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**Question for written answer E-002064/24
to the Commission
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Subject: The role of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in EU border and migration policy

On 5 October 2024, it was reported how the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), once a research and dialogue centre, is playing an increasingly prominent role in implementing EU border and migration policy. It provides input, delivers border and surveillance material, and manages training centres. In 2023, the Commission gave EUR 93 million to the ICMPD. Part of this contribution was for a project in Lebanon aimed at preventing Syrian refugees from moving onward to Europe. The ICMPD has been criticised by experts for lacking transparency, democratic oversight and legal accountability, and for its potential for fundamental rights violations ⁽¹⁾.

1. How are the accountability structures of the ICMPD arranged, considering that it carries out EU border- and migration-related tasks, including enforcement tasks, supported by considerable EU funding, and how does the Commission ensure that such ICMPD projects comply with fundamental rights?
2. Can the Commission explain why the evaluation reports of projects managed by the ICMPD are ‘not public’, considering that these projects implement EU border and migration policy and are financed by EU funding?
3. Will the Commission provide more transparency regarding the activities of the ICMPD for the EU, which are financed by public funding, so that democratic control can be reinforced?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
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In implementing its migration programmes, the Commission relies on the cooperation with several partners, including Member States’ agencies, international organisations and non-governmental organisations.

One of them is the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), an entity that was assessed *ex-ante* (pillar-assessed) in line with EU law ⁽¹⁾, and which has a track record of expertise.

The pillar assessment contributes to ensure that entities entrusted with the implementation of EU funds under indirect management respect the principles of sound financial management, transparency, non-discrimination and visibility of EU’s actions.

The activities implemented by ICMPD and funded by the EU budget are regularly monitored based on contractual clauses, which entitle the Commission to suspend or terminate any contract if there is evidence that obligations have been breached.

The monitoring takes place through multiple channels, such as reporting, verification missions, results-oriented monitoring exercises, and external evaluations. ICMPD provides comprehensive and frequent monitoring and analysis of the operating environment, including the evolution of the human rights situation.

The Commission is working to enhance transparency by increasing the availability of information on the websites of the relevant Directorates-General.

The Commission systematically publishes reports of strategic evaluations and has now also started publishing reports of evaluations at intervention level ⁽²⁾.

Evaluation reports of projects managed by the ICMPD could also be published in the future, under the established procedure for this type of publication.

¹ <https://www.ftm.eu/articles/intergovernmental-migration-organisation-icmpd>.

⁽¹⁾ Article 154 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1046/oj>), and Article 157 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>).

⁽²⁾ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/monitoring-and-evaluation/project-and-programme-evaluation-reports_en