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## What is the Prague Process

> **Targeted migration dialogue policy process promoting migration partnerships among the participating states:** European Union, Schengen Area, South Eastern and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia and Turkey.

The process started by the Ministerial Conference in Prague 2009 and it is based on and continues to further develop the results of the "Building Migration Partnerships" initiative (2009-2011). The Poznan Ministerial Conference in November 2011 reaffirmed the mandate of the process.

## Next Prague Process meeting

<b>February/March 2012</b>	<b>Senior Officials' Meeting</b>	<b>Warsaw</b>
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## Second Prague Process Ministerial Conference

The Ministerial Conference, hosted by the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, took place in Poznan on 4 November 2011. The conference gathered Ministers or high-level representatives with ministerial mandate of 47 countries, the European Commission, General Secretariat of the EU Council, European Training Foundation, Europol, Frontex, ICMPD, ILO, IOM, MARRI and UNHCR.

The Conference started with welcoming speeches by Poland, the Czech Republic and the European Commission. While the Czech Republic reverted to the history of the Prague Process and the Building Migration Partnerships initiative, Poland and the European Commission underlined the importance of the Prague Process future. The European Commission has marked the Prague Process as a priority targeted migration dialogue process with wider geographical scope and the key regional framework for the dialogue under the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility towards the Eastern and South-Eastern neighbourhood of the European Union. After six thematic sessions following the Action Plan structure, the Prague Process Action Plan 2012-2016 was unanimously endorsed by all participants.

As a side event, a photo exhibition and presentation by the IOM Director General William Lacy Swing of the book *Migration Moments* took place at the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IOM.

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## Prague Process Action Plan 2012-2016

- Endorsed on ministerial level on 4 November 2011
- Covers 6 thematic areas
- Lists 22 concrete actions
- Implementation starts immediately
- 4 pilot actions selected for implementation in 2012-2014
- EC confirmed funding of € 3M for the 4 pilot actions



## 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Preparatory Meetings for the Ministerial Conference

On 5 - 6 October 2011 the in Moscow, the meeting was hosted and co-chaired by the Federal Migration Service of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Interior and Administration of Poland, the current EU Presidency. It brought together representatives of 38 countries and the European Commission (Directorate General Home Affairs), General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Frontex, ICMPD, IOM, MARRI and UNHCR. Participants of the meeting discussed and agreed on an advanced draft of the Action Plan.



The last preparatory meeting on Senior Officials' level took place on the eve of the Ministerial Conference in Poznan on 3 November. This meeting brought together representatives of 41 countries and the European Commission (Directorate General Home Affairs, Directorate General Development and Co-operation), General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Frontex, European Training Foundation, Europol, ICMPD, ILO, IOM, MARRI and UNHCR.

Apart from final agreement on the text of the Action Plan for endorsement, this meeting allowed for a discussion on identification of pilot actions to be implemented immediately after the Ministerial Conference, on methodology to be applied in implementation and on the implementation structure, which calls for establishment of a Core Group, a body, which would support the Senior Officials' Meetings in their work.

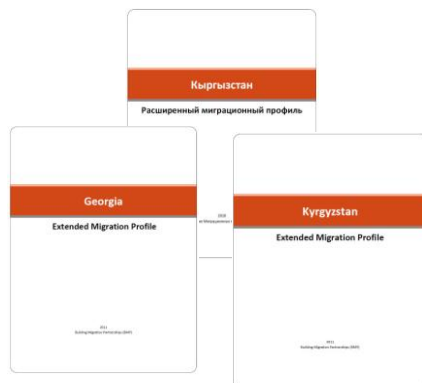
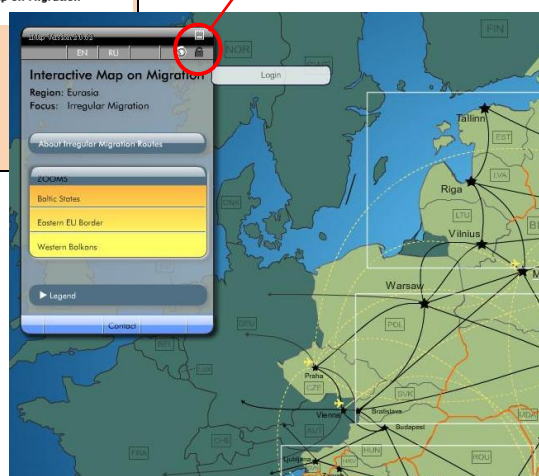
### BMP knowledge base: i-Map and Extended Migration Profiles

Extended Migration Profiles	
Final and endorsed	Under preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armenia</li> <li>Azerbaijan</li> <li>Czech Republic</li> <li><b>Georgia (new)</b></li> <li>Hungary</li> <li>Kazakhstan</li> <li><b>Kyrgyzstan (new)</b></li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Romania</li> <li>Slovakia</li> <li>Tajikistan</li> <li>Ukraine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Belarus</li> <li>Russia</li> <li>Turkmenistan</li> <li>Uzbekistan</li> </ul>



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](http://www.imap-migration.org). A data comparison tool is under development and its test run is expected in 2012.

Without a **username and password** not all content can be accessed. Registration is possible via [bmp@icmpd.org](mailto:bmp@icmpd.org).



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