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On his request [REDACTED] International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) paid a courtesy visit to Commissioner Mimica on 7 June. [REDACTED]

Issues raised:

- [REDACTED] expressed appreciation for long-standing and constructive collaboration with the Commission, in particular in the context of EU migration dialogues with partner countries, and through migration related projects managed by DEVCO.
- [REDACTED] underlined that while project implementation remains an important part of ICMPD's mandate, the organisation is stepping up their role as policy actor and see themselves increasingly as a Think-tank in support of EU migration policy. As an example, he mentioned the Vienna Migration Conference organised by ICMPD in November, hoping for high-level EU participation.
- [REDACTED] expressed full support for the new EU Partnership Framework approach, underlining his belief that a broad and all-encompassing approach to migration is key. In this context he mentioned their recent engagement with the Austrian government and the private sector in supporting investment opportunities in West Africa (Nigeria), linked with providing job opportunities for returned migrants. He showed great interest in the forthcoming External Investment Plan, as briefly presented by Cmmssr Mimica.
- As expected, ICMPD would also like to see more opportunities for International Organisations to receive funds via the Africa Trust Fund.
- Finally, and while in full agreement with EU's current focus on Africa and the Neighbourhood, [REDACTED] underlined importance to keep attention to Asia, in particular linked to situation in Afghanistan and its neighbours, where in his view the situation may deteriorate very quickly in the coming months.