



Commissariat for Refugees and Migration of the Republic of Serbia Fact Sheet

Established	<p>Commissariat for Refugees and Migration was established in 1992 as special organization for expert and related executive tasks by the Law on Refugees, <i>Lex specialis</i>, which regulating status of refugees from ex-Yugoslav republics.</p> <p>The jurisdiction of the Commissariat was expanded by the Law on Asylum in 2008 and the Law on Migration Management in 2012.</p>
Mandate	<p>In accordance with the Law on Refugees Commissariat perform tasks related to: registration of refugees; recognition and cessation of refugee status; reception of refugees; provision assistance to refugees and ensuring balanced and timely assistance, provision of accommodation or settlement of refugees in the areas of local self-governments; taking measures for the return of refugees; meeting the housing needs; keeping records of their responsibilities and the establishment of databases; international cooperation.</p> <p>Commissariat is in charge for taking records on internally displaced persons from Kosovo and Metohia and implement measures for improving their livelihood and housing in displacement; propose and implement measures toward irregular migrants within territory of Serbia; provide urgent reception for the returnees in readmission process; support local self-governments in implementing national migration policies.</p> <p>In accordance with the Law on Asylum and Temporary Protection, the Commissariat provides material reception conditions to the asylum seekers; provides housing to persons who have been granted the right to asylum; provides integration programs for persons who have been granted the right to asylum; implements programs for assisted voluntary return.</p> <p>In accordance with the Law on Migration Commissariat performs tasks related to: proposing to the Government the goals and priorities of migration policy; proposing to the Government measures to achieve the positive effects of legal migration and combating illegal migration; monitoring the implementation of migration policy; providing the state government, autonomous regions and local government data relevant to the development of strategic documents in the field of migration; proposing projects in the field of migration management within the scope of their work and the preparation of the annual report to the Government on the situation in the field of migration management.</p> <p>Commissariat performs tasks related to: collecting and analysing data and indicators for migration management; reporting on immigration and emigration; preparing and regular updating of the national migration profile; establishing cooperation with the members of European Migration Network; provides trainings related to the migration management; other duties specified by the law.</p>
Mission	<p>Commissariat for Refugees and Migration is dedicated to solving problems of refugees, internally displaced persons, returnees under the readmission agreement and asylum seekers, in accordance with the application of legal regulations and international standards</p>
Vision	<p>Commissariat for Refugees and Migration enhanced its capacities and sets higher standards through its programs and activities in migration management, primarily in the field of providing sustainable solutions and improving the living conditions of refugees, internally displaced persons, and returnees based on readmission agreement, provides adequate accommodation and basic living conditions for migrants during the asylum procedure, and goes a step further by providing adequate solutions within the integration process of migrants.</p>



Relevant strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration Management Strategy • National Strategy for Resolving Problems of Refugees and IDPs 2015-2020 • Strategy on Reintegration of Returnees from Readmission • Strategy for Combating Irregular Migration for the Period 2018-2020 • IBM Strategy • Strategy for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings 2019-2024
International Cooperation	<p>Commissariat cooperates with the European Delegation to the Republic of Serbia, Governments of various European countries, US Government, UN and EU agencies/organisations/bodies and other relevant international organisations and institutions. In accordance with its mandate, close cooperation is established with UNHCR, OSCE and IOM. Commissariat is active in EASO Reception Network since approval of observer status. Commissariat is national focal point in Global Forum for Migration and Development.</p>
Funding	<p>National budget, EU Pre-Accession Funds (IPA), funds from development cooperation</p>
Cooperation and coordination on the national level	<p>Commissariat cooperates with all relevant national institutions/bodies and services, the Red Cross organization, humanitarian, religious and other organizations and associations. Coordination on the national level is ensured through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Working Group for Collecting Data and Monitoring Policy Implementation • Working Group for Solving Problem of Mixed Migration Flows • National Committee for coordination of Integration of Refugees • Working Group for Economic Migration • Council and Inter-Ministerial Group for THB • Negotiation Group for Chapter 18, 19, 23 and 24 within EU Accession Process
Cooperation and coordination on the local level	<p>Commissariat cooperates with all relevant institutions, organisations, associations and individuals on the local level. Coordination on the local level is ensured through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal/City Trustee for Migration • Local Councils for Migration • Local Action Plan for Migration
Ongoing projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Housing Programme • EU Support to Migration Management in Serbia – Reception and Protection Services • Regional Support to Protection Sensitive Migration Management in the WB and Turkey Phase II • Extension of existing capacities for accommodation of asylum seekers • EU Support for Strengthening the Migration Management and Asylum System in Serbia - Twinning • Making Migration Work for Sustainable Development (phase III) • Mitigating Adverse Effects of Internal Migration
Organisational structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissariat for Refugees and Migration - Central Office in Belgrade • Five Asylum Centres • Fourteen Reception Centres • Plandiste Training Centre • Trustee Network (191 trustees in each local self-government in the Republic of Serbia)
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