

# Cabo Verde's Road to Migration Data Policy



**Rabat Process**  
Euro-African Dialogue on Migration and Development

Legend



Policy



Policy Dialogue Framework



Report



Institution



National Network



Support Project

**Mobility Partnership between Cabo Verde and EU concluded**  
Projects related to migration data:

**1. National System of Identification and Civil Authentication (SNIAC)**  
- biometric identification system, improved databases and censuses, new mobility management system

Supported by the United Nations Development Programme

**2. Strengthening the Capacities of Cape Verde in Migration Management, Component C (2011-2015)**  
- support to the capacities of competent authorities to collect information on migration  
- creation of a data-sharing system and training on statistical data analysis and reporting

Supported by the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service

**Interministerial Commission for the Study and Proposition for the Bases of Immigration Policy (CIMI) established**

Analysed migration situation in Cabo Verde

**IOM<sup>1</sup> Migration Profile on Cabo Verde published**

Observation: Insufficient migration data and lack of uniform migration policy in Cabo Verde

**Report "Grants for National Immigration Policy" published**

Made recommendations for the institutional and policy framework

**Ministry of Communities (MDC) created**

**Immigration Coordination Unit (UCI) created**

- Inter-institutional coordination
- Receives and analyses data to better understand immigration evolution and trends
- National Immigration Council (CNI), including working group on data and research
- Improves the quantitative and qualitative knowledge of data on immigration
- Facilitates the production and analysis of data

Supported by the ECOWAS<sup>2</sup> Spain Fund on Migration and Development

**National Strategy on Immigration (ENI) published**

Intervention Area on Data collection with 4 blocks of action:  
1. Research  
2. Data Protection  
3. Data Collection and Analysis  
4. Data Sharing

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**Action Plan of the ENI (2013-2016) approved**

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2013

Acts as a secretary for and leads the

**National Committee on Emigration and Development (CONED) created**

Seeks to promote open and frequent exchange of information among governmental and non-governmental stakeholders

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2014

**National Network of Municipal Focal Points for Emigration (RENEM) created**

Facilitates the creation of shared databases on migration between the government, through the MDC, and all municipalities of the country

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**Migration Observatory created**

- Promotes knowledge on Cabo Verdean emigration and immigration
- Supports local studies and researchers
- Supports government policies in different areas of migration
- Promotes the production, systemisation and dissemination of migration data
- Increases awareness among organisations about migration policies
- Converges comparable indicators among ECOWAS States (regional focus)

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**National Strategy on Emigration and Development (ENED) published**

Intervention axis "Hold knowledge on Diaspora and Migration Dynamics"  
Bi-annual action plans include objectives, performance indicators, institutional responsibilities, resources and previously defined monitoring and evaluation mechanisms

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**Law on Foreigners updated**

Directorate for Foreigners and Borders (DEF) transfers data on foreigners to the competent fiscal and social security authorities

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## Key Steps

for both immigration and emigration policy

- 1 Take stock of the situation
- 2 Put in place the relevant institutional structure
- 3 Design and adopt a comprehensive policy framework
- 4 Implement and monitor legislation

## NEXT STEPS

Ensure proper implementation of the Law on Foreigners and the Law on Asylum by  
- drafting regulating documents  
- training competent officers on the new laws

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**Migration Observatory**  
- study on the characterisation of the Cabo Verdean diaspora  
- mapping of good practices in the area of emigration  
- support of migration research in cooperation with the university and PhD students from all ECOWAS States  
- creation of a virtual platform for information sharing  
- creation of a library on migration

Extension of data collection to more areas and increased use of administrative data

**General Directorate of Immigration (DGI) established**

Promotes and carries out studies and surveys on immigration

### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> IOM: International Organization for Migration

<sup>2</sup> ECOWAS: Economic Community of West African States

<sup>3</sup> MIEUX: Migration EU Expertise

<sup>4</sup> AMEDIP: Strengthening African and Middle Eastern Diaspora Policy through South-South Exchange

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