



SUPPORT TO THE BUDAPEST PROCESS

BUDAPEST PROCESS: INTERGOVERNMENTAL DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION

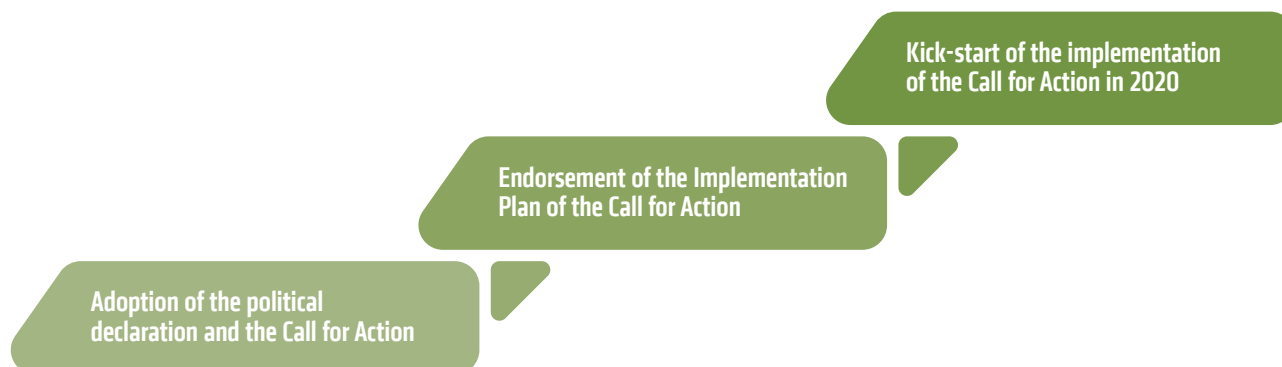


The **Budapest Process** is one of the longest-standing and major intergovernmental migration dialogues, whose Secretariat is hosted by ICMPD. Since the Silk Routes Countries started to participate in the BP in 2010, **intergovernmental consultations clearly demonstrated the need for a longer-term vision for regional cooperation**; this included policy-making, as well as substantial capacity-building and institutional development along the migration routes and improved international as well as inter-ministerial cooperation between the Silk Routes Countries and their European counterparts. Through direct support to the Budapest Process, **the “Silk Routes project”** aims to address the SRCs needs and operationalises the priorities of the Budapest Process through capacity-building under the Facility, MRCs, MIGRA.P and RELEC components.

Through project support, the dialogue is further **strengthened, based on a shared and clear understanding of migration and mobility** between Silk Routes countries, Central Asian countries and European counterparts. The project supported the 2019 Ministerial Conference, supports annual Senior Officials meetings, meetings of the Silk Routes Regional Working Group, as well as research outputs and regular networking with - and within - the Silk Routes Countries.



MAIN RESULTS ACHIEVED SO FAR



Through project support, the Budapest Process held its 6th Ministerial Conference in February 2019 and developed an implementation plan of the adopted “Call for Action”.

The Istanbul Commitments on the Silk Routes Partnership for Migration and its Call for Action

- 6th Ministerial Conference in Istanbul, Turkey on 20 February 2019
- Adoption of the political declaration in the presence of the European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, Dimitris Avramopoulos and 20+ Ministers and Deputy Ministers
- Close to 40 countries adopted the political declaration and its action plan
- The *Call for Action* contains 41 action points listed under 6 priority areas. The action points cover many aspects of migration and mobility, displaying the wide thematic range of the dialogue

The Implementation Plan of the Call for Action

- Senior Officials endorsed the Implementation Plan which includes activities for the next five year
- The *Implementation Plan of the Call for Action* frames the priorities for the upcoming years and provides an opportunity for states to contribute and fund certain priorities
- The Implementation Plan remains a living document while providing the direction and focus of the Budapest Process until 2024

FIVE KEY COMMITMENTS

TO ENSURE SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION ALONG THE SILK ROUTES

- 1 PARTNERSHIP
- 2 COMPREHENSIVE MIGRATION GOVERNANCE
- 3 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
- 4 SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY
- 5 KNOWLEDGE

SIX PRIORITY GOALS

- PREVENT AND COUNTERACT IRREGULAR MIGRATION, FACILITATING RETURN AND READMISSION OF IRREGULAR MIGRANTS
- BETTER ORGANISE AND IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY
- SUPPORT INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS AND COUNTERACT PHENOMENA OF DIS-CRIMINATION, RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA
- STRENGTHEN POSITIVE IMPACT OF MIGRATION ON DEVELOPMENT
- PREVENT AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS
- PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

A CALL FOR ACTION

A FIVE YEAR PLAN (2019-2024) FOLLOWING THE SIX PRIORITY GOALS WHICH INCLUDES 41 ACTION POINTS

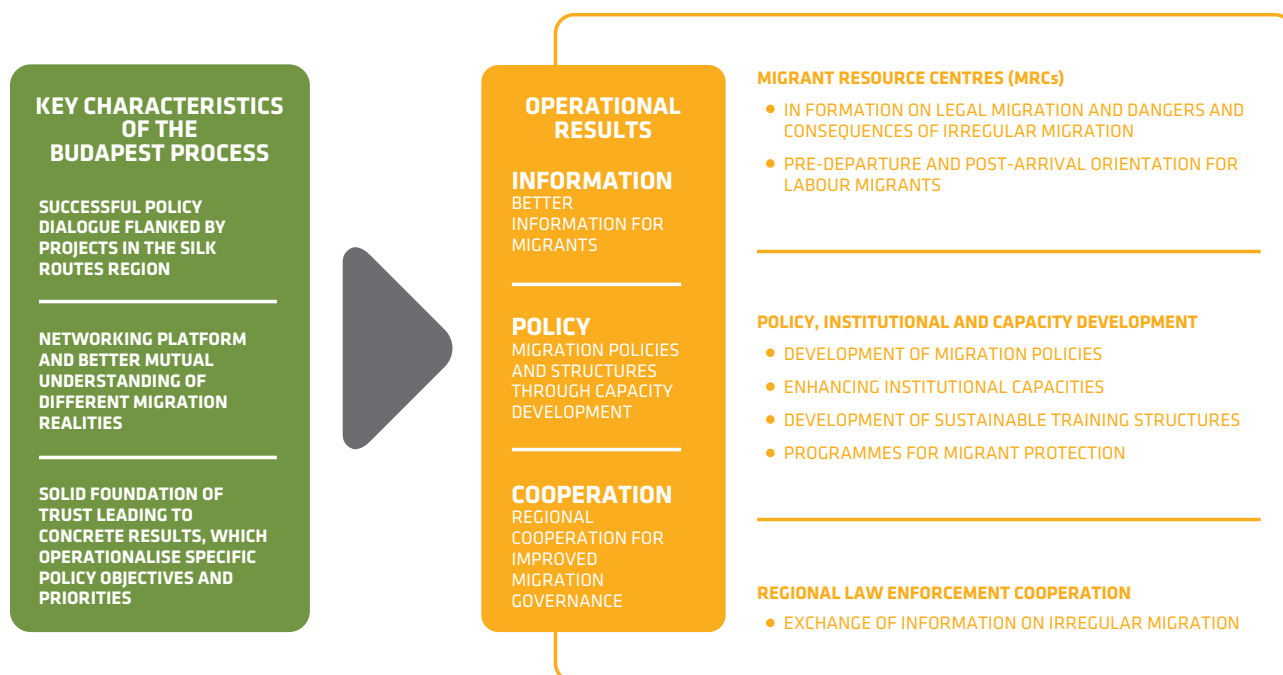
THE ISTANBUL COMMITMENTS 2019

SYMBIOSIS: HOW DOES THE DIALOGUE COMPONENT LEAD TO EFFECTIVE RESULTS AND SUPPORT OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE SILK ROUTES?

Migration dialogues are useful and relevant instruments for international cooperation when they both generate political support and **provide for a strategic direction while ensuring a framework for achieving operational results** through implementation of actions, for instance projects on the ground. The Budapest Process provides the platform for bilateral and multilateral networking and experience sharing as well as the political framework under which the project's objectives and activities are agreed, supported and being implemented. The **Budapest Process initiates concrete action plans for the Silk Routes Region**.

The different components of the Silk Routes project (Dialogue, Facility, Flagship Initiatives on MRCs, MIGRA.P and RELEC) are closely linked and support one another in the **creation of knowledge, development of well-informed policies, enhancement of institutional capacity and fostering of partnerships at local, regional and international levels**. The Dialogue component's strong interlinkage with all other project components is crucial to realise the project's objectives as it allows for a continuous flow of information between decision makers and practitioners. **Ideas, knowledge and experience generated and tested on the ground inform the policy and decision makers** who can share and disseminate the good practices identified and create the necessary cooperation frameworks for their advancement.

FROM POLICY DIALOGUE TO OPERATIONAL RESULTS





How do components interlink?

