ABOUT US

MAKING MIGRATION BETTER
The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is an international organisation with 18 Member States and more than 250 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, Central and South Asia, Europe and the Middle East. 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, a regional office in Malta and 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 700 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

BORDER MANAGEMENT
PREVENTING AND CURBING IRREGULAR MIGRATION
RETURN AND READMISSION
ASYLUM AND INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION
COMBATTING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND RELATED FORMS OF EXPLOITATION
LEGAL/LABOUR MIGRATION/IMMIGRATION
SOCIAL COHESION
MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Making migration and mobility of people orderly, safe and regular, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies.
*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.
ICMPD MEMBER STATES

- Austria (1993)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (2011)
- Bulgaria (2003)
- Croatia (2004)
- Czech Republic (2001)
- Germany (2020)
- Hungary (1995)
- Malta (2018)
- North Macedonia (2015)
- Poland (2003)
- Portugal (2002)
- Romania (2010)
- Serbia (2011)
- 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

KEY FIGURES

- 18 Member States
- 16 Duty stations
- 257 Staff members
- 55 Nationalities
- €230 M
- 75 Projects in over 90 countries
- Contracted project volume
- Over 200 partners

YEARLY OUTREACH

- 103 conferences, 489 trainings, 1,206 meetings and workshops
- with 27,342 participants at 292 locations

FUNDING

Programme expenditures in 2018 by funding structures in %

- European Commission: 85%
- ICMPD Member States: 8%
- Other States: 3%
- UN & other institutions: 4%