

ICMPD

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ICMPD – Bulgaria Co-operation on migration

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What is ICMPD?

- International organisation that works in migration-related fields
- Established in 1993 by Austria and Switzerland, in 2012, 14 Member States
- Has a European basis
- Carries out activities throughout the world, especially in Africa, Mediterranean, Middle East, EU Eastern Partnership States, Central Asia, South East Asia, Latin America

What does ICMPD do?

- Develops and organises training programmes
- Facilitates international cooperation in the format of informal intergovernmental consultative dialogues and processes
- Supports governmental and administrative bodies in their institution building, policy formulation and legal reform efforts

Thematic Areas/ Competence Centres

- Illegal Migration and Return
- Trafficking in Human Beings
- Border Management and Visa
- Asylum
- Migration and Development
- Legal Migration and Integration
- Research

ICMPD Main Partners - Bulgaria

Ministry of Interior

- General Directorate Border Police
- Migration Directorate
- International Cooperation and European Affairs Directorate

National Commission for Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings (NCCTHB)

Other ICMPD Partners - Bulgaria

- State Agency for Asylum and Refugees
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (visa policy and Budapest Process activities)
- Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (legal migration and integration)
- Sofia Municipality (migration and integration policy)

Budapest Process

Bulgaria - **strong supporter of the Budapest Process** (hosting BP senior officials meeting for the first time in April 2001).

Priorities

Geographically: Black Sea Region, South East Europe Region

Thematically: border management, combating irregular migration and trafficking in human beings, labour migration and integration, readmission and asylum, security of documents

So far Bulgaria chaired:

- **the Budapest Process Working Group on Development of Migration Management Systems**(first meeting of the WG - Sofia, March, 2006)
- **the Budapest Process Working Group on the Black Sea Region**(first meeting of the WG,-Sofia, November,2008,second meeting- February 2011)

Budapest Process

Bulgaria continues to chair the Working Group on the Black Sea Region (the next meeting is planned for autumn 2012)

Priority topics:

- General capacity building in the Black Sea region
- Inter-agency and international cooperation using and involving existing structures and networks in the region
- Border management
- Irregular Migration
- Security of documents

Migration Policy Development

- Elaboration of a long-term migration strategy of the Republic of Bulgaria;
- Expert assistance from ICMPD to the Migration Directorate

Priorities:

- Elaborating and drafting an analysis in order to cope with return issue
- Illegal migration: elaboration of the Return strategy
- ICMPD possible assistance to coordinate the analyses centres
- Good practices in the detention of the illegally staying aliens

Co-operation in Research

- “Treatment of third country national passengers at the border crossing point at Kapitan Andreevo at Bulgarian Turkish border “, commissioned by Fundamental Rights Agency , carried out with research partners Eliamep from Greece and Koc University Turkey
- Bulgaria is also covered in the European Integration Fund project on “family reunification – facilitator or barrier to integration?” coordinated by the Immigrant Council, Ireland. The Bulgarian Project Partner is the “Institute for State Law and Sciences” of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

ICMPD Anti-Trafficking activities

- Anti-trafficking training programme for law-enforcement officers, judges ,prosecutors and NGOs 2003-2005
- Programme to support the development of the transnational referral mechanisms (TRM) for trafficked persons in South-Eastern Europe(2006-2009)
- Development of a transnational referral mechanism for victims of trafficking between countries of origin and destination: TRM-EU (2009-2010)
- Enhancing transnational cooperation on trafficking cases in South-Eastern Europe –TRM II(2010- 2012)

Co-operation of Bulgaria in Prague Process

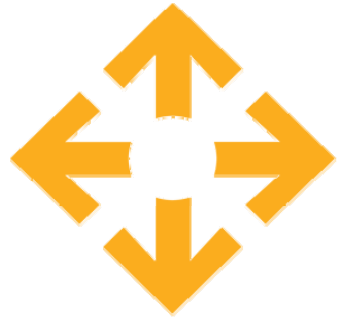
- In the framework of the Prague Process (process launched in 2009 after Prague Ministerial Conference),the Bulgarian Ministry of Interior is taking part. Bulgaria, together with other 49 states, endorsed the Prague Process **Action Plan 2012-2016** in November 2011.
- In implementation of four selected activities in 2012-2014 Bulgaria expressed interest to take active part in the **Pilot Project on Illegal Migration**.

Possible Co-operation in the Future

- Capacity Building
- Joint Project Activities
- Partnership between Bulgaria and future Budapest Process activities

Regional and inter-regional co-operation of Bulgaria

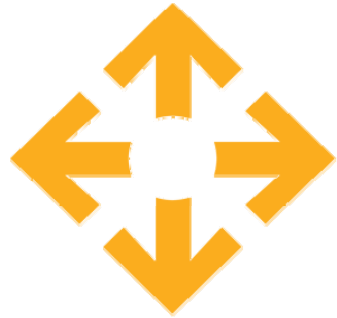
- Under the Budapest process Bulgaria is chairing Working group on Black Sea
- Transfer of knowledge gained during accession to the EU , as well as knowledge in development of capacities to meet the requirements for Schengen regulations to its neighbours is of immense relevance for countries in the Black Sea region
- Turkey is chairing Working group on Silk Route which extended the borders of Budapest process farther towards East, with participation of Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan
- Interregional cooperation under the chairmanship of two, for the EU relevant working groups, Black Sea and Silk Route, thus presents a possibility of new form of co-operation, which may benefit to better stability and security of both countries at their borders, as well as the whole Europe



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Thank you very much for your attention!



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