

11 December 2019

Mr. Margaritis Schinas
Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life
European Commission
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1040 Brussels

Subject: Meeting request – Director General ICMPD, Dr. Michael Spindelegger, former Austrian Vice-Chancellor and Minister of European and International Affairs, 14-15 January or 03-04 February 2020

Dear Vice-President Schinas,

I wish to congratulate you, first of all, on your new mandate as Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life on behalf of Dr. Michael Spindelegger, former Austrian Vice-Chancellor and Minister of European and International Affairs, who has been Director General of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) for four years.

ICMPD and the European Commission have developed a very close and constructive relationship over the past number of years and Dr. Spindelegger would be delighted to discuss our future cooperation with you, be it in the external dimension or internal dimension, in early 2020.

ICMPD presented 70 recommendations for the new EU leadership at our recent Vienna Migration Conference to which we would be delighted to welcome you next year for its 5th edition.

ICMPD, with its 17 current Member States and soon to be 19 (the Netherlands and Germany are in the process of joining the organisation), remains committed to its three main strands of action:

- a) ICMPD provides policy relevant insights and carries out research on migration issues;
- b) ICMPD believes in the need for political dialogue on migration and facilitates all the major dialogues between the EU and third countries (Valletta with Rabat and Khartoum Processes; Budapest Process; Prague Process);
- c) ICMPD carries out capacity building activities in all areas of migration such as a comprehensive portfolio on migration management in Turkey; border management in

North Africa, including important procurement, but also support for the implementation of pilot projects on legal migration or diaspora cooperation.

As you are perfectly aware, migration has a huge divisive and disruptive potential. ICMPD, as the regional European migration organisation, always strives to find pragmatic and inclusive approaches both at political and operational levels, and Dr. Spindelegger would look forward to discussing with you in person ICMPD's recommendations, new initiatives and ways of cooperation.

I would be most grateful if you could kindly indicate your possible availabilities during the periods 14-15 January or 03-04 February 2020 in order to arrange a meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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Att. ICMPD publication "Breaking Gridlocks and Moving Forward"

