Development of Monitoring Instruments for Judicial and Law Enforcement in the Western Balkans 2009-2011
Phase Three – Training

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Current EU standards and requirements for data collection in the area of migration, asylum and visa

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Outline

- EU Statistics Regulation with focus on Enforcement of Immigration Legislation (EIL) statistics
- FRONTEX and Western Balkan Risk Analysis Network (FRAN and WBRAN) statistics
- Visa Information System (VIS)
- Eurodac System
- UNDOC Pilot Data Collection
- Challenges of international data collection
EU Statistics Regulation
[Council Regulation (EC) 862/2007]

• **Topics**
  - Population stocks, migration flows, acquisition of citizenship (under Article 3)
  - Asylum and international protection (Art. 4)
  - Prevention of illegal migration [EIL] (Art. 5)
  - Residence permits (Art. 6)
  - Returns (Art. 7)

• **Main principle**
  - Use of different administrative/statistical sources but adoption of common definitions

• **Requirements and standards**
  - Concepts, definitions and classifications from the UN recommendations for statistics on international migration and EU context
Implementation Regulation
[Regulation No 351/2010]

...implementing Regulation (EC) No 862/2007
[...] as regards the definitions of the categories of the groups of country of birth, groups of country of previous usual residence, groups of country of next usual residence and groups of citizenship

Includes definitions of terms such as 'level of development', 'native-born', 'foreign-born' and country groups
Enforcement of Immigration Legislation (EIL) statistics

Sub-topics
1. Third country nationals refused entry at the external border by type of border, ground for refusal and citizenship
2. Third country nationals found to be illegally present by age, sex and citizenship
3. Third country nationals ordered to leave by citizenship
4. Third country nationals returned following an order to leave by citizenship

Tables
[...]
Third country nationals refused entry at the external border in EU27 in 2008 (Eurostat EIL Database)
FRONTEX and Western Balkan Risk Analysis Network (FRAN and WBRAN) statistics

Sub-topics (tables)

- Illegal entries between and at border crossing points
- Facilitators / migrant smugglers
- Illegal stay
- Refusals of entry
- Applications for international protection
- Persons using false travel documents for entering the territory illegally
Visa Information System

- Set up in 2004
- Includes data on visa applications and status information
- Additional information on: citizenship, type of visa, main destination and duration, purpose of travel, border, occupation, employer, etc.

- New VISA Code: Regulation 810/2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas
Eurodac System

• Set up in 2000
• A system for comparing the fingerprints of asylum seekers and illegal immigrants and identifying those having previously applied for asylum in another country
• For every asylum applicant and every person apprehended while illegally crossing an external border includes data on: fingerprint, sex, member state of origin, place and date of application, etc.
UNDOC Pilot Data Collection

- Set up in 2010 under the project
- Covering crime and migration statistics, the latter focusing on the prevention of illegal entry/stay (total data for 2004-2009 and data for 2009 according to different breakdown)
Challenges of international data collection

- Data collection is a fast developing area under different EU frameworks and improvements are continuously expected.
- Several countries have problems providing data on at least internationally comparable data.
- Limitations come from incidence of migration phenomena depending on country, high mobility of people, lack of sources, different definitions and/or data collection practices.
- Good opportunities from the development of technical instruments for the registration, gathering and linkage of data.