**POLICY & RESEARCH**

**WHO WE ARE**

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

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.

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.

**WHAT WE DO**

The Research and Policy Units maintain (partially joint) portfolios consisting of third-party and internally funded initiatives and projects. Moreover, both are tasked to undertake policy and research related responsibilities and activities in support of the geographic units in ICMPD, which allows the teams to assess relevant policy and research results from the organisation’s operational field work.

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

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

REGULAR MIGRATION, INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION
Labour migration schemes and skills matching, (labour market) integration of migrants and refugees, and social cohesion in host societies.

MIGRATION DYNAMICS
Economic, social, institutional and policy factors of and impacts on various forms of mobility, migration routes and public debates about it.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS 2018
- Impacts and Particularities of Care Migration Directed towards Long-term Care: Zooming in on Slovakia and Romania. REMINDER Literature Review, March 2018 (M. Sekulová and Mădălina Rogoz)
- Crossing borders in the next 15 years: How should and will border management develop? Policy Brief, February 2018 (M. Hendow)
- Improving our responses to migrants caught in crises: Conclusions and policy recommendations for global migration policy-making. MICIC Summary Paper, 2018 (M. Hendow).

PROJECTS & INITIATIVES 2018
- Migration governance and the policy cycle
- Migration dynamics
- Regular migration, integration and social cohesion
- Safe migration, displacement and protection
- Joint Research & Policy Projects
- Research Projects
- Policy Projects
- In-house advice & collaboration