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

> 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.

Extended Migration Profiles

As of October 2010, 16 drafts of Extended Migration Profiles have been elaborated on the basis of a template prepared by the European Commission. The profiles contain different statistical and analytical information, which aims at evaluating the overall migration situation in a given country.

In close co-operation with state authorities of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, second drafts of their Extended Migration Profiles have been prepared. The relevant migration authorities of these countries gather information also from other national bodies and share it with the BMP team for incorporation to the document. As the first result of the joint work, the final Extended Migration Profile on Kazakhstan in English and Russian was presented and distributed at the BMP i-Map Workshop in Vienna on 9-10 September 2010.

Of the five leading states of BMP, the final Extended Migration Profiles on Romania and Slovakia in English and Russian were presented and distributed to participants of BMP workshops in Warsaw and Vienna. Extended Migration Profiles of Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic are approaching the stage of finalisation.

On a voluntary basis, Albania has prepared its own Extended Migration Profile based on the EC template, which profile will be used for the BMP interactive map (i-Map). Bosnia and Herzegovina has provided with its Migration Profile, to which a reference on the BMP i-Map will be made as well.

BMP Workshop on migration profiles in Warsaw

The Workshop on Extended Migration Profiles, hosted by the Polish Ministry of Interior and Administration, took place in Warsaw on 21-22 June 2010 and gathered representatives of 32 countries including Spain, being the current EU Presidency, the European Commission (JLS), Frontex, ICMPD, IOM, MARRI and UNHCR.

After EC presentation of the concept of migration profiles, BMP experts presented BMP methodology applied in development of the BMP Extended Migration Profiles as well as results of the expert missions to partner states.

Apart from states-parties to the BMP Joint Declaration, for the first time the Republic of Belarus was invited to this meeting as an observer with a perspective of joining the Prague Process.

BMP i-Map Workshop in Vienna

The Workshop on the Interactive Map (BMP i-Map), hosted by the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior took place in Vienna on 09-10 September 2010. It gathered representatives of 30 countries including the current Belgium EU Presidency, Frontex, ICMPD, IOM, MARRI and UNHCR.

During the meeting countries focused on discussion on existing migration routes and the interactive map was introduced. For the Southern Dimension ICMPD presented the Mediterranean Transit Migration i-Map and for the Eastern Dimension the i-Map was presented by the BMP team.
The interactive map – basic facts

- Developed under BMP initiative
- Interactive web-based tool built upon already existing i-Map platform – web site: www.imap-migration.org
- Geographically oriented to the East and South-East
- Visualisation of migration routes
- Information on migration related topics
- Links/access to sources of information including Extended Migration Profiles on the BMP countries
- Available in English and Russian
- Currently in a test phase
- Flash based application (Flash Player 8 needed)
- Some information provided in pdf format

BMP i-Map is currently in a test phase and is developing to correspond to needs and expectations of the participating states. Since there is always room for improvement, active approach from the side of participating countries is highly appreciated. Suggestions, corrections or any ideas for improvement of this online electronic tool are welcomed.

The e-mail address bmp@icmpd.org has been established for this purpose and should serve as the main communication channel for any matters related to the BMP i-Map.

Three main migration routes

The Baltic route transiting and/or originating in Moscow heading towards the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and/or Lithuania), continuing via Poland to the Czech Republic and heading towards Austria, Germany and other Western European countries.

The Central and Eastern European route transiting and/or originating in the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus, continuing via Poland to Slovakia, Hungary and/or the Czech Republic and heading towards Austria, Germany and other Western European countries.

The Balkan route transiting and/or originating in Turkey, continuing via the Western Balkan States and heading towards Italy, Austria and other Western European countries.

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