



The Budapest Process Call for Action 2025-2030



Priority Goal 1

Prevent irregular migration and fight against migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings and reinforce cooperation in the field of border management, criminal investigations and prosecutions

1. Strengthen international, regional and bilateral cooperation and improve coordination in order to prevent irregular migration and fight against migrant smuggling, in support of the Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling – as well as trafficking in human beings;
2. Reinforce the capacities of national authorities to prevent and combat criminal networks involved in the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings to allow for effective operational cooperation, including international information exchange, joint investigations and judicial cooperation, contributing to identification, dismantling, prosecution and punishment of smuggling and trafficking networks; facilitate peer-to-peer learning, knowledge and data sharing resulting in better trained front-line officers;
3. Support Budapest Process countries in their efforts to build more effective and sustainable border management systems, notably through international cooperation and the increased use of innovative technologies, in a way that is compatible with relevant international human rights obligations;
4. Strengthen the implementation of awareness raising and information campaigns on the risks of irregular migration, smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings in countries of origin, transit and destination, as well as on the availability of legal migration opportunities;
5. Continue to develop and periodically review national and regional strategies and policies for the identification, protection, assistance, referral and reintegration of victims of trafficking; ensure that actions engaged in this area also include people in situations of vulnerability and groups at heightened risk. Strategies and policies should also consider actions to address the business model and reduce demand that fosters trafficking in human beings and other forms of exploitation.

Priority Goal 2

Strengthen existing policies and pathways for legal migration and mobility

1. Promote skills development as well as skills matching, skills mapping, the recognition of diplomas, qualifications and work experience as well as portability of social security rights and benefits of regular migrants and their families, in line with national competences, inter alia through partnerships and agreements between the education sector, training and vocational schools as well as the employers from the public and private sectors of both countries of origin and destination;
2. Strengthen existing policies and make use of existing pathways for regular migration, and if possible enhance them, including through efficient visa procedures, whilst ensuring that the relevant visa system is not abused, in accordance with applicable national law, and improve transparency of rules and regulations on admission, residence and renewal of permits, taking into account national competences;
3. Reinforce labour mobility schemes, within the framework of applicable national law, including through regional and bilateral labour mobility agreements, periodic exchange of information and sharing of best practices as well as their effective implementation, such as with programmes for circular and temporary migration;
4. Promote decent working conditions and the implementation of human rights due diligence procedures by economic actors and improve labour inspections to avoid labour exploitation, abusive practices and violations of human and labour rights of migrant workers during the entire migration cycle, including during the recruitment process as well as in their work;
5. Increase initiatives and promote better use of existing means for enhanced student, researchers and academic mobility between the Budapest Process partners, specifically within the Silk Routes Region, including the setting up of scholarship and trainee and exchange programmes, while avoiding duplications;
6. Promote communication, awareness raising and easy access to relevant, accurate and timely information on regular channels of migration for persons intending to migrate and provision of vocational and language training, notably through the work of the Migrant Resource Centres, Pre-Departure Orientation Centres and Post-Arrival Orientation Centres.

Priority Goal 3

Strengthen international, regional and bilateral cooperation for safe, effective and prompt return, readmission and for sustainable reintegration

1. Enhance international, regional and bilateral cooperation on return and readmission, having in mind procedures set out in respective national legislations in line with States' obligation to readmit their own nationals, as well as foster partnerships and synergies to improve a multi-stakeholder approach as regards sustainable reintegration where feasible;
2. Strengthen capacities of competent national authorities, notably by improving the process of identification and issuance of travel documents related to readmission to complement the existing States' obligation to readmit their own nationals;
3. Support countries of origin, transit and destination to ensure effective management, monitoring and evaluation of return, readmission and reintegration processes, as well as enhance a coordinated outreach to countries of origin;
4. Promote the use of innovative technologies, electronic systems and digitalisation in order to improve cooperation on information exchange related to return and readmission, in compliance with data protection standards and respect for national competencies and international human rights obligations;
5. Support the strengthening of first line support and referral mechanisms provided to returnees, through inter alia information campaigns, database formation and the inclusion of returnees in local development programmes;
6. Reinforce the ownership and capacities of countries of return to support the economic, social and psychosocial reintegration of their returning nationals, notably by supporting the establishment of their national reintegration structures and initiatives, including but not limited through the support of the Migrant Resource Centres and cooperation with the private sector.

Priority Goal 4

Strengthen the positive impact of migration on development, as well as address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement

1. Promote the inclusion of migration into development strategies and cooperation programmes, while taking into account existing regional and national normative frameworks;
2. Support the creation of livelihood opportunities in countries of origin, transit and destination in order to promote self-reliance and reduce dependency;

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3. Analyse and address root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement in targeted local contexts, through the use of good practices such as migration data collection and analysis and conduct studies to determine future directions;
 4. Address challenges associated with climate induced displacement through knowledge sharing, promoting regional cooperation such as building initiatives for enhancing resilience and limiting the impact of climate change in the most affected countries;
 5. Improve cooperation with the private sector and promote sustainable development efforts in countries of origin, transit and destination, by supporting policies aiming at creating job opportunities and stepping up support to micro, small and medium size enterprises (SMEs);
 6. Facilitate and promote the faster, cheaper and safer transfer of remittances, including by reducing costs of sending remittances to countries of origin, as well as by providing trainings on financial literacy and by supporting initiatives using the potential of new technologies.

Priority Goal 5

Ensure international protection and the respect of the rights of refugees and other persons in need of international protection, in line with international law, as well as promote durable solutions

1. Support and build the long-term capacities of relevant national institutions in charge of international protection ensuring the allocation of adequate resources for compliance with applicable international law while counteracting the abuse of the asylum system;
2. Promote measures to enhance identification, registration and protection of refugees and other persons in need of international protection, providing them with adequate reception conditions, documentation and access to services, including through referral mechanisms. Particular attention will be paid to people in situations of vulnerability and groups at heightened risk;
3. Promote the adoption of local, national and regional policies and measures, and share experiences, good practices and lessons learned allowing for timely contingency planning in addressing situations of large movements of people in need of international protection and mixed migration flows;
4. Promote durable solutions, namely voluntary repatriation, resettlement, humanitarian admission and local integration while utilising complementary pathways to protection, including family reunification, according to national law;
5. Enhance international solidarity and burden and responsibility sharing with countries hosting large numbers of refugees by increasing cooperation, and providing technical and financial assistance to host countries, as relevant;

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6. Enhance efforts to prevent disappearance of migrants, refugees and other persons in need of international protection, clarify whereabouts of missing persons to the extent possible and provide information to their families. To this end, strive to improve trans-regional coordination channels between forensic services to identify deceased persons along migration routes, in line with data protection standards.

Priority Goal 6

Support both the integration of regular migrants, refugees and other persons in need of international protection and counteracting racism, extremism, discrimination and xenophobia

1. Share good practices for supporting receiving communities in integrating refugees and regular migrants and develop adequate integration tools and measures to create the opportunities for the migrants' economic, social and cultural participation as well as informing migrants on their rights and responsibilities in relation to the receiving communities;
2. In order to reach out to regular migrants and refugees, establish official and reliable information mechanisms on their rights and obligations, as well as on their access to services including through the use of innovative methods and technologies;
3. Ensure the access of regular migrants and refugees to relevant basic services including where appropriate: for education, employment, training, social protection, healthcare (including psychosocial support) and justice, specifically for vulnerable groups;
4. Continue information campaigns on integration and on preventing and counteracting racism, extremism, hate speech, discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
5. Develop, maintain and improve legislative and administrative measures in countries of origin, transit and destination to prevent and counter racism, extremism, discrimination and xenophobia and related intolerance, and initiate capacity building to this end;
6. Foster dialogue between civil society, migrant communities and competent authorities of host countries to achieve better integration, including in monitoring, preventing and countering incidents of racism, extremism, discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;
7. Support schools and other educational structures to promote a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of migration, encourage cultural exchange initiatives, support language trainings and fight against racism, extremism, discrimination, and xenophobia and related intolerance;
8. Support accurate and evidence-based narratives on migration and prevent misinformation and disinformation about migrants.