



8th INTERNATIONAL BORDER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

18 - 19 November 2025

Venue TBC

Amsterdam, The Netherlands



CONCEPT NOTE

Key information

Dates: 18 - 19 November 2025

Venue: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Title: Resilient Borders in a Changing World

Partners: co-hosted by the Ministry of Asylum and Migration of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, organised by ICMPD.

Objectives

The main objective of the conference is to enhance the implementation of integrated border management practices within and across the borders of priority partner countries. The focus of the conference will particularly delve into the strengthening conference participants' IBM-related knowledge and cooperation networks. The conference will offer a platform to share, present, and discuss up-to-date practices in border management, focusing on the concrete implementation of knowledge and networks across international borders. Participants will gain insights into current trends, exchange experiences, and strengthen expertise.

Background

The **International Border Management Conference (IBMC)**, ICMPD's annual thematic flagship event since 2018, brings together practitioners, policymakers, donors, and experts from various sectors to discuss the latest trends, innovations, good practices, and policies in border management across regions. With three decades of expertise and a broad network of partners, ICMPD uses its **Integrated Border Management (IBM)** approach to address emerging challenges in a rapidly changing geopolitical landscape. This approach balances key themes including migration, mobility, trade, security, and the fight against cross-border crime by addressing emerging challenges through the lens of cooperation, border security, human rights, public health, and economic development.



The Netherlands is uniquely positioned to host the 8th International Border Management Conference, leveraging its strategic geographic location, extensive international partnerships, and deep expertise in integrated and innovative border management. As a key Schengen country and a gateway to Europe, with major transport hubs such as Schiphol Airport and the Port of Rotterdam, the Netherlands plays a central role in European and global complex cross-border flows. This edition of the conference will address pressing border security challenges including technological innovation, migration governance, and transnational crime while advancing effective, human-rights-based solutions. With a commitment to international cooperation and whole-of-route management, the Netherlands aims to lead dialogue and policy alignment around future developments, including the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, and the operational rollout of the Entry/Exit System (EES) and the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS).



Focus of the Conference in 2025

The **8th International Border Management Conference**, hosted under the auspices of the Ministry of Asylum and Migration of the Netherlands, will bring together a wide range of countries and stakeholders from various regions, under the general topic of ***Resilient Borders in a Changing World***.

This edition places particular emphasis on themes of key importance to the Netherlands, including Schengen, return, human rights, and security within the context of migration.

Conference Format

Participation will be upon invitation only. Invitees will be required to fill in a registration form provided via a hyperlink, within a deadline indicated by the organisers. Only invited and confirmed registered participants will have access to the conference. All discussions will be held under the Chatham House Rule, to ensure a trusted environment for dialogue, allowing for an open exchange of ideas and perspectives.

The main event, held on **18- 19 November**, will include plenary sessions as well as thematic side events of more technical nature, covering topics such as digitalisation, innovative border management and human rights-centred border management.

The programme will feature expert-led discussions and interactive exchanges focused on identifying solutions and strengthening collaboration. The conference will conclude with a summary of key insights and the formulation of concrete, actionable steps for future engagement.

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