PROJECT INFORMATION



## **DECREASING CORRUPTION RISKS IN SERBIAS' MIGRATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The project is implemented by Group 484 and ASTRA, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands within the Dutch development/foreign policy.

The project will be implemented on the territory of the Republic of Serbia from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025.

The project deals with the problem of corruption and organised crime in the migration management system, with a focus on migrant smuggling and human trafficking. The fight against corruption, organised crime, and migration management are key pillars of Cluster 1, in chapters 23 and 24 of accession negotiations with the European Union, as well as in strengthening the rule of law, democratisation, and the responsibility of institutions. The risk of corruption in the integrated border management system is also recognised in the Revised Action Plan for EU Accession within Chapter 24.

The overall project goal is to contribute to the democratisation and development of the rule of law and an independent legal system, as a response of the Government and citizens of Serbia to the necessity of reducing the risk of corruption and organised crime in the migration management system, intending to preserve the conditions of the visa-free regime that Serbia has with EU countries.

## **Specific objectives of the project:**

- 1. Relevant actors are better prepared to combat corruption and organised crime by properly managing legal and illegal migration;
- 2. Citizens are informed about related issues that affect their security and right to free movement (corruption and organised crime in the migration management system and their consequences for the visa-free regime).

## The project will be implemented through four groups of activities:

- 1. Developing a methodology for monitoring progress in fighting corruption and organised crime in migration flows, with a special focus on smuggling and human trafficking, as well as their impact on the visa-free regime;
- 2. Monitoring progress in the mentioned areas according to the developed indicators integrated in the document "Roadmap for monitoring the risk of corruption and organised crime in the migration management system: legal and irregular migration", through desk research, focus groups, and interviews with key stakeholders, case studies, and court practice analysis;
- 3. Improving the work of relevant actors in fighting corruption and organised crime in migration flows through policy documents, meetings, and public events in different formats;
- 4. Raising awareness of the situation in the field of migration, corruption and organised crime in migration flows and the conditions for the Serbian visa-free regime by organising media conferences and promoting media products.





