The 5th Ministerial Conference of the Budapest Process Takes Place

ISTANBUL, 18 April 2013 – The 5th Budapest Process Ministerial Conference will take place on Friday, 19 April in Istanbul, Turkey. The conference marks the 20th anniversary of the Budapest Process, as well as the launch of the “Silk Routes Partnership for Migration”. It is being hosted by Turkey, the Chair of the Budapest Process.

During its almost 20 years of operation, the Budapest Process has developed from an information sharing tool between European countries in a pre-EU enlargement setting to a far reaching forum on migration management. Its informal and flexible nature has made it one of the leading platforms to engage an ever increasing number of states in intergovernmental dialogue on migration.

The Ministerial Conference is expected to take stock of 20 years of the Budapest Process as well as confirm the successful geographical refocus to the Silk Routes region and the development of the Budapest Process into a balanced intergovernmental dialogue on migration. The conference will also establish the priorities, working modalities and operational cooperation for the road ahead.

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