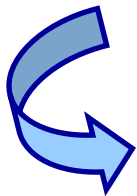


The OSCE-IOM project on “*Harmonized data collection as sound basis for policy making*”

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Background – The current situation

- Governments' decisions based on scarce data
- Collection of data often not considered as a long-term investment by Governments
- Need to improve national systems' ability to collect and store migration statistics
- OSCE pS acknowledge the need to share information between national stake holders.



Ministerial Council Decision 5/09 on Migration Management



Background- Barriers to change the current situation

- Predominance of National Reality over International Standards; Different data needs at national and international levels
- Incomparability of national definitions and data collection practices
- Perceived sensitivity of migration data, power of information and necessity for ensuring data protection



Background - Specific challenges in the CIS Region

- Different levels of development in states' institutions and infrastructures
- Different practices of data collection in different sets of data collected
- Building further trust among governments in the region
- Need for enhanced coordination at the national level
- Broad variation in national capacities (both financial and expertise)

Background: The Role of the OSCE

- **Ministerial Council Decision 5/09 on Migration Management** - The OSCE Ministerial Council encourages the OSCE pS to continue to work on migration management by “*improving the collection of comparable data on migration, in order to facilitate dialogue and exchange of best practices at the OSCE Level*”.
- **OSCE: political organization** → well placed to:
 - provide a regional platform for discussion, dialogue, and exchange of best practices
 - encourage migration data sharing
 - secure political will amongst pS, ministries, agencies governments and other institutions involved in data collection

The Role of the OSCE:

- OSCE: political organization → well placed to:
 - provide a regional platform for discussion, continued dialogue, and exchange of best practices on how to strengthen cooperation among States
 - encourage migration data sharing among involved parties
- First indispensable condition to start a migration data harmonising and collection process in the CIS region: political will
 - Different ministries, agencies governments and other relevant institutions involved in the data collection process need to cooperate

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Introduction to the Project

Who?

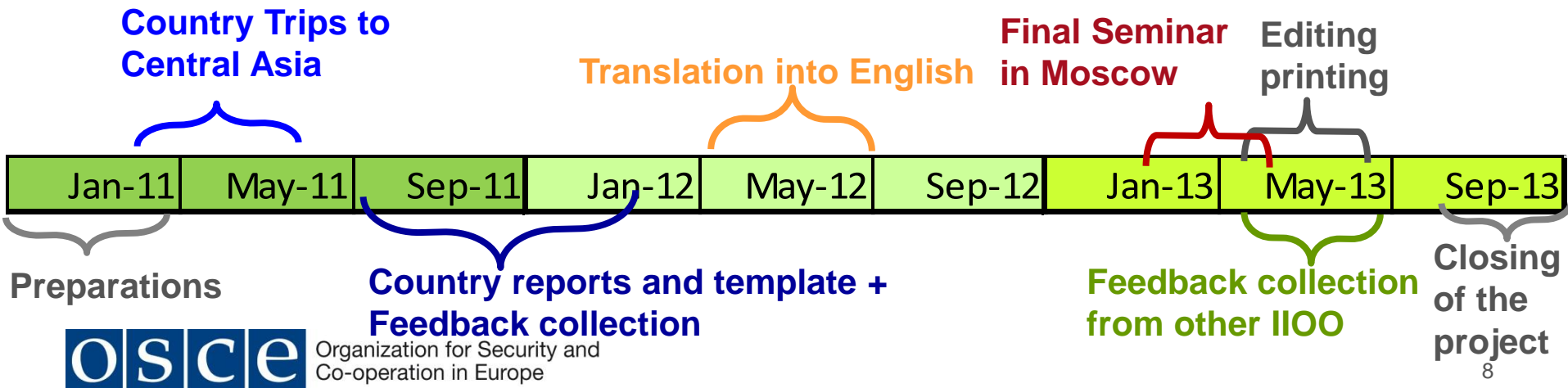
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UNECE, ILO, UN Population Division, UNFPA

Where?

KAZ, KYR, TAJ, RF

When?



Content

- Assess availability data
- Evaluate capacity for data collection
- Identify gaps and solutions

Meetings with

HSE Statistician/Demographer
IOM Migration Expert
OSCE representative

Meetings with

Data USERS

Policy makers, parliamentarians, MFA, MoL, other relevant government officials using migration data

Data PRODUCERS

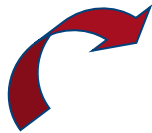
National statistical offices, migration service, migration agencies, police, border guards, statistical services, others.

Establish a harmonised data collection process in the EurAsEc region

Specific activities and Outputs



Analyze gathered data and information and discuss it in meetings with relevant stakeholders



Information gathering:

- **Desk analysis**
- **Questionnaires**

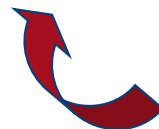


Share the findings and discuss recommendations in a seminar/meeting with:

- **Ministries / Agencies**
- **Key stakeholders**



Presentation of the final handbook in the Vienna Hofburg



Based on the collected information and meetings produce:

- **4 country reports**
- **Template**
- **Recommendations**
- **Synthesis table**





**Thank you very much for your
attention!**

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