ABOUT US

MAKING MIGRATION BETTER

The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is an international organisation with 19 Member States and more than 460 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 Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Mediterranean, Silk Routes, Western Balkans and Turkey. 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 Ankara 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 240 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.

THEMATIC EXPERTISE

ASYLUM & INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION
BORDER MANAGEMENT & SECURITY
CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
DIASPORA & MIGRANTS
ECONOMY, EDUCATION & THE PRIVATE SECTOR
GOVERNANCE
INTEGRATION & SOCIAL COHESION
IRREGULAR MIGRATION
LEGAL & LABOUR MIGRATION

MIGRATION DIALOGUES
MIGRATION & DEVELOPMENT
MIGRATION & ENVIRONMENT
MIGRATION & HEALTH
MIGRATION NARRATIVES & PUBLIC OPINION
POLICY
RESEARCH
RETURN & REINTEGRATION
TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

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.

Director General
Michael Spindelegger
WHERE WE ARE LOCATED

ICMPD ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

1 This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.
OUR THREE-PRONGED APPROACH

ICMPD strives for comprehensive, sustainable and future-oriented migration governance and applies a three-pronged approach: capacity building, migration dialogues, and research. These three elements feed into each other and together they represent the “DNA” of ICMPD.

Drawing on the three-pronged approach, ICMPD supports its Member States and partners by sharing with them its in-house knowledge and profound expertise in all fields of migration management. As the facilitator of several migration dialogues, ICMPD is in a unique position in terms of its regional networks, knowledge and geographic and thematic outreach.

Policy-relevant research, empirical research with a comparative, interdisciplinary, and international approach covering numerous migration related topics.

Support dialogue between Europe and its neighbours, East (Budapest Process and Prague Process) and South (Rabat Process and Khartoum Process).

Training, capacity building programmes, workshops, study visits, facilitation of international and interagency cooperation and support in institution building.

The Vienna Migration Conference (VMC) is ICMPD’s annual flagship event for discussing the most challenging issues in the field of migration together with political decision makers, government experts, and representatives from the academic world, the media, and civil society. The VMC discusses these issues from a European perspective as well as from the perspective of our many partners from outside Europe. It aims to identify where progress has been made, whilst also focusing on persistent gaps and remaining unresolved questions.
**ICMMPD MEMBER STATES**

- Austria (1993)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (2012)
- Bulgaria (2003)
- Croatia (2004)
- Czech Republic (2001)
- Germany (2020)
- Greece (2021)
- Hungary (1995)
- Malta (2018)
- North Macedonia (2015)
- Poland (2003)
- Portugal (2004)
- Romania (2011)
- Serbia (2014)
- Slovakia (2006)
- Slovenia (1998)
- Sweden (2002)
- Switzerland (1993)
- Turkey (2018)

**PRIORITY REGIONS**

- **Africa**
- **Eastern Europe and Central Asia**
- **Mediterranean**
- **Silk Routes**
- **Western Balkans and Turkey**

**YEARLY OUTREACH**

- 34 conferences, 1,233 trainings
- With 34,662 participants at 340 locations

**FUNDING**

Programme expenditures in 2021 by funding structures in %

- European Commission: 80%
- ICMPD Member States: 6%
- Other States: 3%
- UN & other institutions: 11%