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IOM Capacity Building Assistance in Implementing Passenger Data Systems (API/PNR)

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IOM at a glance



- The UN Migration Agency
- Worldwide presence with demonstrated ability to deliver results in developing, fragile and security-phased countries
- Solid capacity to implement large-scale technical assistance projects round the world (total operational expenditure over 1.5 billion in 2018)
- IBM portfolio: USD 220 Million (over 200 projects)



IOM support to ICAO TRIP Strategy Implementation



- IOM-ICAO MoU in November 2016
- Focus on technical assistance projects in supporting States in ICAO TRIP Strategy implementation
- IOM Action Plan for ICAO TRIP Implementation Assistance for the 2018-2020 Triennium
- Major focus area: passenger data (**API** and **PNR**) implementation assistance



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Why API?

- Political momentum: UN SC Resolutions, especially 2396 (2017) and 2178 (2014)
- International regulatory framework: ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices in Annex 9 – Facilitation
- Good governance of borders: States increasingly see value of API/PNR and risk management to strengthen both border security and facilitation



Close cooperation and coordination with partners





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- **Western Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia:** legal and IT assessments, regional technical consultations; validation workshops on assessment results, forming and facilitating national API working groups – close cooperation with OSCE
- **Ukraine:** technical consultations, developing APIS procurement, improving API data analytics
- **Georgia:** API legislation, API working group, technical consultations, workshops, RFI and tender management, analytics
- **Azerbaijan:** API/PNR training for government authorities
- **Turkmenistan:** API/PNR legal assessment; API training co-funded and co-organized with OSCE.



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Main areas of API/PNR assistance

1. AWARENESS RAISING
2. TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT
3. LEGAL ASSESSMENT
4. STAKEHOLDER LIAISON
5. PROCUREMENT TENDER





Challenges and lessons learned (1 of 2)

- **Misconceptions about API/PNR**
- **Needs assessment – the foundation of success. Include carriers!**
- **Inter-agency cooperation: a lead agency and Single Window**
- **Data services: fees and need for exit strategy.**
- **Data services: interoperability and data quality**





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Challenges and lessons learned (2 of 2)

- Privacy and data protection: not just legislation
- Vendor-driven API/PNR implementation - need for impartial technical advice
- API implementation and ETA – need for guidance material for implementation.





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