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What is the “Building Migration Partnerships”

> New political process promoting migration partnerships among the participating states.

On 28 April 2009, the Prague Ministerial Conference “Building Migration Partnerships”, hosted by the Czech European Union Presidency, adopted a Joint Declaration on the principles and elements for promoting migration partnerships between the participating states from the **European Union, Schengen Area, South Eastern and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Turkey.**

The Conference mandated the senior officials to further elaborate the agreed principles and elements of migration



BMP Joint Declaration	➤ Preventing and fighting illegal migration
	➤ Readmission, voluntary return and sustainable reintegration
	➤ Legal migration with a special emphasis on labour migration
	➤ Integration of legally residing migrants
	➤ Migration, mobility and development

partnerships. The first ongoing project “Building Migration Partnerships” funded by the European Commission, aims at assisting to implementation of the endorsed results of this political process.

Components and elements of Migration Partnerships to be:

- ✓ Pragmatic and operational
- ✓ Prepared with a view of future joint cooperation
- ✓ Based on priorities of all partners
- ✓ Based on comprehensive mappings and best practices
- ✓ Assessed with regard to expected impact on migration policies

Expected outputs

Results of the project will be presented and made accessible to states-parties of the Building Migration Partnerships Joint Declaration at the second BMP Ministerial Conference, which will take place in Hungary during the Hungarian EU Presidency in 2011.

“Migration Partnership Strategies”, “Migration Partnership Mappings”, “Migration Profile Reports” and the electronic database on migration routes – I-Map - will provide with relevant information, statistics, analysis and recommendations for further development of genuine Migration Partnerships.

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Following to the Prague Ministerial Conference and based on the thematic areas of the BMP Joint Declaration, three preparatory workshops were carried out in Prague (July 2009), Bratislava (September 2009) and Bucharest (October 2009).

While the Prague meeting and the Bratislava meetings had focused on the five areas of the Joint Declaration, the Bucharest meeting concentrated on the description of migratory routes in the future format of an electronic online database - the I-Map.

In November 2009, Budapest hosted a Senior Officials' Meeting which took stock of activities in 2009 and adopted a Work Plan for 2010.

In parallel to the workshops, high-level introductory missions with senior experts from the leading states - Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia - took place in Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan (June 2009), Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan (September 2009), Armenia and Georgia (October 2009), Moldova and Azerbaijan (November 2009), where expert met with Ministers, decision-makers and senior management of migration authorities, as well as Delegations of the European Union and other stakeholders (e.g. IOM, UNHCR, OSCE, ILO, DRC) whenever possible.



partner states, EU Delegation and other stakeholders, to jointly formulate and elaborate an objective description of the migration situation in, and priorities and interest of each respective country.

In addition to this, leading states of the BMP I project – Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia – will prepare and make available Migration Profiles on their own countries.

To close the round of workshops held in 2009, in June, September and October 2010 three expert-level concluding workshops will take place in Warsaw, Vienna and Kiev.

The purpose of the workshops will be to

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Hungary (Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement)

Poland (Ministry of Interior and Administration)

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Activities BMP I

2009		2010	
Senior-level introductory missions	AM, AZ, GE, KZ, KG, MD, TJ, TK, UA, UZ; Jun-Nov	Expert Missions	AM, AZ, BY, GE, KZ, KG, RU, TJ, TK, UA, UZ; Mar-Jun
3 thematic preparatory Workshops	Prague, Jul Bratislava, Sept Bucharest, Oct	3 thematic concluding Workshops	Warsaw, Jun Vienna, Sep Kiev, Oct
1 st Senior Officials' Meeting	Budapest, Nov	2 nd Senior Officials' Meeting	Budapest, Nov

... in 2010

To jointly prepare draft Migration Profile Reports with up-to-date information and priorities of partner countries, BMP expert missions will be carried out to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

During the missions, experts will meet with experts of migration authorities of

discuss results of introductory workshops and subsequent project missions with the aim to identify final format and prepare outputs of the project for their finalisation and presentation at a Senior Officials' Meeting in Budapest towards the end of 2010 and at the 2nd Building Migration partnerships Ministerial Conference to be held in Hungary during the Hungarian EU Presidency in the first half of 2011.



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