

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

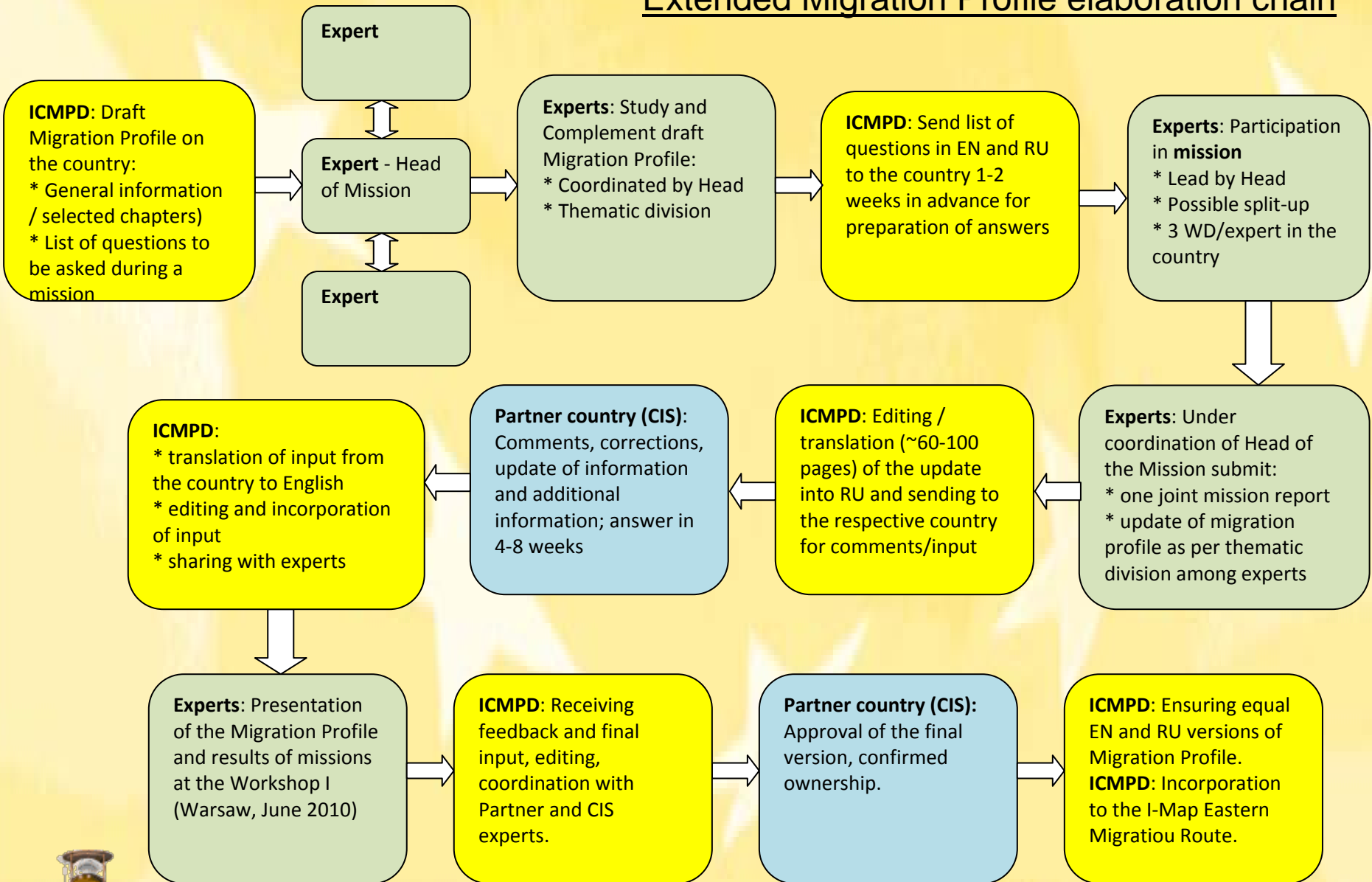
- **Extended Migration Profiles**

- 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

Extended Migration Profile elaboration chain



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

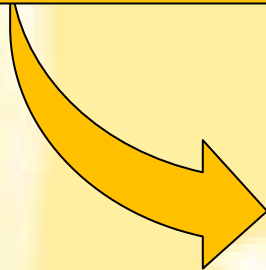


BMP i-Map basic facts

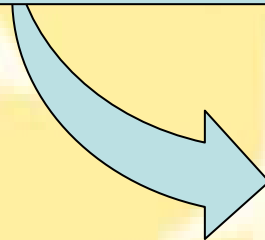
- Platform for all BMP Extended Migration Profiles
- Geographically oriented to the East and South-East
- Web site www.imap-migration.org or www.pragueprocess.eu
- Getting inspired by MTM i-Map experience
- Developing a data comparison tool
- Available in English and Russian
- Access to registered users (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



Baltic States



Eastern EU Border



Western Balkans



Introduction

The Map on Illegal Migration Routes is being developed within the framework of the Building Migration Partnerships (BMP) Initiative. The production of this Map has been further facilitated through an additional financial contribution from the government of Poland.

The Map at hand represents a step towards development of an interactive electronic database on migration flows between countries-parties to the BMP Joint Declaration, to the implementation of the principles of which the Map should contribute. The Joint Declaration on the principles and elements for promoting migration partnerships between the participating states from the European Union, Schengen Area, South Eastern and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Turkey was endorsed at the Prague Ministerial Conference "Building Migration Partnerships" in April 2009.

The Map

The purpose of this tool is to serve migration authorities by visualising the main illegal migration flows and migration hubs as well as the main border crossing points and the border sections most susceptible to be used for illegal migration from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe to Central, Western and Southern Europe. This Map is mainly based on information contained in the latest editions of the ICMPD "Yearbook on Illegal Migration, Human Smuggling and Trafficking in Central and Eastern Europe". In addition to that, sources such as from Europol, Frontex, Interpol and relevant EU bodies have been used. The information contained is not and cannot be exhaustive and efforts will be put into further development of this tool in close cooperation with the countries concerned.

Analysis of the Illegal Migration Routes

Main countries of origin represented in the illegal migration flows to Central and Eastern Europe include migrants from the Balkan countries (mainly Albania, but also Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina) as well as migrants from the Middle East and Asia (Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan as well as Palestine and other countries). Migrants from the former Soviet Union countries usually come from Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova as well as the Russian Federation. Furthermore, apprehensions of migrants originating from Turkey show an increasing trend. The share of immigrants from African countries is comparably lower, except apprehensions of dozens from Somalia.

At present the main direction of illegal migration flows is still from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe to Western and Southern Europe. The main migration routes include:

- 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.

The border sections with most migration related apprehensions include the former external Schengen borders: the borders between Greece and Albania, Bulgaria, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey as well as the sea borders and Croatia. At the new external Schengen borders (since 21 December 2007) most migration related apprehensions took place between Latvia and Romania as well as the Russian Federation; between Hungary and Romania, Serbia as well as Ukraine; between Poland and Ukraine, between Slovakia and Ukraine; and between Slovenia and Croatia. Outside the Schengen area the border sections with most migration related apprehensions include the borders between Bulgaria and Turkey; between Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina; between Romania and Bulgaria, Moldova, Serbia as well as Ukraine and between Ukraine and Moldova as well as the Russian Federation.

The current phase of the BMP Initiative, funded by the European Union's Thematic Programme and running between January 2009 and December 2010, is jointly implemented by the Czech Republic (Ministry of the Interior), Hungary (Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement), Poland (Ministry of Interior and Administration), Romania (Ministry of Administration and Interior), Slovakia (Ministry of Interior) and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

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This poster has been produced within the framework of the "Building Migration Partnerships" initiative. The migration routes displayed on this poster is the sole responsibility of the project partners in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and ICMPD and can in no way be taken to reflect the views of the European Union.

* Annex under UNHCR 1244, 2005

2011 "Building Migration Partnerships" Map on Irregular Migration Routes

Legend

- Connecting land routes
- Main connecting land routes
- Maritime routes
- Air routes
- Country code (ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 code)
- Capitals
- Main migration hubs
- Coastal migration hubs
- Migration route ends
- Key airports
- Borders with most migration related apprehensions



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The information provided is mainly based on the "External Migration Profiles" published in the framework of the BMP initiative and available at www.imap-migration.org. In addition to that, the ICMPD "Handbook on Illegal Migration, Human Smuggling and Trafficking in Central and Eastern Europe" as well as sources such as from Eurostat, Frontex, Interpol and IOM EU borders have been used. The information contained here and cannot be exhaustive and further development will be sought in close cooperation with the countries concerned.

Irregular Migration Routes in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe

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The main direction of irregular migration flows is still from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe to Western Europe. The main migration routes include:

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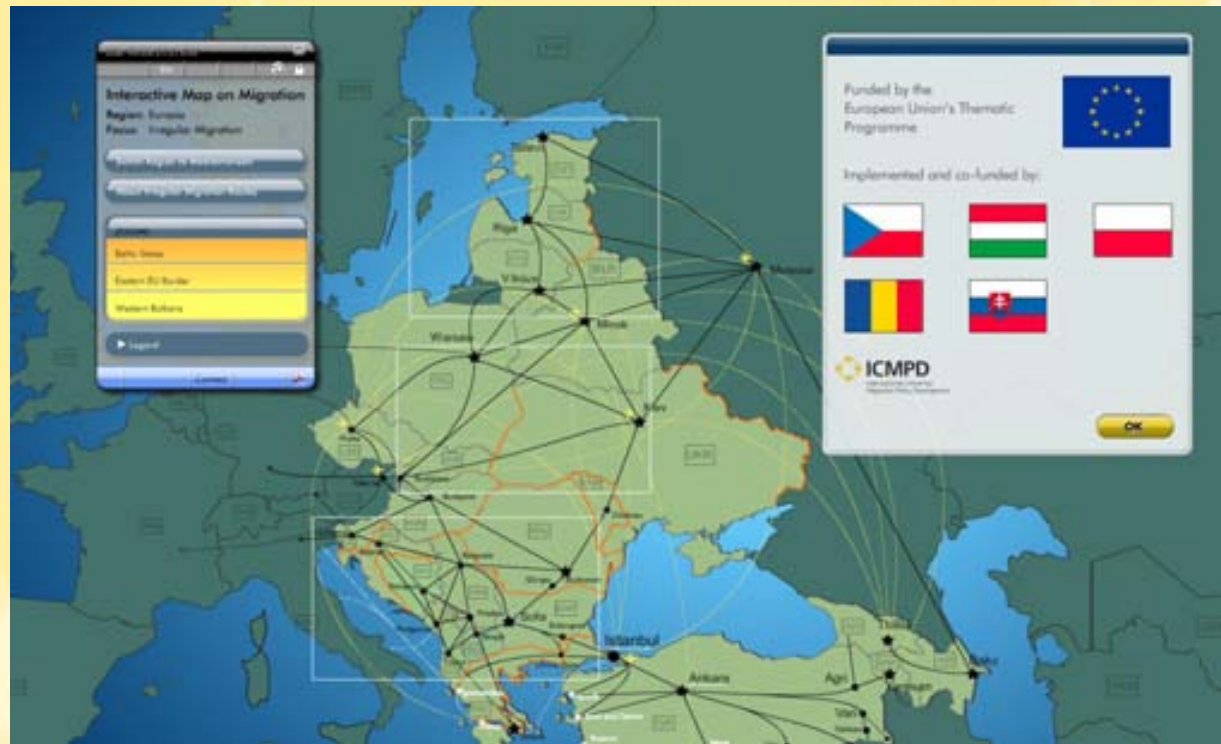
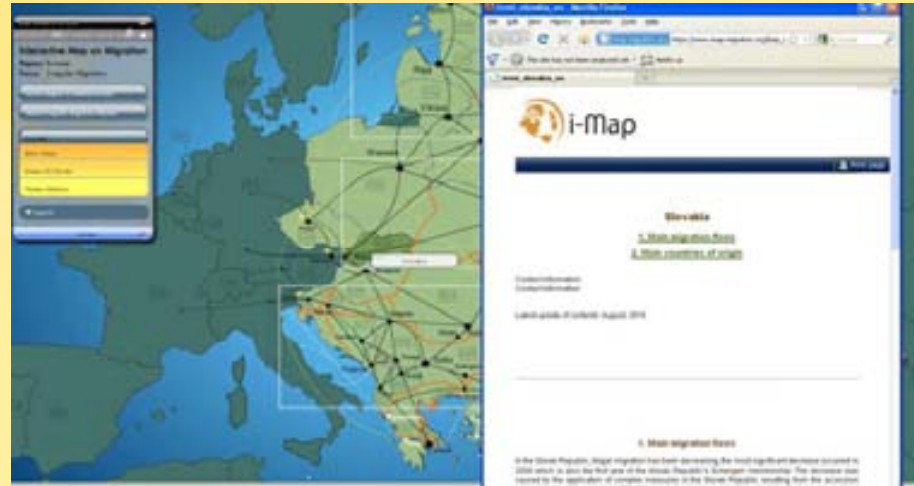
Irregular Migration Routes in Central Asia and the Russian Federation

The main challenge is economically motivated migration within the Central Asian region. Main countries of destination for migrants from Southern Caucasus and Central Asia are the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan due to the more favourable economic climate and liberal migration policy.

The Russian Federation is on the one hand a transit country for migrants from Asian and African countries heading towards the European Union. On the other hand, it is a destination country for migrants from Southern Caucasus and Central Asia. Migrants usually enter the territory of Russia as air travellers from China, Mongolia and Kazakhstan, while leaving the country by crossing the borders with the Baltic states, Ukraine and Belarus. In Kazakhstan transit migrants are primarily from Afghanistan and Bangladesh as well as China, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Irregular labour migrants are mainly from Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

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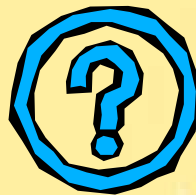
Challenges of the BMP i-Map

- 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 Concerence**, 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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