# 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 interacive online visual tool

### **Extended Migration Profile elaboration chain** Expert **Experts**: Study and ICMPD: Draft ICMPD: Send list of **Experts**: Participation Complement draft Migration Profile on questions in EN and RU in **mission** Migration Profile: the country: Expert - Head to the country 1-2 \* Lead by Head \* Coordinated by Head \* General information of Mission weeks in advance for \* Possible split-up \* Thematic division / selected chapters) preparation of answers \* 3 WD/expert in the \* List of questions to country be asked during a mission Expert ICMPD: Editing / Partner country (CIS): **Experts**: Under ICMPD. Comments, corrections. translation (~60-100 coordination of Head of \* translation of input from update of information pages) of the update the Mission submit: the country to English and additional into RU and sending to \* one joint mission report \* editing and incorporation the respective country information: answer in \* update of migration of input 4-8 weeks for comments/input profile as per thematic \* sharing with experts division among experts **ICMPD**: Receiving Partner country (CIS): **ICMPD**: Ensuring equal **Experts**: Presentation feedback and final FN and RU versions of of the Migration Profile Approval of the final version, confirmed Migration Profile. and results of missions input, editing, coordination with at the Workshop I ownership. **ICMPD**: Incorporation (Warsaw, June 2010) Partner and CIS to the I-Map Eastern Migratiou Route. experts.

## 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)

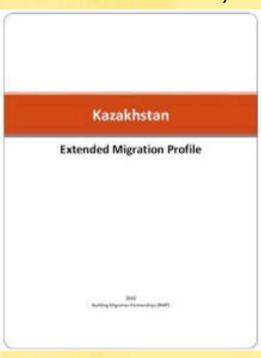






### **EMP** status

- 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 <u>www.imap-migration.org</u> or <u>www.pragueprocess.eu</u>
- 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





### Indica discillate

The Map on Hegal Migration Routes is being developed within the framework of the Building Migration Partnerships (BMP) hitbative. 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, Schangen Area, South Eastern and Eastern Europe, Contral Asia and Turkey was endorsed at the Prague Ministerial Conference Building Migration

The purpose of this tool is to serve migration authorities by visualising the main flegal migration flows and migration hubs as well as the main border crossing points and the border sections most susceptible to be used for flegal 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, Prontex, 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

### 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 Ultrains, 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 citizens 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

- The Balticroute transiting and/or originating in Moscow heading towards the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and/or Lithuania), continuing via Polandito the Czech Republic and heading towards Austria, Germany and other Western European
- The Central and Eastern European route transiting and/or originating in the Russian Federation, Uliraine, Moldova and Belarus, continuing via Poland to Slovakia, Hungary and/or the Czech Republic and heading towards Austria, Germany and other Western Europe an 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 Albanta, Bulgarta, the former Yugostav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey as well as the sea borders and Crete. At the new external Schengen borders Islace 21 December 2007) most migration related apprehensions to place between Latvia and Belarus 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 section: with most migration related apprehensions include the borders between Bulgaria and Turkey; between Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina; between Romanta and Bulgaria, Moldova, Serbia as well as Ukraine, and between Ukraine and Moldova as well as the Russia 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 Republik (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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## 2011 "Building Migration Partnerships" Map on Irregular Migration Routes











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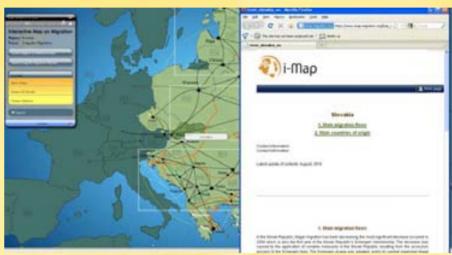
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## Challenges of the BMP i-Map

- 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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