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Project title: Media-Police-Public in front of Illegal Migration

The overall objective of the project is to prevent as many cases of illegal migration of foreign nationals who use illegal routes through the border points of Albania in order to illegally get to European Union member countries.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. Creation of media space for the public over 18 years of age in the Korça region to report to the State Police cases of illegal border crossing and hold legally responsible those who, in return for profit, provide assistance to foreign immigrants who try to cross to the countries of the European Union
2. Increase cooperation between the media, State Police and the public for the identification and dissemination of cases of illegal border crossing of persons accused of providing assistance to foreign nationals, against profit, operating at border crossing points and other small border crossings of Korça Region, with Greece and Northern Macedonia in the media.

The results that are intended to be achieved are:

- a) TV spot for raising public awareness regarding the prevention of illegal immigration and encouraging the courage to report cases of this phenomenon to the police.
- b) 4 journalistic observations at the four border crossing points (Kapshtica, Tre Urat, Qafë Thanë and Tushemisht) regarding the investigation of the phenomenon of illegal migration
- c) Workshop with the participation of border and criminal police officers, lawyers, municipal representatives and journalists, regarding the penalties provided by the law on illegal migration and the measures to be taken by the police and local government to prevent this phenomenon.
- d) TV forum related to the investigation of the phenomenon of illegal migration with a panel composed of representatives of the police directorate, representatives of local government, licensed taxi drivers, accompanied by public opinions.
- e) Petition from licensed taxi drivers to the Prefecture of Korça on problems caused by allowing the exercise of the activity of unlicensed taxis not in accordance with the law

- f) 1 investigative report on journalistic findings evidenced through observations addressed to the Korça District Police Directorate
- g) Conference on the final results of the project with the participation of target groups during the project