

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK (EMN) LUXEMBOURG

ONLINE NATIONAL CONFERENCE – 30 SEPTEMBER 2021, 9h-12h

**“DETECTING AND PROTECTING VULNERABLE MIGRANTS”**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

This year’s Annual National Conference of the European Migration Network (EMN) Luxembourg will focus on the detection and protection of vulnerable migrants in the international protection procedures. The choice of this topic stems not only from the EMN’s past outputs<sup>1</sup> but also from a strong interest among national stakeholders in the different perspectives on the issue of vulnerability. Following the welcome speeches, the conference will host two panels:

- **Panel 1** will introduce the concept of vulnerability in the context of migration from a scientific perspective and highlight the conceptual ambiguities and difficulties that arise when ‘vulnerability’ is used as a tool to implement migration policies (Luc Leboeuf, [H2020 project VULNER](#)). Furthermore, Ralph Petry ([EMN Luxembourg](#)) will present the findings from the EMN Luxembourg Inform “Vulnerabilities in the international protection procedure”, providing an overview of the legal and procedural frameworks and safeguards EU Member States work with to detect and protect vulnerable migrants in the international protection procedures. Following this overview, Nicolas Van Puymbroeck ([Fedasil](#), Belgium) will explain how the detection of vulnerable asylum seekers is organized in Belgium, and introduce new innovative policy ideas related to the concept of ‘well-being’. Finally, Anne Kayser from the Council of Europe will conclude the first panel by presenting the [Council of Europe Action Plan on Protecting Vulnerable Persons in the Context of Migration and Asylum in Europe \(2021-2025\)](#).
- **Panel 2** will take the shape of a discussion focusing specifically on the Luxembourgish context. Discussants will include experts from the [National Reception Office](#) (Office national d’accueil), the Luxembourgish [Directorate of Immigration](#) (Direction de l’immigration), [Caritas Luxembourg](#), and [Frank Wies](#), a legal expert in the field of migration and asylum in Luxembourg.

The conference will take place on **30 September from 9h to 12h CET on Zoom**. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided. More information on how to register for the event will follow shortly.

<b>09.00 – 09.15</b>	<p><b>Welcome speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Jean Asselborn</b>, Minister for Immigration and Asylum (Tbc)</li> <li>- <b>Prof. Stéphane Pallage</b>, Rector of the University of Luxembourg (Tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Host: Prof. Birte Nienaber, coordinator of the EMN Luxembourg</p>
<b>09.15 – 10.35</b>	<p><b>Panel 1: The concept of vulnerability in the European migration context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presenter I – Dr. Luc Leboeuf, <a href="#">H2020 Project VULNER</a></li> <li>- Presenter II – Ralph Petry, <a href="#">EMN Luxembourg</a></li> <li>- Presenter III – Nicolas Van Puymbroeck, <a href="#">Fedasil</a></li> <li>- Presenter IV – Anne Kayser, <a href="#">Council of Europe</a></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: EMN Luxembourg</p>
<b>10.35 – 10.50</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>

<sup>1</sup> For a full list of the EMN Luxembourg’s outputs, please visit our [website](#).



<b>10.50 – 11.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.00 – 11.40</b>	<p><b>Panel 2: Discussion focusing on the Luxembourgish context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussant I – <a href="#">Frank Wies</a>, Legal expert</li> <li>- Discussant II – Dr. Nariman Nouri, <a href="#">National reception office</a></li> <li>- Discussant III – Nonna Sehovic, <a href="#">Caritas Luxembourg</a></li> <li>- Discussant IV – Yannick Genot, <a href="#">Directorate of Immigration</a></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: EMN Luxembourg</p>
<b>11.40 – 11.55</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>11.55 – 12.00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks:</b> Prof. Birte Nienaber, coordinator of the EMN Luxembourg

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