



Information Leaflet

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK (EMN)

What is the EMN?

The European Migration Network aims to provide up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum to support policymaking in the EU. It also provides the general public with such information through its [website](#).

Who is involved?

The **European Commission, DG Migration and Home Affairs** co-ordinates the EMN, assisted by two **Service Providers** plus in co-operation with **National Contact Points** (EMN NCPs) in each Member State, and in Norway, who in turn develop a **national network** consisting of a wide-range of relevant stakeholders.

Each **EMN NCP** is appointed by their national government, which results in a variety of types of organisation being designated. These are primarily Ministries of Interior and of Justice, specialised government agencies dealing with migration, international protection and/ or citizenship plus Research Institutes, Non-Governmental Organisations and in some cases, the national office of an International Organisation for Migration. Most EMN NCPs have [national websites](#) which provide the general public with information on migration and asylum in their respective Member States.

The **EMN Steering Board**, chaired by the European Commission and consisting of one representative from each Member State plus Observers from the European Parliament and from Norway, provides strategic guidance on the EMN's activities.

What does the EMN do?

The EMN responds to information needs through **Reports, Studies, Ad-Hoc Queries, Policy Briefs (EMN Inform), the EMN Bulletin** and **Glossary**. It

does not normally engage in primary research: instead, its key strength is to **collect, document** and **make available**, in an accessible and comparative manner, data and information held or collected at national and EU level. It further analyses and synthesises this information to improve its comparability and harmonisation at EU level in order to contribute to evidence-based policymaking. Dissemination of information takes place primarily via the EMN website and publications.

The EMN is a **multi-level network**: at EU level, EMN NCPs meet regularly, as well as network and collaborate with other EU level agencies and institutions. These include for example, the Commission's Eurostat Directorate General, the National Contact Points on Integration, the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex). The EMN also provides on-going support to the launched [EU Immigration Portal](#).

At national level, each EMN NCP develops a network involving partners within their Member State with expertise in migration and asylum from a wide stakeholder group, e.g. from government, (academic) research community, and NGOs. The national networks aim to secure a close exchange of information with policymakers at the national level, to better understand their information needs and to enhance the EMN's role in responding quickly to such needs.

In 2014, the EMN established the **Return and Reintegration Experts Group (REG)**. REG aims at increasing operational cooperation among Member States in order to enhance the coherence between the voluntary return schemes and reintegration projects.

The REG produces a range of outputs, e.g. country Factsheets on Return forming a Return Directory.



What does the EMN produce?

★ REPORTS

The EMN produces yearly [Annual Policy Reports](#), which outline the most significant political and legislative (including EU) developments, as well as public debates in the area of migration and international protection, within the Member States and Norway. Whilst previously these contributed to the Commission's [Annual Reports on Immigration and Asylum](#), reviewing the progress made in the implementation of asylum and migration policy, since 2014 they constitute the only report providing an EU overview on Immigration and Asylum. The 2014 Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum is available on the EMN [website](#).



★ COUNTRY FACTSHEETS

Drawing on information collected and analysed from the Annual Policy Report, the [EMN Country Factsheets](#) provide a succinct summary of the main developments in the year in each Member State and Norway, whilst at the same time, presenting an overview of the most recent migration and international protection statistics.



★ STUDIES

The EMN also produces [Studies](#), on topics (see below) relevant to policymakers at national and EU levels, to meet both long-term and short-term needs.

HOW ARE STUDY TOPICS SELECTED?

Study topics are selected from proposals made by individual or groups of EMN NCP(s) and/ or the European Commission, based on their relevance to policymaking in the Member States and for the Commission and its agencies. Topics may be proposed for in-depth, strategic studies, with long-term relevance, or for shorter, focussed studies to meet a short-term information need. The Steering Board reviews and formally approves the selection of topics within the context of an annual EMN Work Programme.

HOW DOES THE EMN PRODUCE ITS STUDIES?

The EMN first agrees on **common specifications** for its studies, to facilitate better comparability between countries, working closely with relevant policymakers. Each EMN NCP produces a **National Report**, according to the common specifications and often involving contributions from members of their national network. A comparative **Synthesis Report** is then produced by the EMN Service Provider, bringing together the main findings from the national reports, and placing these within an EU perspective (e.g. by relating to recent policy initiatives).

WHAT STUDIES HAS THE EMN PRODUCED SO FAR?

So far in 2015, the EMN has produced the following studies:

1. [Determining labour shortages and the need for labour migration from third countries in the EU](#) (November 2015);
2. [Dissemination of information on voluntary return to irregular migrants residing outside organised facilities](#) (October 2015);
3. Integration of Asylum Seekers and beneficiaries of International protection (forthcoming in early 2016);

4. Changes in immigration status and purpose of stay (forthcoming in early 2016).

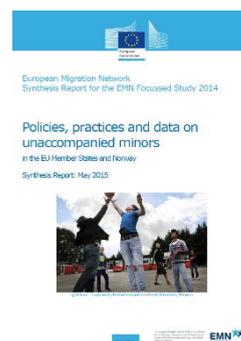
WHAT STUDIES WILL THE EMN PRODUCE IN 2016?

In 2016, the EMN is expected to produce studies on the following topics:

1. Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Programmes in Europe – what works?;
2. Approaches to rejected asylum seekers in the EU Member States;
3. Searching for a family life. The Right to Family Reunification: National Practices;
4. Illegal employment of third country nationals.

Other recent reports are listed here and via the hyperlinks you can download both the Synthesis Report and the corresponding National Reports:

1. [Policies, practices and data on unaccompanied minors in the EU Member States and Norway in 2014](#) (May 2015);
2. [Admitting third-country nationals for business purposes](#) (May 2015);
3. [The use of detention and alternatives to detention in the context of immigration policies](#) (2014);
4. [Good practices in return and reintegration](#) (2014);
5. [Migrant access to social security and healthcare](#) (2013);
6. [Identification of victims of trafficking in human beings](#) (2013);
7. [Organisation of Reception Facilities for asylum seekers](#) (2013);
8. [Attracting Highly Qualified and Qualified Third-Country Nationals](#) (2013);
9. [Intra-EU mobility of third-country nationals](#) (2013);
10. [The immigration of international students to EU Member States](#) (2012);
11. [Establishing identity for international protection: challenges and practices](#) (2012);
12. [Misuse of the right to family reunification](#) (2012);
13. [Practical responses for reducing irregular migration](#) (2012);
14. [Visa policy as migration channel](#) (2012);
15. [Temporary and circular migration: empirical evidence, current policy practice and future options in EU Member States](#) (2011);
16. [Satisfying labour demand through migration in EU Member States](#) (2011);
17. [The different national practices concerning granting of non-EU harmonised protection statuses](#) (2010);
18. [Programmes and strategies in the EU Member States fostering Assisted Return to and Reintegration in Third Countries](#) (2010);
19. [Policies on reception, return and integration arrangements for, and numbers of, unaccompanied minors – an EU comparative study](#) (2010).



AD-HOC QUERIES

Ad-Hoc Queries are a means by which EMN NCPs and the Commission can collect information from the Member States in a relatively short period of time on a wide range of asylum and migration-related issues, e.g. legal migration, irregular migration, borders, return, visas etc. The network produces compilations of the responses to Ad-Hoc Queries, which rapidly assess the perspective of responding Member States in relation to a specific topic.

EMN ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

The EMN, through its national networks, delivers each year two annual EMN Conferences plus an extensive range of national events, conferences and roundtables, sharing and disseminating information on topical migration- and international protection-related issues.

In 2015, the EMN Conference "Attracting and retaining talent in Europe" took place on the 19th and 20th of March in Riga, Latvia. Some 135 participants attended the Conference, including representatives from the European Commission, 26 EMN National Contact Points, the business community, international and regional organisations, National and International Academics and researchers, and representatives from Government Departments in third countries. The main conclusions of the Conference can be found on the EMN [website](#).



Delegates at the EMN Conference 2015 in Latvia

The second EMN Conference in 2015 "30 years of the Schengen Agreement The future of Schengen: challenges and opportunities" was held on 7th of October in Esch-Belval, Luxembourg. Some 180 participants attended the Conference, including representatives from the European Commission, 26 EMN National Contact Points, the business community, international and regional organisations, national and international academics and researchers, civil society, and

representatives from Government departments in third countries. The Conference conclusions are also available on the EMN [website](#).

POLICY BRIEFS: EMN INFORMS

These provide succinct, key findings and messages to policymakers on a specific topic based on the results of information gathered and analysed by the EMN, for example, from Reports and Studies, or from Ad-Hoc Queries.

EMN BULLETINS

These provide up to date, topical information required by, and of relevance to, policymakers on a quarterly basis. They highlight recent EU and National developments, and relevant information extracted from the EMN's existing knowledge, plus latest published statistics, primarily from Eurostat.

EMN GLOSSARY AND THESAURUS

The EMN Glossary improves comparability by enabling a common understanding and use of terms and definitions relating to asylum and migration. The Glossary draws on a variety of sources, primarily those given in the [EU asylum and immigration acquis](#), and makes these available in the majority of Member State languages.

EMN STATUS REPORTS

The EMN produces an annual Status Report, reporting on its activities and achievements. The Status Report is adopted as a Commission Staff Working Paper and formally transmitted to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

Where can I find more information?

All EMN reports and studies, including the [National Reports](#) and [Synthesis Reports](#), [Ad-Hoc Query compilations](#), [Country Factsheets](#), [Glossary](#), [EMN Bulletins](#) and [EMN Informs](#), are all published on the [EMN website](#).

Who are the current EMN NCPs?

In each Member State, an EMN NCP consists of at least three experts either from the same entity or from different entities. In the latter case, one entity acts as the national coordinator and, in such cases, it is their details which are given overleaf. You may contact the relevant EMN NCP for your Member State via these contact details.

AUSTRIA: The AT EMN NCP is the [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\) Country Office](#) in Vienna. The IOM assists the Austrian government in meeting the challenges of migration management, and its goal is to provide an advanced

understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration, and uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

Information: www.emn.at

Contact: ncpaustria@iom.int

BELGIUM: The BE EMN NCP is composed of experts of the [Federal Public Service Home Affairs](#), the [Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons](#), the [Federal Migration Centre Myria](#) and the [Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers](#). The FPS Home Affairs acts as the national co-ordinator.

Information: www.emnbelgium.be

Contact: benedikt.vulsteke@ibz.fgov.be

BULGARIA: The BG EMN NCP is the [Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior](#).

Information: www.mvr.bg

Contact: skblazheva.110@mvr.bg

CROATIA: The HR EMN NCP is the [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\) Office](#) in Zagreb, Croatia. In conducting EMN-related activities, HR EMN NCP provides support and closely cooperates with the MoI designated officials.

Information: <http://www.mup.hr>

Contact: iomzagreb@iom.int and emn@mup.hr

CYPRUS: The [Ministry of Interior](#) is the coordinator of the CY EMN NCP, composed of the [Civil Registry & Migration Department](#), the [Asylum Service](#) and the [Immigration Police Department of the Government of Cyprus](#).

Information: www.moi.gov.cy

Contact: tcharalambidou@papd.mof.gov.cy (NCP - Coordinator); aargyropoulou@papd.mof.gov.cy (Member of the Steering Board).

CZECH REPUBLIC: The CZ EMN NCP is the [Department for Asylum and Migration Policy](#) of the Ministry of the Interior. The Department acts as the co-ordinator of affairs relating to immigration and asylum, both at the legislative and the implementation level and is also responsible for the integration of non-Czech citizens.

Information: www.emncz.eu

Contact: emncz@mvcr.cz

DENMARK: Denmark did not take part in the adoption of the Decision establishing the EMN, but is represented as an Observer by the [Ministry of Refugees, Immigration and Integration Affairs](#).

Information: www.inm.dk

Contact: PBT@inm.dk

ESTONIA: The EE EMN NCP is the [School of Governance, Law and Society \(SOGOLAS\)](#), which enables the NCP to work closely with other groups that engage in research and development in the areas of migration policy, migration experiences, mobility, as well as issues related to integration and ethnic and civic identity.

Information: www.emn.ee

Contact: emn@tlu.ee

FINLAND: The FI EMN NCP is attached to the Legal Service and Country Information Unit of the Finnish Immigration Service (Migri), which processes and decides applications for asylum, residence and citizenship. The Legal Service and Country Information Unit provides legal services and country of origin information to support the work of Migri and other authorities working on migration issues.

Information: www.emn.fi
Contact: emn@migri.fi

FRANCE: The FR EMN NCP is attached to the Department of Statistics, Studies and Documentation within the Directorate-General for Foreign Nationals in France of the Ministry of Interior, (*Ministère de l'Intérieur*). The Department of Statistics, Studies and Documentation facilitates access to statistics and data on migration and asylum, required for the elaboration of EMN outputs.

Information: <http://www.immigration.interieur.gouv.fr/Europe-et-International/Le-reseau-europeen-des-migrations-REM>
Contact: emn@interieur.gouv.fr

GERMANY: The DE EMN NCP is the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). As the Central Migration Agency, the Federal Office processes applications for asylum and subsidiary protection, is responsible for the integration of immigrants and is at the head of a national integration programme. BAMF carries out scientific research on issues of migration and integration to obtain analytical conclusions regarding the control of immigration. Moreover, BAMF observes and evaluates the research sector at national and international level, including providing advice to the Federal Government on immigration policy.

Information: www.emn-germany.de / www.emn-deutschland.de
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GREECE: The EL EMN NCP is composed of the Hellenic Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform, General Secretariat of Population and Social Cohesion, Directorate General of Citizenship and Migration Policy, Directorate of Migration Policy. The Unit of Migration Policy within the Ministry acts as coordinator of the EMN and is competent to manage legal immigration issues, policy of admission and stay of third country national in Greece, as well as EU relevant issues.

Information: <http://emn.ypes.gr>
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HUNGARY: The HU EMN NCP is the Department of European Co-operation within the Ministry of Interior. The department is responsible for the elaboration and co-ordination of migration, asylum and integration policies and supervises the work of the Office of Immigration and Nationality. The department is also responsible for the professional tasks related to the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

Information: www.emnhungary.hu
Contact: emh@bm.gov.hu

IRELAND: The IE EMN NCP is the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), which is the principal institution engaged in economic and social research in Ireland. It is an independent research body with a mission to produce objective, high quality research, which informs policymaking and increases understanding of economic and social change.

Information: www.emn.ie
Contact: EMN.Ireland@esri.ie

ITALY: The IT EMN NCP is composed of the Ministry of Interior, Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration, Central Directorate for Immigration and Asylum Policies, which acts as the national co-ordinator for the EMN, and the Italian National Research Council (CNR), Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Cultural Heritage (DSU).

Information: <http://www.emnitaly.cnr.it>
Contact: emn.italy@cnr.it

LATVIA: The LV EMN NCP is the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs of the Ministry of Interior. It is responsible for implementation of state migration policy, maintenance of the Population Register and issuance of identification and travel documents.

Information: www.emn.lv
Contact: emn@pmlp.gov.lv

LITHUANIA: The LT NCP is a joint-body uniting governmental and non-governmental actors. The LT NCP is composed of representatives from the Ministry of the Interior, and the Migration Department, as well as the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Vilnius office. This collaboration provides a more diversified perspective towards migration challenges and also leads to increased networking and accommodation of different viewpoints while implementing EMN activities.

Information: www.emn.lt
Contact: emn@iom.lt

LUXEMBOURG: The LU EMN NCP is composed of a team of experts from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Ministry of Family, Integration and the Greater Region; the Centre d'Étude et de Formation Interculturelles et Sociales (CEFIS); the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (STATEC); and the University of Luxembourg, which acts as the national co-ordinator.

Information: www.emnluxembourg.lu/
Contact: emn@uni.lu

MALTA: The Maltese EMN NCP is located within the Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security (Third-Country Nationals Unit). The MT EMN NCP's role is to establish a national migration network consisting of a wide range of national stakeholders active in the field of migration and asylum and to create awareness-raising among them. The national partners regularly contribute to EMN outputs.

Information: <http://homeaffairs.gov.mt/en/MHAS-Information/EMN/Pages/European-Migration-Network.aspx>
Contact: emn.ncp@gov.mt

NETHERLANDS: The NL EMN NCP is the Immigration and Naturalisation Service Research and Analysis Department. The Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) is an agency of the Ministry of Security and Justice

Information: www.ind.nl or www.emnnetherlands.nl

Contact: EMN@ind.minvenj.nl

POLAND: The PL EMN NCP is located within the Migration Policy Department of the Ministry of the Interior and Administration, which acts as a coordinator of the PL NCP EMN at national level. It is supported by the experts from the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy, Office for Foreigners, National Border Guard Headquarters and the Central Statistical Office.

Information: www.emn.gov.pl

Contact: esm@mswia.gov.pl

PORTUGAL: The PT EMN NCP is an entity belonging to the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The Immigration and Borders Service (SEF) is the national authority for the entry, permanence, exit and removal of foreigners as well for the technical assistance and implementation of the national policies on immigration and asylum. SEF still has as mission study and promote measures and actions related to national policies on immigration, asylum and borders and is the entity responsible for national statistics on immigration and asylum.

Information: <http://rem.sef.pt>

Contact: EMN@sef.pt

ROMANIA: The RO EMN NCP is the Research, Analyses and Prognosis Centre, Romanian Immigration Office

Information: www.mai.gov.ro

Contact: ccap.ori@mai.gov.ro

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: The SK EMN NCP is composed of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in Bratislava, which acts as the national co-ordinator for the EMN; the Ministry of Interior, specifically the Bureau of Border and Alien Police of the Presidium of the Police Force, the Migration Office and the Department of Foreign and European Affairs of the Office of the Minister of Interior; the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family and the Statistical Office.

Information: www.iom.sk / www.emn.sk

Contact: ncpslovakia@iom.int

SLOVENIA: The SI EMN NCP is composed of ten experts from different ministries responsible for migration and asylum area, such as the Ministry of Interior and the Police, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. The subject responsible for Slovenian NCP operations and activities is Ministry of Interior which cooperates within EMN under Decision of European Council and Parliament on the establishment of European Migration Network (2008/381/ES). Base on EMN Multiannual Working Program Slovenian NCP cooperates with other NCPs, Commission, EU Institutions, EU Agencies, NGOs and other EMN stakeholders and partners in preparing surveys, studies, analyses, individual statistics, information leaflets, etc.

Information: <http://www.mnz.gov.si>

Contact: emn.mnz@gov.si

SPAIN: The ES EMN NCP is composed of experts from the Ministries (of Employment and Social Security, of Interior, for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, and of Justice) and the General Prosecutor's Office. It is coordinated by the Deputy General Directorate for Legal Affairs unit under the responsibility of the General Secretariat for Immigration and Emigration, Ministry of Employment and Social Security, with the following task and activities, among others: the elaboration of normative projects and reports on matters relating to immigration and emigration; preparation of policy proposals related to the development, approval, implementation and application of standards of the European Union and/or of international scope, on matters within its competence; coordination of the action of the General Secretariat in the field of European Union as well as in the case of other international organizations in the field of migration, and the elaboration of instructions for policy development in the area of the General Secretariat aimed at the peripheral bodies of the General Administration of the State.

Information:

<http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/redeuropeamigracion/>

Contact: rem@meys.es

SWEDEN: The SE EMN NCP is the Swedish Migration Agency. The Swedish Migration Agency is the responsible administrative agency within the area of migration, for issues concerning residence permits, work permits, visas, reception of asylum seekers, return, citizenship and repatriation. The NCP is located at the Unit for Migration Intelligence within the Migration Agency.

Information: www.emnsweden.se

Contact: EMN@migrationsverket.se

UNITED KINGDOM: The UK EMN NCP is located within Migration and Border Analysis Unit of the Home Office Science Group and consists of a multi-disciplinary group of researchers and statisticians supporting UK policymakers and operations. They carry out a programme of research and analysis including work on the drivers, costs and benefits of migration, border security, enforcement of immigration law, and the European and international contexts of migration to the UK. They also undertake policy and programme evaluation, link migration research across government departments and engage with migration researchers outside of government.

Information: <http://www.emnukncp.org/>

Contact: emn@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

NORWAY: Norway participates in the EMN via a Working Arrangement between the European Commission and the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security. The NO EMN NCP was established on 1st January 2011 and consists of experts from the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration and the Ministry of Justice and Public Security.

Information: www.emnnorway.no

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Further information

For further information, including the EMN's various outputs, is available from the EMN [website](#).

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