



# Migration Profiles as a process for evidence-based policy making

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# Outline

- Evolution of concept and approaches
- Past EU funded initiatives and lessons learnt
- Ongoing and forthcoming EU funded initiatives



# Evolution of Migration Profiles

- The **European Commission pioneered the use of Migration Profiles** for development programming as effective tools to develop comparable data and support policy-making on migration.
- **Evolution from a product (output) to a process (outcome) in 3 gradual waves**

# 1st wave

- Informing programming of migration assistance in third countries
- Providing a **concise and standardised migratory snapshot of the country**
- Integrated as an annex in EC Country Strategy Papers

*Used in ACP countries and Western Balkans*

## 2nd wave

- Additional data regarding other migration-related or impacted areas
- **More solid background for programming and national policy making**

*Used in West and Central Africa, Mediterranean region, Prague Process*

- Relatively low cost
- Not requiring extensive government involvement

**Challenge: ensuring sustainability and ownership**

## 3rd wave: Extended Migration Profiles

- Migration Profile **'process' or 'exercise'**
- Additional enhanced capacities of the country to define a more coherent and comprehensive national development policy

*"bring together all stakeholders in a country-specific process in order to identify and address data gaps and needs regarding current migration patterns, labour market trends, legislation and policy frameworks, information on remittance flows, diasporas and other development-related data. Ownership should be in the hands of the partner country, and sustainability should be ensured through adequate capacity-building" (2011 GAMM)*

# 3rd wave: Extended Migration Profiles

## Specific objectives

- Enhanced knowledge
- Regular reporting
- Policy coherence, policy development, migration mainstreaming
- Inter-ministerial coordination

## Principles

- Voluntary
- Ownership
- Wide range of stakeholders
- Balance between data comparability and country specific
- Quality of data
- Support for sustainability

# Past EU-funded initiatives

- **Pilot project 'Migration in West and Central Africa: Profiles for Strategic Policy Development'**
- **Extended Migration Profile of Moldova**

*Lessons learnt:* participatory process; complex coordination, extensive capacity building and government support required; demanding process in terms of resources and objectives; cooperation with countries of destination also needed.





## Ongoing and upcoming EU-funded initiatives

- **EUROMED Migration III:** establish efficient national inter-institutional coordination platform or mechanisms
- ***'Support for Free Movement of Persons and Migration in West Africa'***: development of regional Migration Profile and capacity building
- **'Supporting the third phase of the Rabat Process: the Dakar Strategy'**: analysis of the use of MPs in migration policy development

# Migration Profiles: an ongoing process

- The Extended Migration Profile is an ambitious engagement, an ongoing process, and for many countries a long-term objective.
- Consult the GFMD **Migration Profile Repository** for comprehensive information:

<http://www.gfmd.org/en/pfp/policy-tools/migration-profiles>



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***Thank you***

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