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External Dimension presentation in the framework of the:

*Thematic meeting on Asylum and International protection in the region of the Rabat Process*

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Structure of presentation

• What is EASO?
• EASO in the context of External Dimension
• EASO project in partnership with Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia – an example for future support to provide international protection in the Rabat process region?
EASO – EU’s agency on asylum

• EU is working towards a Common European Asylum System (CEAS). EASO is a decentralized agency which supports the implementation of the CEAS.

• EASO was set up by adoption of a Regulation: EU Regulation 439/2010 of the EU Parliament and the Council establishing EASO (EASO Regulation)

• What does EASO do?
  – acts as a **centre of expertise on asylum**;
  – contributes to the development of the CEAS by **facilitating, coordinating and strengthening practical cooperation among EU Member States** on the many aspects of asylum;
  – **helps EU Member States fulfill their European and international obligations** to give **protection** to people in need;
  – provides **practical and technical support** to EU Member States, the European Commission and Third Countries (TCs) as per request;
EASO – EU’s agency on asylum

- EASO provides different kinds of **support**:
- **permanent support**: quality of asylum process / training / COI
- **operational support**: emergency support and special support
- **information and analysis support**: sharing and merging information and data, analyses and assessments at EU level, including EU-wide trend analyses and assessments;
- **TC support (i.e. to non EU Member States)**: supporting the external dimension of the CEAS, supporting partnerships with third countries to reach common solutions, including by capacity building and regional development and protection programmes, and with a role to coordinate Member States’ actions on resettlement.
Common European Asylum System

EU legal framework

Coherent Implementation

Evidence based policy Input

Common practices

Similar situation – Similar treatment – Similar outcome
EASO Tools and Activities

EPS
Early Warning

Training
COI

Permanent Support
• Training
• COI
• Portals
• Practical Cooperation
• Quality process/tools

Special Support
• Tailor made
• Joint Processing
• Capacity building
• Relocation

Emergency Support
• Asylum Support Teams
• Reception Support
• Initial registration / application support

External Dimension / Third Country Support
Common European Asylum System –
External Dimension
External Dimension of the CEAS – Why is it important?

The CEAS cannot work efficiently without including, to a much larger degree, its external dimension.

• Protect the fundamental rights of migrants
• Support asylum and reception conditions/systems in Third Countries (TCs)
• Better management of migration flows
• Global approach to migration – we are in this together!
External Dimension of the CEAS – EASO’s role / Guiding documents

• Articles 2 7 of the EASO Regulation – *Support for the external dimensions of the CEAS*

• **External Action Strategy** adopted by the Management Board in November 2013
  - Guiding principles
  - Framework
  - Geographical priorities
  - Forms of EASO external action
  - Methodology/triggers

  – included and detailed in the yearly **EASO Work Programmes**.
Participation of **Jordan** in the work of EASO and participation of **Tunisia** and **Morocco** in the work of EASO and FRONTEX

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General Information

- Financed through the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)
- Signature of the contract: 31 December 2013
- Start of the project: 1 March 2014
- Duration of the project: 18 months (but request for extension until 29 Feb 2016)
- Partner countries: Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia
- Mobility Partnerships with EU
- Involving EASO, FRONTEX, MS, EU Delegations, DG HOME, DG NEAR, DG DEVCO and in coordination with UNHCR, IOM, other IOs and NGOs
Main objectives

- To familiarize the partner countries with the mandate, tools and instruments of EASO and Frontex and cooperation models developed with EU Member States

- To assess/identify the technical needs of Jordan, Tunisia and Morocco and the suitability of existing EASO and Frontex tools to respond to the needs

- To enhance the possibilities of EASO and Frontex to act as EU operational actors vis-à-vis Third Countries and to develop their capacity to deliver technical assistance and promoting more coherent EU funded external cooperation actions
Activities

Activity 3 - Needs assessment visits

Activity 4 - Study visits: JO to AT&CZ / ES, TN to SE (UK TBC) and MA to FR TBC

Activity 5 - CEAS workshops / trainings in the three TCs

Activity 6 - Thematic seminars: MA - accelerated procedures at airport / appeal procedures / Parliamentarians (also planned for JO and TN)

Activity 7 - Delivery of EASO Training Modules: MA, TN and JO

Activity 8 - Technical assistance to JO

Activity 9 - Translations: three core modules in AR
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