ABOUT US

MAKING MIGRATION BETTER

The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is an international organisation with 20 Member States and more than 487 staff members. Active in more than 90 countries worldwide, it takes a regional approach in its work to create efficient cooperation and partnerships along migration routes. Priority regions include Pan-Africa and West-Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Mediterranean, Silk Routes, Western Balkans and Türkiye. Its three-pillar approach to migration management – structurally linking research, migration dialogues and capacity building – contributes to better migration policy development worldwide.

The Vienna-based organisation has a mission in Brussels, regional offices in Istanbul and Malta as well as project offices in several countries. ICMPD receives funding from its Member States, the European Commission, the UN and other multilateral institutions, as well as bilateral donors. Founded in 1993, ICMPD holds UN observer status and cooperates with more than 715 partners including EU institutions and UN agencies.

Migration is one of the most important political issues in current public debates and ICMPD strives to be an objective and fair-minded companion in this context. It aims to shape a nuanced discourse and facilitate dialogue between all relevant stakeholders. ICMPD bases its work on knowledge and solid evidence and has vast experience in bridging the gap between theory and practice. Thus, ICMPD is able to provide policymakers and politicians with the necessary groundwork to make critical decisions. Furthermore, ICMPD is present on the ground with capacity building activities in various areas of migration management.

ICMPD MEMBER STATES

- Austria (1993)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (2012)
- Bulgaria (2003)
- Croatia (2004)
- Czech Republic (2001)
- Germany (2001)
- Greece (2021)
- Hungary (1995)
- Malta (2018)
- Netherlands (2023)
- North Macedonia (2015)
- Poland (2003)
- Portugal (2004)
- Romania (2011)
- Serbia (2014)
- Slovakia (2006)
- Slovenia (1998)
- Sweden (2002)
- Switzerland (1993)
- Türkiye (2018)

PRIORITY REGIONS

- Pan-Africa
- West-Africa
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Mediterranean
- Silk Routes
- Western Balkans and Türkiye

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We build evidence-driven migration policy options and governance systems that engage and equip our partners with effective, forward-leaning responses to opportunities and pragmatic solutions to complex, regional migration and mobility challenges.
WHERE WE ARE LOCATED

OUR FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

- Asylum & International Protection
- Migration Dialogues
- Border Management & Security
- Migration & Development
- Capacity Development
- Migration & Environment
- Diaspora & Migrants
- Migration & Health
- Economy, Education & the Private Sector
- Migration Narratives & Public Opinion
- Governance
- Policy
- Integration & Social Cohesion
- Research
- Irregular Migration
- Return & Reintegration
- Legal & Labour Migration
- Trafficking in Human Beings
Every autumn the Vienna Migration Conference (VMC) offers an indispensable opportunity to discuss unfolding geopolitical dynamics, global trends and the current EU migration agenda. It is the premier international platform for high-level discussions on migration in Europe and beyond, where debates put the spotlight firmly on the state of play in migration diplomacy and where real progress among key partners can be made.

Over the past years, the VMC has attracted ministers, leading experts and practitioners from governments across the EU, Türkiye, Western Balkans, Africa and Central Asia, as well as top figures from international and non-governmental organisations, academia, media, civil society and the private sector. Recurring topics of the conference:

- Strategies to strengthen international cooperation on migration and build sustainable migration partnerships
- Dynamics along key migration routes to Europe and priorities for joint action
- New EU policy developments, including asylum reform and innovative labour migration schemes
- International protection, solidarity and crisis management
- The EU’s geopolitical power to advance its migration interests in a turbulent world
KEY FIGURES

- 20 Member States
- 28 Duty stations
- 487 Staff members
- 73 Nationalities

- 80 Projects in over 90 countries
- €401.8M Over 715 partners

Contracted project volume

YEARLY OUTREACH

54 conferences, 2,317 trainings
with 35,156 participants at 646 locations

FUNDING

Programme expenditures in 2022 by funding structures in %

- European Commission: 18%
- ICMPD Member States: 25%
- Other States: 1%
- UN & other institutions: 56%