

## FACTSHEET

# ON THE BUDAPEST PROCESS' IMPACT MEASUREMENT

### THE BUDAPEST PROCESS – A DIALOGUE WHOSE IMPACT IS MEASURED

The Budapest Process (BP) is a migration dialogue which began 30 years ago. While its continued existence is a sign of its success and its partners' commitment to the dialogue, **the measurement of the impact of its activities had been lacking.**

After the 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference in 2019, **a commitment from dialogue partners had been made to measure and track the dialogue's results** and ultimately showcase the dialogue's impact. This process starts at the level of the dialogue's activities which are designed to produce meaningful outputs. However, outputs must transform into outcomes and generate impact, and this requires tracking. For this reason, **Senior Officials entrusted the BP Secretariat to create its Theory of Change as well as a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) tool** that could track results through surveys and other measurement methods that ensure on-going learning and feedback from activities. Results from the MEL tool will be shared at the annual Senior Officials Meetings of the Budapest Process.

### TRACKING THE RESULTS OF THE DIALOGUE

Measuring the dialogue's impact will continue to generate dividends in the long run. A robust MEL tool can help with:

Learning lessons to further **improve the quality and relevance** of BP dialogue's thematic work

Better **tracking of the intangible elements of BP**, i.e., networking among participants, that may lead to new projects and initiatives or reinforcing existing ones

Understanding the **increase in knowledge and skills of participants** as a result of meetings and workshops

Strengthen the **feedback loop that exists between BP dialogue and the projects** under its umbrella as well as those that flank it

### THE MEL TOOL – TO TRACK AND MEASURE THE DIALOGUE

The BP's MEL tool is used to collect data that can be analysed to show the results of BP's activities. The data for the MEL tool is gathered thorough monitoring of activities and their outputs as well results from post-meeting and bi-annual surveys.



According to **post meeting surveys** since 2020, the results are overall positive as visualised below:

# of events and meetings held on participating states' priorities

33

Average # of participating states attending dialogue meetings

22

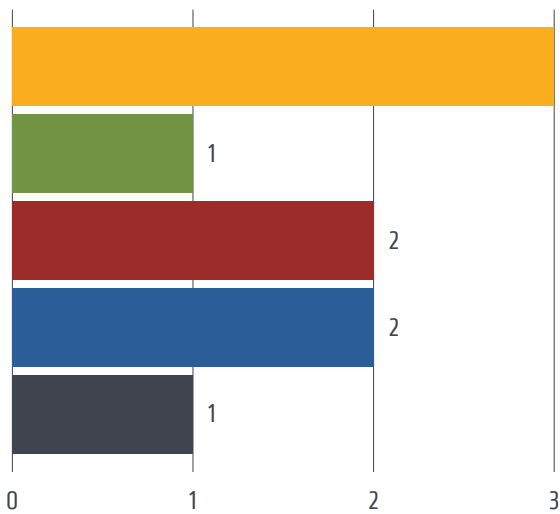
Average # of participants from non-state actors attending dialogue meetings

19

# of evidence-based knowledge products prepared to support the dialogue

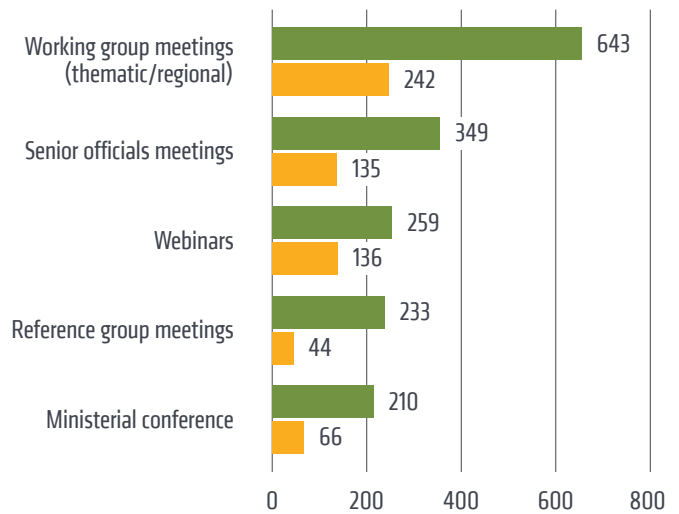
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**Knowledge products prepared**



- PG1: Decreased irregular migration
- PG2: Increased regular and legal migration
- PG3: Improved migrant integration
- PG6: Improved international protection
- Cross-Cutting

**Participation**



- Female
- Male

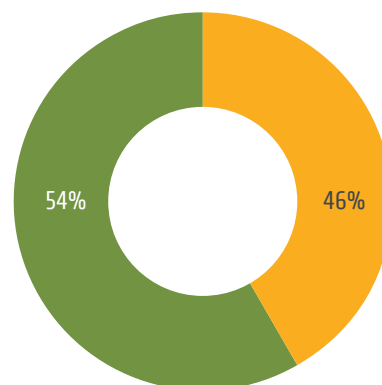
Average % of participants rating the meeting topics as relevant/highly relevant

97%

Average % of participants stating that their needs/priorities were met by the meeting

91%

Average gender participation (participating states)





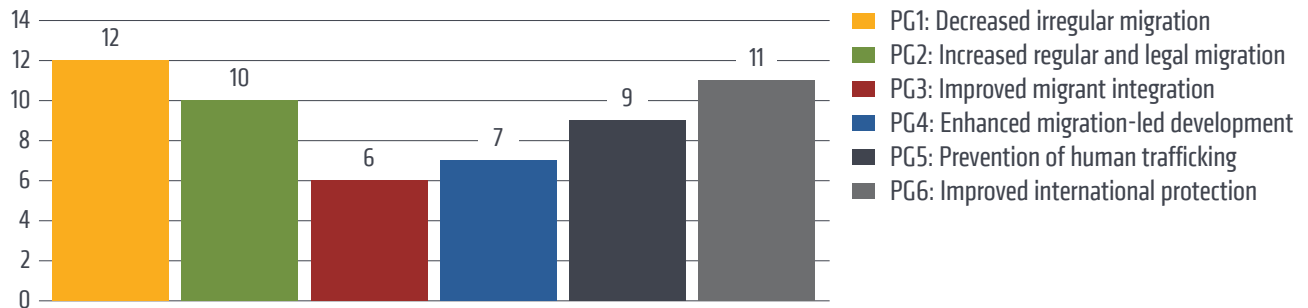
## A DIALOGUE THAT LEADS TO ACTION

Bi-annual surveys provide us a treasure-trove of results...

**94% of survey respondents reporting that they attend BP meetings once or more than once a year**

As a direct result of BP meetings or on an ad-hoc/need basis, officials from BP countries approach the Secretariat with follow up requests, these can include requests for support with project or policy design and implementation, facilitating connection with counterparts in other countries, problem solving, research and knowledge sharing, etc.

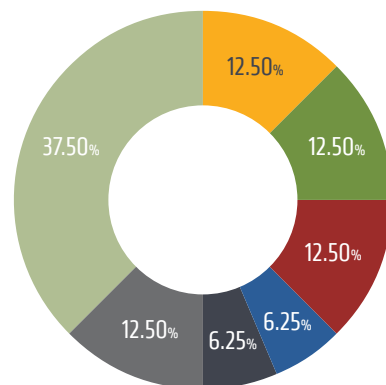
The following figure is a **break down** as per relevant Priority Goals of **14 requests** received since 2022:



Participants of BP meetings derive a range of benefits from the meetings. In particular, they seek to start or reinforce initiatives. From those surveyed, the **following results emerged**:

**75% of survey respondents reported that their attendance of BP meetings helped them either develop initiatives (by themselves or with the help of BP Secretariat) within the realm of the 6 priority goals of the BP, this was achieved through:**

- Contacts established in or on the side-lines of BP meetings
- Meeting conclusions and/or meeting sessions which led to a project / proposal idea
- Co-development of proposals
- Providing the right contact person
- Increasing awareness or understanding of a specific area
- Providing information on international standards and best practices, potential partners, for the development of the initiative
- None of the above





**19%** of survey respondents state that BP meetings helped them establish relationships in or on the side-lines of BP meetings with key counterparts

**31%** of survey respondents were helped in starting an initiative through content of the meeting itself

Since 2019, **many projects** have been conceived, with implementation completed or ongoing.

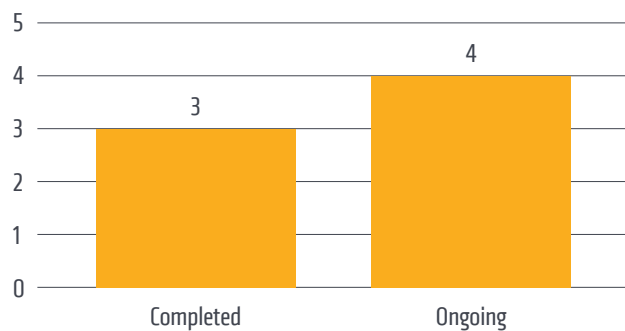
# of projects either initiated or supported by the Budapest Process

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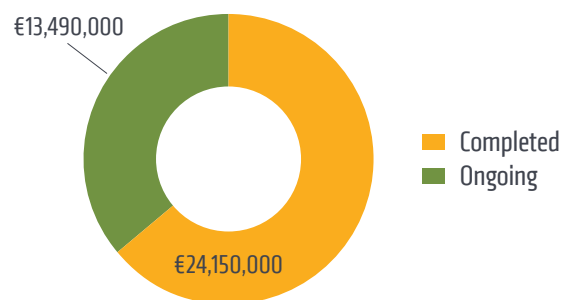
Total funding

€ 37,640,000

Status of the projects



Funding



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