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What is the Prague Process

> **New political process promoting migration partnerships among the participating states:** European Union, Schengen Area, South Eastern and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia and Turkey, started by the Ministerial Conference in Prague 2009. The Process is based on and continues to further develop the results of the “Building Migration Partnerships” initiative (2009-2011).

Work Plan for 2011		
30-31 May	<i>Senior Officials' Meeting</i>	Budapest
5-6 October	<i>Senior Officials' Meeting</i>	Moscow
3 November	<i>Senior Officials' Meeting</i>	Poznan, Poland
4 November	<i>Ministerial Conference</i>	Poznan, Poland

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Final Meeting of the “Building Migration Partnerships” project & Second preparatory meeting for the 2nd Prague Process Ministerial Conference

The meeting, hosted by the Ministry of Interior of Hungary, the EU Presidency then, took place in Budapest on 30-31 May 2011 and gathered representatives of 31 countries and the European Commission (Directorate General Home Affairs and Directorate General Development and Cooperation), General Secretariat of the EU Council, Frontex, ICMPD, IOM, MARRI and UNHCR.

Mr. Tomas Urubek from the Czech Ministry of the Interior, the leading states of the BMP project, presented its results and officially closed the successful project. The meeting continued with discussion of the thematic parts of the draft Prague Process Action Plan. After an introduction to the draft Action Plan delivered by Mr. Zoltan Leko on behalf of Hungary, respective thematic divisions of the draft were presented by Poland (Preventing and fighting illegal migration), Slovakia (Return, readmission and reintegration), Hungary (Legal migration with special emphasis on labour migration), and on the second meeting day by Romania (Integration), Czech Republic (Migration and Development) and Sweden (Asylum). Participants entered lively discussions and actively expressed their views towards the proposed draft. On the second day of the meeting, the European Commission presented the Consultation on the Global Approach to Migration with the aim to collect feedback from participating states.



BMP Final Meeting: Conclusions

- “Building Migration Partnerships” project is successfully concluded
- Prague Process will continue with Ministerial Conference in Poznan
- European Commission announced funding for years 2012-2014
- Discussion on establishment of a Steering Group will continue
- Next meeting : Moscow in October
- All countries are invited to actively contribute to the Action Plan



Strengthening of co-operation with Uzbekistan

With the aim to strengthen co-operation with the authorities of Uzbekistan, the Secretariat participated in a MIEUX Study Visit for high-level representatives of authorities of Uzbekistan to Spain on 15-17 June. In addition to the program prepared by the Spanish migration authorities for the Uzbek delegation, the results of the Building Migration Partnerships, with a special focus on co-operation with Uzbekistan, were presented to high-level representatives of the National Security Council under the President of Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, the Cabinet of Ministers and the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Madrid. A separate meeting on BMP results was held with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain where the future steps related to the Prague Process and its Action Plan were discussed.



BMP Visibility Meetings for Embassies and Permanent Missions: Brussels and Vienna

On June 21 in Brussels and June 28 in Vienna ICMPD gathered representatives of permanent missions and embassies of non-EU countries to present the results of the Prague Process/BMP aimed at further increasing the visibility of the achievements of the initiative. Countries represented in the meetings were: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo (UNSCR 1244/1999) Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine, along with participation of the European Commission, EU Fundamental Rights Agency and UNHCR.



Migration Profiles: Lessons learned, 12-13 July 2011, Batumi, Georgia

The Government of Georgia, with ICMPD support, organised the international workshop on "Migration Profiles: Lessons learned" as the fourth thematic meeting within the framework of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) 2011 under the Swiss Chairmanship. The overall objective of the Batumi seminar was to exchange experience among states which have, through various initiatives (such as the Building Migration Partnerships/Prague Process), already developed, are working on or are considering elaborating their Migration Profiles.

The Governments of Georgia and Moldova co-chaired the two-day workshop, which gathered 17 governments from Eastern Europe but also Asia, Africa and Western Europe, representatives from the European Union as well as four expert organisations including the Global Migration Group (GMG). Over the course of four sessions, participants were able to share their views on (Extended) Migration Profiles as a national policy tool, to discuss their implications and to suggest improvements. The results of the workshop will be reported on at the GFMD 2011 Concluding Debate to be held in Geneva on 1-21 December 2011.

BMP knowledge base: i-Map and Extended Migration Profiles

The established knowledge base of BMP represented by a set of **Extended Migration Profiles** and visualisations of other relevant information is accessible online at the interactive BMP i-map at www.imap-migration.org.

As of 1 June 2011, the access to the BMP i-Map will be possible only with a username and password issued upon a registration via bmp@icmpd.org. The BMP i-Map (East) and the Mediterranean Transit Migration (MTM) i-Map (South) though sharing one platform are not interconnected and separate registrations for access are necessary.

Extended Migration Profiles	
<i>Final and endorsed</i>	<i>Under preparation</i>
- Armenia - Azerbaijan - Czech Republic - Hungary - Kazakhstan - Poland - Romania - Slovakia - Tajikistan - Ukraine	- Belarus - Georgia - Kyrgyzstan - Russia - Turkmenistan - Uzbekistan
	

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