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## **Mediterranean Migration Network**

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Migration has gained rapidly momentum in EU external policy. Aid programmes and tools aim to enhance the management of documented migration, meet the challenges of undocumented migration flows, and boost the positive effects of migration on development. Migration is becoming one of the priorities on the global agenda and it is recognised as a powerful vehicle for boosting development in both countries of origin and destination. The integration of third-country nationals and the protection of their rights in accordance with international and European laws and standards, are not only ‘politically correct’ measures but they also add credibility to the European Union as “an area of freedom, security and justice” where democracy and the rule of law applies. One of the key questions raised is how can the EU member states address the issue of migration and how can public and private institutions in the Mediterranean region further develop their organizational structures, cooperate and exchange ideas and good practices that will facilitate migrants’ integration?

The aforementioned issues and challenges are the focus of the Mediterranean Migration Network (MMN). The MMN recently received financial support to continue its operations in order to expand its membership and continue the cooperation among its members in addressing migration and integration issues in Europe and the Mediterranean Basin. One of the primary objectives of the network is to enhance cooperation among public and private stakeholders, and encourage the exchange of information and good practices on migration and integration. The network aims at promoting inclusion, diversity, cooperation models between public authorities as well as to develop a database of resources. The network will continue to work towards the professional development of its members through educational material, policy papers and activities. New members to participate in the MMN and follow its activities and progresses, can register on its online platform, [www.migrationnetwork.org](http://www.migrationnetwork.org). The MMN will provide, among others, opportunities for networking to its members for further collaboration, capacity building and exchange of good practices. The MMN is managed by the international research centre CARDET and the consultancy firm INNOVADE.

For more information about the MMN visit [www.migrationnetwork.org](http://www.migrationnetwork.org) and [info@cardet.org](mailto:info@cardet.org).

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