POLICY & RESEARCH

To better understand and make sense of migration, ICMPD draws on its own specialised expertise, located at Headquarters in two closely related units: Policy & Research. As an intergovernmental migration organisation with one foot in scientific research and the other in the world of government policy and international relations, ICMPD is uniquely placed to provide new perspectives and propose solutions for improved policy development and implementation.

The Policy Unit was established in 2017 to conduct policy analysis and increase the organisation’s contributions to policy debates. The aim is to make sense of migration and put forward new ideas and insights for improved migration policy development.

The Research Unit has been carrying out research on salient migration issues since 1997. Important research topics have included the causes and the consequences of migration, the processes and mechanisms of international migration and its regulation, as well as integration.

WHAT WE DO

The Research and Policy Units maintain (partially joint) portfolios consisting of third-party and internally funded initiatives and projects. Both units are also tasked with undertaking policy and research-related activities in support of ICMPD’s geographic units in four thematic areas:

- MIGRATION TRENDS AND DYNAMICS
  Various forms of mobility, migration routes and public debates about it.

- INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION
  Integration of migrants and refugees, and social cohesion in host societies.

- SAFE MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT AND PROTECTION
  Asylum and refugee policies and practices, responsibility-sharing, access to protection and alternative pathways to protection, refugee surveys.

- MIGRATION GOVERNANCE AND POLICY-MAKING
  Migration governance architecture, institutions and frameworks, multi-level policy making and sustainable partnership approaches, as well as monitoring and evaluation systems.

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS 2020-21

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