



## Prague Process

Is a targeted migration dialogue promoting migration partnerships among the countries of the European Union, Schengen Area, Eastern Partnership, Western Balkans, Central Asia, Russia, and Turkey.

The Process originated from the EU financed project “Building Migration Partnerships”, and was launched at the 1<sup>st</sup> Prague Process Ministerial Conference, culminating in the signature of the Prague Process Joint Declaration in April 2009.

The participating states thereby agreed to strengthen co-operation in migration management, following a comprehensive, balanced, pragmatic and operational approach, and respecting the rights and human dignity of migrants and their family members, as well as of refugees.

Over the recent years most participating states introduced dynamic changes to their migration legislation. Non-EU states largely adapted their policies to the EU acquis.

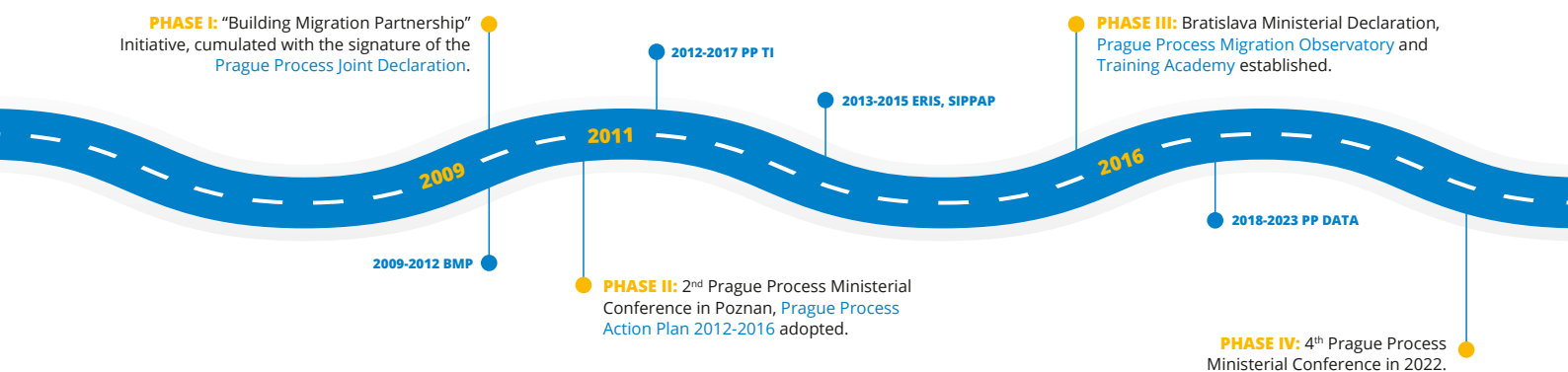
This approximation of legal systems and national practices, as well as the continued exchange of knowledge and experience, represent the key achievements of the Prague Process to date.

“ The idea that you can solve all migration challenges just in the framework of your national administration is false. If you want to be successful in migration management, you have to cooperate with your neighbours.

- Tomas Urubek, Czech Republic -

## Thematic Areas:

- Preventing & fighting illegal migration;
- Integration of legally residing migrants;
- Readmission, voluntary return & sustainable reintegration;
- Migration, mobility & development;
- Legal migration with a special emphasis on labour migration;
- Asylum & international protection.



## Governance

The current Prague Process management structure encompasses the network of National Contact Points, the Senior Officials' meetings, the Ministerial Conferences, and the Strategic Group.

### Network of National Contact Points

- Facilitates daily cooperation at expert level
- Agrees on the expert meetings

### Senior Officials' Meetings (once a year)

- Prepare the ground for Ministerial Conferences
- Monitor ongoing actions and evaluate their impact
- Provide recommendations on future policy directions

### Ministerial Conferences

- Take place every 3-5 years
- Evaluate the results achieved by the Process
- Define the future strategic orientation of Prague Process

### Strategic Group

- Joint management body consisting of selected states with a rotating Chairmanship
- Current composition: CZ, HU, LT, PL, Presidency of the Council of the EU, European Commission & Prague Process Secretariat (ICMPD)

## Projects

**2018 present** Prague Process: Dialogue, Analysis and Training in Action (Funder by the European Commission under the Migration Partnership Facility)

The initiative "Prague Process: Dialogue, Analysis and Training in Action" continues the senior and expert level dialogue and aims at implementing the Bratislava Declaration, in particular focusing on constantly improving the newly established Migration Observatory and Training Academy. The work builds upon the results and achievements of previous actions, working towards the next Ministerial Conference in 2022.

For more projects visit [www.pragueprocess.eu](http://www.pragueprocess.eu).

**The Migration Observatory** aims to provide impartial, evidence-based analysis from across the Prague Process region and in line with the six thematic areas of the Prague Process Action Plan. The Observatory engages academic researchers and state experts who produce analytical publications in Russian and English that are published in the [Online Repository](#). Beyond publications, the Observatory provides state representatives from the region with an opportunity to exchange in a series of meetings, workshops, study visits, and expert missions.

**The Training Academy** aims to provide tailor-made, targeted, high-quality trainings in line with the six thematic areas set out by the Prague Process Action Plan. The Academy provides different training opportunities to Prague Process state representatives working in the areas of migration and asylum. It features a continuously expanding [network of state and non-state trainers from the region](#), as well as a [growing library of training materials in Russian and English](#) used during the actual trainings. In 2021, the Training Academy launched its **E-learning Platform**, meant to serve the Prague Process states and partners with educational material for self-paced independent remote learning.

## Participants

### States:

 Albania	 Georgia
 Armenia	 Germany
 Austria	 Greece
 Azerbaijan	 Hungary
 Belarus	 Ireland
 Belgium	 Italy
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	 Kazakhstan
 Bulgaria	 Kosovo*
 Croatia	 Kyrgyzstan
 Cyprus	 Latvia
 Czech Republic	 Liechtenstein
 Denmark	 Lithuania
 Estonia	 Luxembourg
 Finland	 Malta
 France	 Moldova
	 Montenegro

 Netherlands	 Ukraine
 North Macedonia	 United Kingdom
 Norway	 Uzbekistan
 Poland	
 Portugal	 <b>EU bodies:</b>
 Romania	European Commission
 Russian Federation	European Training Foundation
 Serbia	Frontex
 Slovakia	EASO
 Slovenia	EEAS
 Spain	<b>Partner organisations</b>
 Sweden	ICMPD
 Switzerland	IOM
 Tajikistan	MARRI
 Turkey	UNHCR
 Turkmenistan	

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.