

**1. Title, overall objectives and location of the action**

**Title: Support to Cross-Border Cooperation and Integrated Border Management in North Africa**

The Overall Objective (Impact) of this Action is to contribute to enhanced border security and safety through mutually beneficial cross-border cooperation, in particular against organized crime groups, including those involved in migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings.

The Specific(s) Objective(s) (Outcomes) of this Action are:

1. A better understanding of Integrated Border Management and its concrete benefits, and consequently high-level interest in initiating cross-border cooperation, are achieved.
2. Cross-border operational cooperation amongst border management authorities is established or enhanced.

Location : North of Africa

**2. Context**

The Action “Support to Cross-Border Cooperation and Integrated Border Management in North Africa” aims to contribute to enhanced border security and safety through mutually beneficial cross-border cooperation, in particular against organized crime groups, including those involved in migrant smuggling.

**3. What kind of measure could finance the Action?**

The Action is to be funded under the AAP 2022 under the multiannual indicative programme for a Multi-Country Migration Programme for the Southern Neighbourhood.

Indicative budget:

This action will be part of both the Central Mediterranean migration route Team Europe Initiative and the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic migration route Team Europe Initiative

**4. Key results**

1. Improving understanding of key concepts, strategies, approaches and standards in the area of Integrated Border Management (IBM) at national level, demonstrating the operational benefits of IBM and in particular the value of cross-border cooperation in ensuring border security.
2. Defining objectives and/or priorities for the implementation of cross-border cooperation mechanisms, focusing on selected pilot border crossing points and/or border areas.
3. Increasing impetus for regional cooperation in the border management area based on the priorities of beneficiary countries, paving the way for the drawing of an IBM Roadmap for continued/future cooperation activities.
4. Establishing cross-border cooperation mechanisms at selected border crossing points to enhance border security and facilitate legal trade and people mobility.
5. Strengthening capacity of border management authorities at agreed border crossing points/areas to efficiently carry out their duties, including through the provision of training and targeted equipment.
6. Enhancing understanding of cross-border dynamics, including criminal activities, by all border management stakeholders, including through joint risk analysis.

Competent law enforcement authorities

Estimated duration:           

**5. Possible/envisaged Implementing partner and other stakeholders involved:**

Indirect management with an implementing partner to be selected.