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What is the Prague Process (“Building Migration Partnerships”)

> **New political process promoting migration partnerships among the participating states:** European Union, Schengen Area, South Eastern and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Turkey, started by the Ministerial Conference in Prague 2009.

First Preparatory Meeting for the Second Prague Process Ministerial Conference

Hosted by the State Migration Service of Ukraine the Workshop on the “Building Migration Partnerships” strategic recommendations and at the same time the First Preparatory Meeting for the Second Prague Process Ministerial Conference (Poznan, 4 November 2011) took place in Kyiv on 15-16 March 2011.



The meeting gathered representatives of 31 countries including the Hungarian EU Presidency and the European Commission (DG Home Affairs), Delegation of the European Union in Ukraine, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, ICMPD, IOM and MARRI.

Based on BMP Strategic Recommendations and a discussion paper on the Prague Process Action Plan, participants agreed on the following four points.

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The set of preparatory meetings for the Second Prague Process Ministerial Conference and discussions on structure of the Action Plan and its wording will continue with the Second Preparatory Senior Officials’ Meeting in **Budapest on 30-31 May**.

This meeting will at the same time be a final meeting of the Building Migration Partnerships project. The Czech Republic, the leading states of “BMP1” will present an overview and results of activities carried out in 2009-2011 as well as the BMP knowledge base.

Kyiv meeting conclusions on the Action Plan

- Duration will be five years (2012-2016) with a mid-term evaluation after three years
- Structure will follow the thematic structure of the BMP Joint Declaration and a chapter on asylum will be included
- Limited number of concrete actions will be listed in the Action Plan
- Discussion on establishment of a Steering Group will continue

Work Plan for 2011

30-31 May	<i>Senior Officials’ Meeting</i>	Budapest
September	<i>Senior Officials’ Meeting</i>	Moscow/Warsaw
3 November	<i>Senior Officials’ Meeting</i>	Poznan, Poland
4 November	<i>Ministerial Conference</i>	Poznan, Poland



From the Building Migration Partnerships Joint Declaration to the Prague Process

With the aim to implement the objectives of the BMP Joint Declaration, a project funded by the European Commission and lead by the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic was implemented from May 2009 to June 2011.

The objective of the BMP1 project was to gather information necessary for translation of the Joint Declaration into action. The information was gathered in a form of a set Extended Migration Profiles, which were based on the template prepared by the European Commission. The interactive online map was developed to ensure access to the available information to all Prague Process / BMP participating states.

The knowledge base was prepared through a set of high-level introductory missions and expert missions, as well as workshops. The Senior Officials' Meetings has served as the decisive body in BMP.

The European Commission continues supporting the activities of the Prague Process also in long term perspective. In this respect, a Targeted Initiative on implementation of the Prague Process Action

Plan will be launched in January 2012, for which the EC already allocated 3 millions EUR. In the meantime, from July to December 2011, the BMP/Prague Process will be maintained thanks to funding provided by the BMP leading states - the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

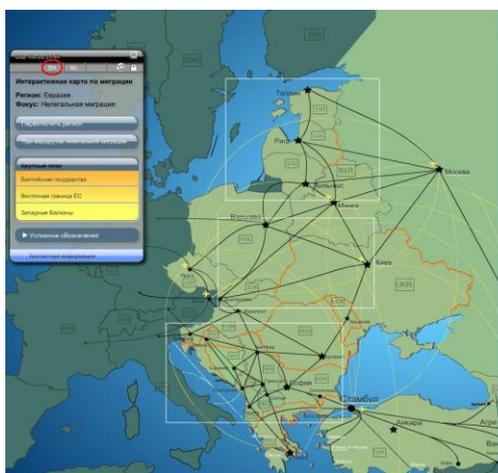
Extended Migration Profiles	
Final and endorsed	Under preparation
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The e-mail address bmp@icmpd.org serves as the main communication channel for any matters related to the BMP i-Map

Access the BMP knowledge base

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) thought sharing one platform are not interconnected and separate registrations for access are necessary.



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