BUDAPEST PROCESS
A SILK ROUTES PARTNERSHIP FOR MIGRATION

BUDAPEST PROCESS WORKPLAN 2026

In 2026, the Budapest Process will enter the second year of implementing the Call for Action 2025–2030, **building on the foundations laid in 2025 and focusing on the practical delivery of agreed priorities.** Under the Chairmanship of Türkiye, with the support of Hungary as Co-Chair and in close cooperation with the Thematic Working Group Co-Chairs, the Dialogue will concentrate on implementing the agreed Work Plan and ensuring structured follow-up to discussions and conclusions reached during the previous year. **The Reference Group will continue to provide strategic guidance**, while ICMPD, as Secretariat and an implementing partner, will support the organisation of meetings and the operational follow-up of activities, ensuring continuity across thematic and regional strands of work.

Throughout 2026, the Dialogue will convene a series of activities designed to advance implementation and sustain dialogue among Budapest Process countries and partner organisations. The year will begin with an online **Reference Group** meeting to endorse the workplan and set the stage for 2026. **Thematic discussions** will build upon meetings held in 2025; in June, the Thematic Working Group meeting on Law Enforcement Cooperation will be followed by a Reference Group Meeting July. In September a Thematic Working Group meeting on Legal Pathways for Migration will take place in Pakistan. The year will conclude with the Thematic Working Group meeting on Return and Reintegration, the **Annual Senior Officials Meeting** and Reference Group meeting back-to-back in November. Webinar focusing on paper on return and reintegration will also take place to inform the work of the Thematic Working Groups. The missing migrants webinar is planned to take place in October. Meetings will be organised in both online and in-person formats to ensure flexibility, broad participation and timely exchanges on evolving migration dynamics.

The three Thematic Working Groups (on Return and Reintegration, Legal Pathways for Migration, and Law Enforcement Cooperation) remain central to the implementation of the Work Plan. In 2026, they will focus on consolidating lessons learned, advancing practical initiatives and strengthening the link between policy discussions and operational cooperation. **Particular attention will be given to identifying concrete areas for collaboration** that respond to the needs of Budapest Process partners. Dialogue activities will continue to be complemented by operational initiatives implemented by ICMPD's Silk Routes Regional Office, which translate policy discussions into tangible support on the ground. In 2026, **the Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) established in the Silk Routes region celebrate their 10-year anniversary**, highlighting a decade of sustained cooperation, partnership-building and direct support to migrants and national institutions after being initially conceptualised in a Budapest Process meeting.

Tentative Calendar 2026

2026

March 2026

4 March	**Reference Group Meeting** Online

May 2026

20 May	**Webinar on Budapest Process knowledge product** *"Reintegration is complicated: frameworks and outcomes in the Silk Routes Region"* Online

June 2026

25-26 June	**Thematic Working Group Meeting on Law Enforcement Cooperation** In person I Antalya, Türkiye

July 2026

7 July	**Reference Group Meeting** Online

September 2026

16–17 September	**Thematic Working Group Meeting on Legal Pathways for Migration** Islamabad, Pakistan

October 2026

27 October	**Webinar on Missing migrants** Online

November 2026

24-25-26 November	**Thematic Working Group Meeting on Return and Reintegration** **Annual Senior Officials Meeting** **Reference Group Meeting** In person I Istanbul, Türkiye