



EMN Day

Effective and efficient approaches to migration management at EU and national level

11 June 2021, 11:00-13:00 (CEST)

Invitation

European Migration Network (EMN)

We are pleased to invite you to join the upcoming EMN Webinar “**Effective and efficient approaches to migration management at EU and national level**” on **Friday 11 June at 11:00 – 13:00** (Central European Summer time).

The year 2020 brought about unforeseen developments, challenges, and opportunities in the areas of migration and asylum. In the face of a global pandemic, which brought the movement of people and daily life to a virtual standstill, the EU and its Member States quickly established contingency measures to maintain the functioning of their asylum and migration systems as far as possible. The devastating fire in the Moria camp in Lesbos, Greece in September 2020 brought the topic of the reception of asylum seekers in the EU once again into the spotlight. Several Member States committed to relocation, although continued efforts are needed to ensure practical implementation.

These new challenges came in addition to persisting ones. The need to **continually improve the efficiency and effectiveness of migration management systems**, including return and combatting irregular migration, has been the on-going focus of efforts of EU and national policymakers, also in light of continued irregular migration flows, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The European Commission's new Pact on Migration and Asylum, launched in September 2020, emphasised these priorities, laying out a comprehensive and holistic approach bringing together policy proposals in the areas of migration, asylum, integration and border management. At national level, new governments brought new strategic direction, and existing governments adopted new or revised strategies and action plans, setting the groundwork for legislative and policy actions in the upcoming years.

This EMN Day 2021 will be hosted as a webinar and will serve to **launch the EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum 2020**. The Report outlines the most significant legislative and policy developments in the EU Member States and Norway in 2020 and identifies common trends. These include, amongst others, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the mitigating measures introduced by EU Member States and Norway to ensure their migration management systems remained as effective as possible; the role played by electronic systems and digital tools;

developments to improve efficiency for better migration management; and new partnerships and strengthened cooperation with third countries.

Agenda

<p>11:00 – 11:05</p>	<p>Welcome remarks and introduction to the agenda</p> <p>Webinar Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rafael Bärlund, EMN Finland, Communication & Dissemination Working Group co-chair
<p>11:05 – 11:45</p>	<p>Panel 1: EU-level developments and key trends 2020</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta Cygan (Director, Unit F (Audit & Situational Awareness), DG HOME), European Commission <i>Latest EU developments following on from the new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, launched in 2020.</i> • Hans Lemmens (EMN Netherlands) <i>The context, and key trends and developments identified by the EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum, in 2020.</i>
<p>11:45 – 12:45</p>	<p>Panel 2: Spotlight on key strategic national developments</p> <p>Panel Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnus Ovilius Head of Sector European Migration Network, DG HOME, European Commission <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMN Germany <i>Introduction to the new Skilled Immigration Act which entered into force on 1 March 2020, setting out a comprehensive legal framework concerning the immigration of skilled workers from third countries and partnerships with those countries.</i> • EMN Sweden <i>New proposals put forward by the Parliamentary Commission on Sweden's future migration policies, which will have strong impacts on migration, asylum and integration in Sweden for years to come. In addition, the presentation will introduce new developments in digitalised handling of linguistic analysis.</i> • EMN Georgia <i>Highlights of new Migration Strategy of Georgia 2021-2030 based on the cross-cutting approach of 'Migration and Development', developed in the framework of the EU-backed Public Administration Reform, plus new bilateral agreement with Germany in 2020.</i> • EMN Moldova: <i>Update on the amended Law on the Integration of Foreigners and Action Plan on the Integration of Foreigners 2020, plus</i>

	<p><i>examples of cooperation e.g. with OSCE in the Hague on language training.</i></p> <p>Facilitated discussion</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:50 – 12:57	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Rafael Bärlund, EMN Finland, Communication and Dissemination Working Group co-chair</p>
12.57 – 13.00	Brief video presentation on the EMN Glossary
