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Overview
History, Structure, Activities, Aims, Communicating Results

History

- Established 1985
- Forum for discussion and information exchange
- Inter-governmental
- Informal character
- Common concerns/thematically oriented
- Regional?
- Policy and implementation discussion
- Process, Network not institution
- Non-decision making
- No negotiations, No Recommendations, declarations, plans of action or guidelines
- Confidentiality

Current participants

Current Chair

Australia
Belgium
Canada
Denmark
Finland
Germany
Ireland
Netherlands

IGC
Secretariat

New Zealand
Norway
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States
Greece (from 2007)

1 Supranational Body
European Commission

2 International Organisations
IOM & UNHCR
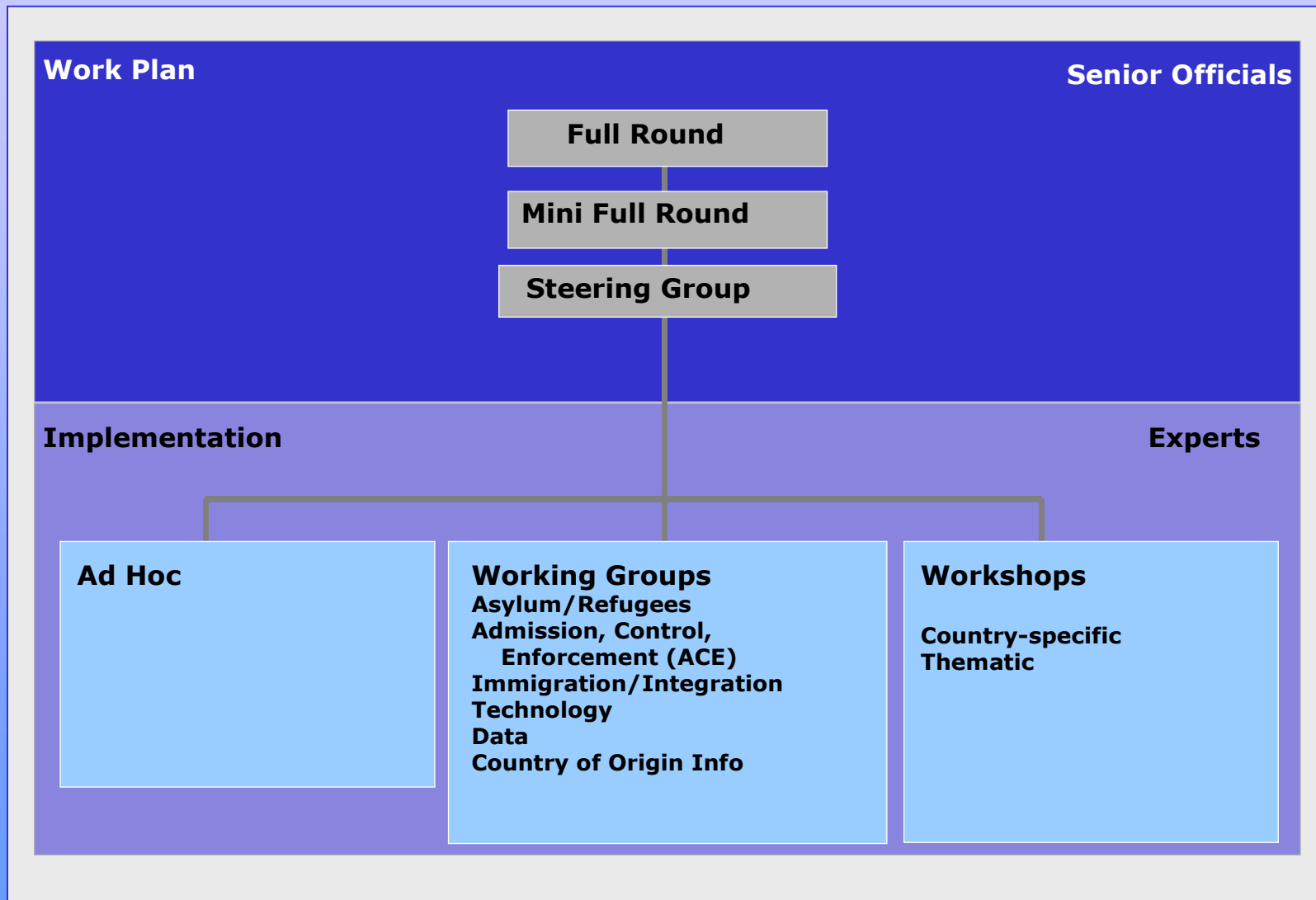
Current participants

- **Government administrations**
  - Interior/Home Affairs, Justice
  - Foreign Affairs,
  - Development,
  - Labour
  - Police
- **Chair**
  - -Rotating Chair
  - -Permanent Secretariat
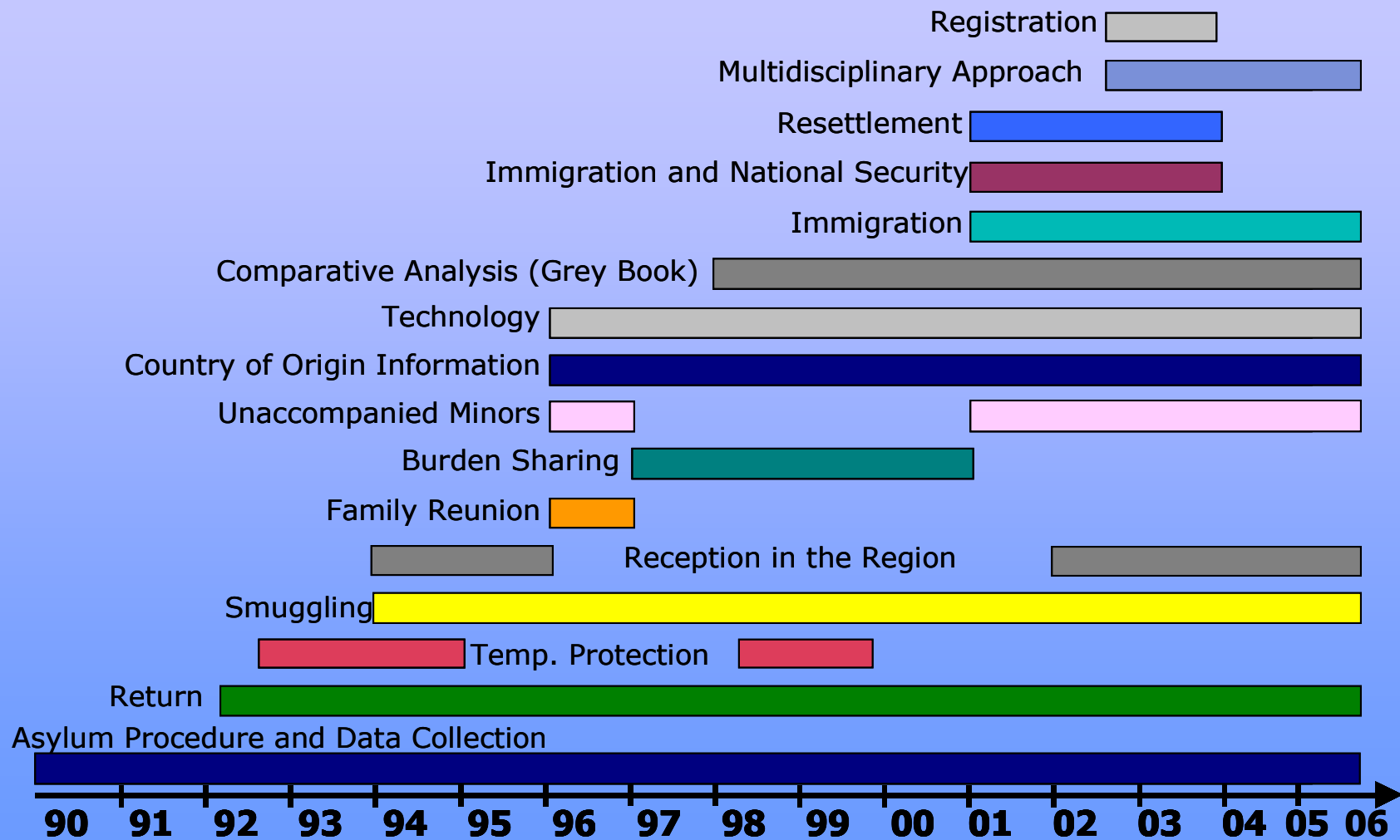
Structure & Role of the Secretariat

- ✦ Reports to Chair, Troika and Participating States

- ✦ Organizes and facilitates meetings

- ✦ "Clearing house"
    - ✦ Documentation
    - ✦ Databases
    - ✦ Secure Website

- ✦ Provides advice / support for policy development purposes

Structure and Lines of Authority (Post-Strategic Review)

Work Plan   **Senior Officials**

| Full Round |
| Mini Full Round |
| Steering Group |

Implementation   **Experts**

Ad Hoc

Working Groups
Asylum/Refugees
Admission, Control,
   Enforcement (ACE)
Immigration/Integration
Technology
Data
Country of Origin Info

Workshops

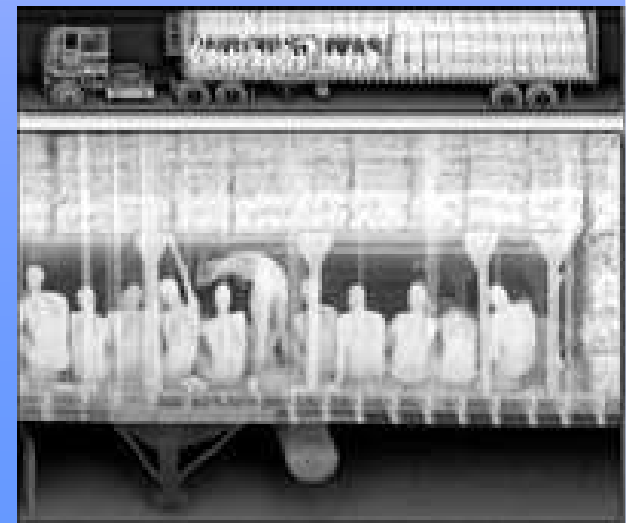Country-specific
Thematic

Maximum of 20 meetings per annum

Activities

Themes:Immigration/Integration, Asylum/Refugees,Admission/Control/Enforcement

Crosscutting: Data, Country of origin, Technology

Workshops: Thematic, subject specific

Communicating Results

- Information Exchange on current and upcoming legislation and policies and practices
- Data bases
- Documentation
- Comparative Reports
- Understanding each others systems, issues and perspectives
- Common understandings/terminologies
- Intra and Inter-Ministerial dialogue
- Whole of Government approaches
- Bilateral/Regional and International Dialogue
- Effective Practices
- Policy coherence

Communicating Results

- Peer pressure
- De facto harmonisation
- Capacity building

Communicating
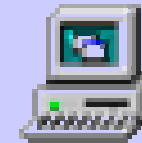results
Information Exchange 3 tracks +

Meetings

Full-Round and
Mini Full-Round

Steering Group

Working groups

Workshops

Documentation

Documents from PS

Comparative
matrices and reports

Data Overviews

Databases

Secure Web Site
Includes discussion fora, information search, statistics and IGC
Google Search Tool

Comparative Analysis of Asylum and Immigration Systems (Grey Book)

Matrix 27: Access to Family Reunification Possibilities

	AUS	BEL	CAN	DEN	FIN	GER	IRE	NET	NZL	NOR	SPA	SWE	SWI	UK	USA
Asylum seekers															
Possibility to grant family reunion	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	Y (1)	N	N
Geneva Convention Status															
possibility to grant family reunion	Y (1)	Y	Y (1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
criteria to be met	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
legal stay criteria	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
age criteria	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
ability to accommodate family members	N	N	N	Y (1)	N	Y (1)	N	N		N	Y	N	N	N	N
ability to financially support family members	Y (2)	N	Y (2)	N (2)	N	Y (1)	N	Y (1)		N	Y	N	N	N	N
waiting period (WP) / Immediate (I)	Y	Y	Y (3)	Y	Y	I	I	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	I
Family link criteria - partner Spouse	Y	Y	Y (1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cohabitant	Y	Y (1)	N (4)	Y	Y (1)	N	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N (1)
Same sex union	Y	Y	N (4)	Y	Y	(2)	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Polygamy	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N
Prospective spouse	Y	(Y)	Y (1)	N (3)	(N)	N	Y (1)	Y		Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Proof of relationship	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Family link criteria- children Family reunion with children?	Y	Y	Y (1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Age limit	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y (3)	Y	Y		Y	Y (1)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dependency	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	(Y)	Y	Y	Y
Unmarried	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Adopted	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y (3)	Y								
Proof of relationship	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Family link criteria - parents family reunion with parents?	Y	N (2)	Y (1)	Y	(Y)	(4)	Y								
Age	Y (2)	N	N	Y	N (2)		(2)								
Dependency	varies	Y	N	N	Y		Y								
Proof of relationship	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y								
Other relatives Grand children	N	N	Y (1)	N	N (1)	N (5)	Y (3)	N							
Nieces/nephews	N	N	N	N	N (1)	N (5)	N	N							
Uncles/aunts	N	N	N	N	N (1)	N (5)	N	N							
Other relatives (which)	Y	N	Y (1)	N	N (1)	N (5)	Y (3)	N							
Gradual family reunion (G) / once only (O)	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G							
Proposals for change															

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Access to
IGC
Documentation
Discussion Fora
Statistics
Google Search
Tool

The IGC Google Search Tool

IGCSW

IGC Secured Website

Google

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Contact and sharing with other fora

- Participation of UNHCR, IOM and European Commission and others i.e IATA, ICAO, including presentations from academics.

  Shared organisational and substantive methodology i.e how the IGC is set up for administrative purposes. Substantive information shared is limited to methodology data collection format, model legislation.
- EU
- Budapest
- Bali
- ACP