



Recommendations for the next five years of EU migration policy (RECs)

Introducing the RECs project

In 2024, the EU public will elect a new European Parliament, which will approve the leadership of the next European Commission and the policy priorities for the coming five-year mandate, including in the area of migration. As the European migration organisation, holding extensive research and practical experience, ICMPD is uniquely qualified to provide policy advice at this critical juncture in the direction of EU migration policy.

Part of ICMPD's Annual Policy Initiative (API), the RECs project engages ICMPD Member States and key stakeholders to determine what the next five years of EU migration policy should look like. In this pursuit, the project draws upon expertise and knowledge gained at the previous five-year juncture, in 2019, when ICMPD produced a set of 70 recommendations to tangibly contribute to more effective EU governance of migration.

The RECs project at a glance

GOAL	Formulate and disseminate evidence-based policy recommendations for the next five years of EU migration governance, and ultimately inform the policymaking of EU leadership.
FORMAT	A series of meetings and publications to identify top priorities, talk through various considerations at play, and offer suggestions. This includes exchanges with stakeholders via consultations, dialogues, expert discussions, and engagement in relevant policy meetings. Publications encompass commentaries and policy briefs on specific issues at the top of the migration agenda, as well as a final publication with key messages for EU leadership.
METHOD	Serve as a dynamic platform for discussion on salient migration policy issues among ICMPD Member States and key partners, designed to foster collaboration with influential players in the migration policy landscape. Consult and engage with ICMPD and EU Member States, civil society organisations, leading migration practitioners and experts, think tanks and academics, and a varied cross-section of private sector actors, combined with desk research and analysis.
IMPACT	Equip EU leadership with highly attuned policy recommendations for the 2024-2029 period, guiding EU decision-making and action in key areas of migration governance. Stimulate and inform the EU migration policy debate by presenting balanced arguments, formed via intensive strategic dialogue, consultations, data analysis, and literature review.
TARGET GROUP	EU policymakers and decision-makers, ICMPD Member States, and civil society, academia, and the wider European public.
DURATION	July 2023 – December 2024

What the RECs project contributes to

ADDED VALUE	Mobilisation of migration stakeholders from ICMPD's network and beyond to maximise opportunities created through dialogue and discussion. Leveraged deployment of ICMPD's unique sets of expertise, gained through 30 years of high-level research and project implementation in more than 90 countries worldwide. Sustainable and actionable advice at a critical juncture for EU migration policy, through structured cooperation with EU institutions.
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