

Participants

States:

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



Prague Process Migration Dialogue



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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 co-operation 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

- 2018 Prague Process: Dialogue, Analysis and
- 2020 Training in Action (MPF 2 Strand C)

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.

For more projects visit www.pragueprocess.eu.

PHASE I: “Building Migration Partnership” Initiative, cumulated with the signature of the **Prague Process Joint Declaration**.

PHASE II: 2nd Prague Process Ministerial Conference in Poznan, **Prague Process Action Plan 2012-2016** adopted.

PHASE III: Bratislava Ministerial Declaration, **Prague Process Migration Observatory and Training Academy** established.

2009

2011

2016

2009-2012 BMP

2012-2017 PP TI

2013-2015 ERIS, SIPPAP

2018-2020 PP DATA