Participants

States:
Albania  Austria  Azerbaijan  Belarus  Belgium  Bosnia and Herzegovina  Bulgaria  Croatia  Cyprus  Czech Republic  Denmark  Estonia  Finland  France  Georgia  Germany  Greece  Hungary  Ireland  Italy  Kazakhstan  Kosovo (UNSCR 1244/99)  Kyrgyzstan  Latvia  Liechtenstein  Lithuania  Luxembourg  Macedonia, The FYR  Malta  Montenegro  Netherlands  Norway  Poland  Portugal  Moldova  Romania  Russian Federation  Serbia  Slovakia  Slovenia  Spain  Sweden  Switzerland  Tajikistan  Turkey  Turkmenistan  Ukraine  United Kingdom  Uzbekistan

EU bodies:
European Commission  European Training Foundation  Frontex  EASO  EEAS  ICMPD  IOM  MARRI  UNHCR

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Prague Process

is a targeted migration dialogue promoting migration partnerships among the countries of the European Union, Schengen Area, Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans, Central Asia, Russia, and Turkey.

The Process originated from the EU financed project "Building Migration Partnerships", and was launched at the 1st Prague Process Ministerial Conference, culminating in the signature of the Prague Process Joint Declaration in April 2009.

"The idea that you can solve all migration challenges just in the framework of your national administration is false. If you want to be successful in migration management, you have to cooperate with your neighbours".
- Tomas Urubek, Czech Republic

The participating states thereby agreed to strengthen cooperation in migration management, following a comprehensive, balanced, pragmatic and operational approach, and respecting the rights and human dignity of migrants and their family members, as well as of refugees.

Over the recent years most participating states introduced dynamic changes to their migration legislation. Non-EU states largely adapted their policies to the EU acquis.

This approximation of legal systems and national practices, as well as the continued exchange of knowledge and experience, represent the key achievements of the Prague Process to date.

Governance

The current Prague Process management structure encompasses the network of National Contact Points, the Senior Officials’ meetings, the Ministerial Conferences, and the Strategic Group.

Network of National Contact Points

- facilitates daily cooperation at expert level
- agrees on the expert meetings

Senior Officials’ Meetings (once a year)

- prepare the ground for Ministerial Conferences
- monitor ongoing actions and evaluate their impact
- provide recommendations on future policy directions

Ministerial Conferences

- take place every 3-5 years
- evaluate the results achieved by the Process
- define the future strategic orientation of Prague Process

Strategic Group

- joint management body consisting of selected states with the rotating Chairmanship
- Current composition: CZ, HU, LT, PL, Presidency of the Council of the EU, European Commission & Prague Process Secretariat (ICMPD)

Projects

The initiative “Prague Process: Dialogue, Analysis and Training in Action” will continue the senior and expert level dialogue and will aim at implementing the Bratislava Declaration, in particular focusing on establishing of the Prague Process Migration Observatory and the Prague Process Training Academy. The work will build upon the results and achievements of previous actions, working towards the next Ministerial Conference in 2021-2022.

Thematic Areas:

- preventing and fighting illegal migration;
- integration of legally residing migrants;
- readmission, voluntary return and sustainable reintegration;
- migration, mobility and development;
- legal migration with a special emphasis on labour migration;
- asylum and international protection.

2012 Prague Process Targeted Initiative
2017

From 2012 to 2017, Poland and six other leading states implemented the EU-funded initiative “Support for the Implementation of the Prague Process and its Action Plan”, also known as the “Prague Process Targeted Initiative”. This initiative was led by Poland together with Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden, who also took the lead in the initiative's pilot projects and supported the Prague Process financially on an ad-hoc basis.

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