:

- Improving mechanisms in place to tackle the challenges posed by mixed migratory flows, notably through the development of progressively fully-fledged national asylum systems.
- Reinforcing national systems to effectively provide protection to refugees and migrants.
- Securing effective information and awareness raising on the risks of irregular migration and the existence of legal and safe alternatives.

The objectives of the **development** component are:

- Enhancing economic and equal opportunities for migrants and host communities.
- Strengthening social cohesion, through improved, more inclusive services and addressing potential tensions between migrants and host communities.
- Expanding a culture of rights, most notably through improved dialogue, advocacy and communication

Main activities

Protection component

Total budget allocation: € 18.608.627,90

- Build the capacity of target countries to establish and implement comprehensive national asylum systems;
- Reinforce national response mechanisms for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants;
- Support target countries to respond to the protection needs of the most vulnerable displaced persons, in particular unaccompanied minors.
- Provide information on risks and dangers associated with irregular movements and on safe and legal alternatives.

Development component

Total budget allocation: € 13.150.000

- Build capacity of civil society organisations, including media, and local authorities to deliver needed services;
- Support local level projects to provide economic and equal opportunities for migrant and host communities;
- Engage with diaspora through crowdsourcing initiatives to support entrepreneurship and micro-businesses among migrant and host communities;
- Develop initiatives to enhance social cohesion and protection of migrants' rights.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS for the period 2016-2019



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