



# EUROPEAN UNION'S ASSISTANCE FOR THE REFUGEE CRISIS

Overall, the European Union allocated **nearly €19 million over the last year** to help the country cope with the refugee crisis (Special Measures and humanitarian aid combined):

- **The European Union allocated around €14.5 million** over the last year in additional, i.e. extraordinary assistance to help your country cope with the refugee crisis (so called "special measures").
- The European Union granted additional, **€4.7 million so far in EU humanitarian aid** to help the migrants in Tabanovce and Vinojug transit centres (*grants provided to humanitarian organisations*).

This is all within the broader context of **overall past and planned EU financial and technical support** for the country in the field of border and migration management amounting to over €50 million. This broader support helps to strengthen the operational capacity of the border police, to improve border surveillance and orderly control migratory flows.

## SPECIAL MEASURE I

Under **SPECIAL MEASURE I (€3 million)**, the European Union supported the government institutions at national and local level with new equipment and vehicles

**Border police** will receive 31 terrain vehicles in February 2017 that will replace the outdated fleet of cars.

The **Crisis Management Center** received 2 minivans to transport vulnerable migrants and staff. It will further receive 2 terrain vehicles to fulfil their mandate.

The **Intelligence Agency** will receive 5 vehicles to strengthen their capacities to fulfil their mandate in relation to migrants (*handover expected in April*).

EU support has also reached the most affected municipalities: Gevgelija and Kumanovo

The General **hospital in Gevgelija** received specialised medical equipment and 2 fully-equipped ambulances to reach to urgencies, including any citizen of this country. Also, in 2017 further support will be provided to the Ministry of Health with additional medical equipment for Kumanovo General Hospital and Gevgelija General Hospital. A new ambulance in the Vinojug transit centre was supplied and equipped with modern medical equipment.

Public utilities **Komunalec** in Gevgelija and Cistota i Zelenilo in Kumanovo received new waste management vehicles that will help in keeping these towns and nearby transit centres clean (*8 vehicles delivered; 2 more waste management vehicles will also be provided*).

## SPECIAL MEASURE II

Under **SPECIAL MEASURE II (€9 million)**, the European Union supports the border and migration management capabilities of the Border police.

Until March 2016, the government paid from the national budget for the stay of **border guards** – both guest officers and local police who need to be redeployed to the Southern Border from other parts of the country. Since then, the European Union has paid for their accommodation and meals as well as fuel for their vehicles (*until October 2017*).

A **senior Border Management Expert** is assisting the Ministry of Interior and the border police with this joint operation since March 2016 (*deployed*).

So far, under this measure the Border police received **border surveillance equipment**, such as 20 thermal short-ranging cameras, a device for the detection of validity of documents, 100 TETRA handheld devices and 2 radio programming tools (*delivered October 2016*). In 2017, the Border Police will receive 10 more thermal long-ranging cameras (*contract signed*), 4 specialised vehicles with multipurpose surveillance capabilities for improved border security and 1 Mobile Surveillance system equipped with radar and communication network (*ongoing tenders*).



## SPECIAL MEASURE III

Under **SPECIAL MEASURE III (up to €2.5 million)**, the European Union will include support to the medical staff of the Ministry of Health in providing services to migrants and local people, and schemes for assisted voluntary return of migrants (*contract signed with International Organisation for Migration*).