Prague Process/
Building Migration Partnerships

Knowledge base

GFMD Workshop – Migration Profiles: lessons learned
Batumi, 12-13 July 2011

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BMP initiative

• First phase of the Prague Process
• Funded by EC and project leaders
• Project leaders (CZ, HU, PL, RO, SK; ICMPD - secretariat)
• Partners: migration authorities of ARM, AZE, BLR, GEO, KAZ, KGS, MDR, RUS, TAJ, TUR, UKR, UZB
• Implementation period January 2009 - June 2011
BMP results

• BMP Joint Declaration
• BMP Knowledge Base
  – 16 Extended Migration Profiles
  – Online interactive map – BMP i-Map
• Strategic recommendations to the Action Plan for implementation of the BMP JD in 2012-2016
• Draft Action Plan 2012-2016
BMP Joint Declaration

Political declaration of ministers of 50 states and EC endorsed at the Ministerial Conference of the Czech EU Presidency in Prague on 28 April 2009

Ministers mandated Senior Officials to elaborate on agreed principles and elements of the JD

- Start of the Prague Process -
BMP JD topics

• Fight against illegal migration
• Return, readmission and reintegration
• Legal migration with special focus on labour migration
• Integration
• Migration and development
BMP knowledge base

• Serves as a basis for definition of priorities and interests of participating states
• Result of BMP activities carried out in 2009-2010 and ongoing (workshops, expert missions, information gathering and exchange)
• Contributes to formulation of the Action Plan
BMP knowledge base

• **Extended Migration Profiles**
  • State ownership: Prepared in close cooperation with respective countries (workshops, missions) and endorsed by their migration authorities
  • Policy development tool
  • European Commission template (January 2010)

• **BMP i-Map**
  • Translation of all available information into an interactive online visual tool
ICMPD: Draft Migration Profile on the country:
* General information / selected chapters
* List of questions to be asked during a mission

**Experts**: Study and Complement draft Migration Profile:
* Coordinated by Head
* Thematic division

**ICMPD**: Send list of questions in EN and RU to the country 1-2 weeks in advance for preparation of answers

**Experts**: Participation in mission
* Lead by Head
* Possible split-up
* 3 WD/expert in the country

**ICMPD**: Draft Migration Profile on the country:
* General information / selected chapters

**Expert - Head of Mission**

**ICMPD**: Editing / translation (~60-100 pages) of the update into RU and sending to the respective country for comments/input

**Experts**: Under coordination of Head of the Mission submit:
* one joint mission report
* update of migration profile as per thematic division among experts

**Partner country (CIS)**:
Comments, corrections, update of information and additional information; answer in 4-8 weeks

**Experts**: Presentation of the Migration Profile and results of missions at the Workshop I (Warsaw, June 2010)

**ICMPD**: Receiving feedback and final input, editing, coordination with Partner and CIS experts.

**Partner country (CIS)**:
Approval of the final version, confirmed ownership.

**ICMPD**: Ensuring equal EN and RU versions of Migration Profile.

**ICMPD**: Incorporation to the I-Map Eastern Migration Route.
Workshops

• on irregular migration, return, readmission and reintegration, Prague, July 2009
• on labour migration, circular migration, integration, migration and development, Bratislava, September 2009
• on i-Map, Bucharest, October 2009
• on Extended Migration Profiles, Warsaw, June 2010
• on i-Map, Vienna, September 2010
• on BMP strategic recommendations, Kiev, March 2011
Missions

• Presentation of BMP to Councils of Heads of Migration Services of CIS, Kazan, May 2009

• High-level introductory missions – June-November 2009

• Expert missions – March-October 2010 (apart from MDR)
EMP status

• Final and available EMPs (in English and Russian):
  • Slovakia (62 pages)
  • Romania (62 pages)
  • Kazakhstan (67 pages)
  • Czech Republic (66 pages)
  • Poland (110 pages)
  • Azerbaijan (96 pages)
  • Tajikistan (67 pages)
  • Ukraine (86 pages)
  • Hungary (65 pages)
  • Armenia (76 pages)
  • Provided by other states: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina

• Finalisation: Kyrgyzstan, Georgia
• In progress: Belarus, Russia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
BMP i-Map basic facts

- Platform for all BMP Extended Migration Profiles
- Geographically oriented to the East and South-East
- Web site [www.imap-migration.org](http://www.imap-migration.org) or [www.pragueprocess.eu](http://www.pragueprocess.eu)
- Getting inspired by MTM i-Map experience
- Developing a data comparison tool
- Available in English and Russian
- Access to registered users (username+password)
- Online since December 2010
BMP i-Map: 3 steps

2010 BMP Map on Illegal Migration Routes (poster) (2009-June 2010)

BMP i-Map 2010 (March-November 2010; online in December 2010)

BMP i-Map 2011 and onwards (future)

www.imap-migration.org
2010 “Building Migration Partnerships” Map on Illegal Migration Routes

Legend
- Connecting land routes
- Main connecting land routes
- Maritime routes
- Air routes

- Country code: "EU" = EU countries

- Capitals
- Main migration hubs
- Coastal migration hubs
- Migration routes
- Connections

2010 Illegal Migration Route Map: Building Migration Partnerships

Map created by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) with support from the European Commission.

The map illustrates the main migration routes and potential hub cities for illegal migration from Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia, the Middle East, and other regions to Europe. It highlights the connectivity and interdependencies between different parts of the migration network.

Key migration routes include:
- Mediterranean Sea crossings
- Eastern Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea
- Central and Eastern European corridors
- Western Balkan routes
- Sub-Saharan African routes

The map also identifies potential migration hubs and entry points for migrants, such as major cities in Europe and key transit points.

The map is a valuable tool for understanding the complexities of illegal migration and for developing effective policies to address the challenges it presents. It underscores the importance of international cooperation and the need for comprehensive strategies to manage migration flows.
Challenges of the BMP i-Map

- Information contained is not and cannot be exhaustive
- Room for improvement – open to comments and suggestions
- Development of a database/data comparison tool
- Future update and maintenance
Future

• Continuous work on Extended Migration Profiles, i-Map and their regular update
• SOM in Moscow, September 2012
• Second Prague Process Ministerial Conference, Poznan, 3-4 November 2011
• Endorsement of the Action Plan 2012-2016
• Implementation of selected activities in 2012-2014 (funded by EC)
Questions?
Thank you for your attention!

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