

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK (EMN) INFORMATION LEAFLET

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What is the EMN?

The European Migration Network provides up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration of third-country nationals and asylum to support policymaking in the European Union and its Member States. It shares such information with the public mainly through its [website](#), social media accounts ([Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#)) and [events](#).

Who is involved?

The EMN consists of the **European Commission** and **EMN National Contact Points** (EMN NCPs) which are established in each Member State (except Denmark). EMN NCPs have also been established in Norway (in 2011), as well as Georgia and Moldova (in 2021) with an observer status. The European Commission ([DG Migration and Home Affairs](#)) co-ordinates the EMN, assisted by a **Service Provider**. The **EMN Steering Board**, chaired by the European Commission and consisting of one representative from each Member State plus observers from the European Parliament, Norway, Georgia and Moldova, provides strategic guidance on the EMN's activities.

Who are the EMN NCPs?

Each **EMN National Contact Point** (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, reception and/ or citizenship issues plus universities, research institutes and country offices of the International Organization for Migration.

An **organogram** of the organisation of asylum and migration policies in each Member State is available on the EMN website, on the page dedicated to [EMN Members](#).

What is the added value of the EMN?

The EMN produces policy-relevant outputs which analyse and synthesise migration and asylum data, legislation, challenges collected from across all EMN NCPs, providing a unique national, EU and wider perspective on a specific issue.

EMN NCPs present and discuss the findings of their research at various conferences, seminars, roundtables and other expert events, and in some cases, directly to their governments.

The Irish parliament referred to EMN study on "Pathways to citizenship for third-country nationals in the EU" during a debate on a citizenship bill.

The EMN also provides timely and comparable information on topical and challenging issues through its Ad-Hoc Query (AHQ) tool (see next section for more information).

In France, an AHQ dedicated to the tax on residence permits was used to modify the draft for the 2020 French finance law with a simplification in the number of different tax amounts.

What does the EMN do?

The EMN responds to information needs through **Studies**, **Ad-Hoc Queries**, **Policy Briefs** (EMN Informs), **one-page summaries** (EMN Flashes), **quarterly newsletters** (EMN Bulletins) and a **Glossary on Asylum and Migration** (EMN Glossary) in 22 EU languages.

The EMN 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 levels.

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 its publications.

The EMN is a **multi-level network**: At EU level, EMN NCPs meet one another regularly, as well as network and collaborate with other EU level agencies and institutions, including for example, the European Parliament, the European Commission's Eurostat Directorate General, the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), the Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography (KCMD), the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) and the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA). Over the past years, the EMN has established collaboration with non-EU organisations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as well as with several NGOs, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Save the Children and Missing Children Europe.

At national level, each EMN NCP develops a network involving national partners with expertise in migration and asylum from a wide stakeholder group, e.g. from the government, the (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 [EMN Return Expert Group \(REG\)](#). The REG aims at increasing operational cooperation among Member States, Norway and Switzerland in order to enhance the coherence between return schemes and reintegration projects. The REG has also expanded to include cooperation with NGOs and international organisations.

In 2016, the EMN was entrusted by [JHA Council Conclusions of 3 and 4 December 2015](#) with the creation of a [EMN Platform on](#)

[Statelessness](#). Its objective is to exchange information and good practices in the field of statelessness and bring together all the relevant stakeholders in the field.

Finally, in 2018 a new **EMN Working Group on information and awareness-raising campaigns** (EMN INFO WG) was established. The overall objective was to support knowledge exchange and to provide an enhanced structured coordination between EU Member States, EU bodies and, as needed, relevant external experts such as international organisations.

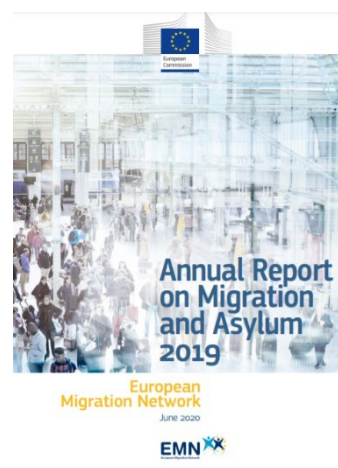
How is the EMN funded?

The EMN is funded by the European Commission through the Asylum and Migration Fund. A bi-annual budget is allocated to support EMN NCPs who are co-financed from national funds.

What does the EMN produce?

■ REPORTS

The EMN produces [Annual Reports on Migration and Asylum](#), which outline the most significant political and legislative developments in the area of migration and international protection within the EU Member States and Norway. The 2019, and all previous Annual Reports on Migration and Asylum, are available on the EMN [website](#).



■ COUNTRY FACTSHEETS

Drawing on information collected and analysed from the Annual Report on Migration and Asylum, the [EMN Country Factsheets](#) provide a succinct summary of the main developments in the year in each EU Member State and Norway, whilst at the same time, presenting a selection of the most recent available migration and international protection statistics. As of 2020, such statistics are prepared in cooperation with the European Commission's Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography (KCMD).

■ STUDIES

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

Up to four National Reports are produced by each EMN NCP every year, and a comparative Synthesis Report is developed by the EMN Service Provider to analyse the main findings from the national reports and to set these within the EU context.

What Studies has the EMN produced recently?

National Reports on a given topic are produced by each EMN NCP, and a comparative Synthesis Report is developed by the EMN Service Provider to analyse the main findings from the national reports and to set these within the EU context.

All EMN Studies can be found on the EMN website under the section [EMN Studies and on the NCPs national websites](#).

For each EMN study a one-page summary, an EMN Flash, is produced. EMN Flashes provide a more accessible, visual and graphic approach to communicating key information about EMN studies.



■ AD-HOC QUERIES

[Ad-Hoc Queries](#) are a tool by which EMN NCPs and the Commission can collect information from EMN NCPs in a relatively short period of time on a wide range of asylum and migration-related issues, e.g. legal migration, international protection, irregular migration, return, visas etc.

The network produces compilations and summaries of the responses to Ad-Hoc Queries, which rapidly assess the perspective of responding states in relation to a specific topic. Before launching an Ad-Hoc Query, the EMN consults and shares information with other EU stakeholders (such as EASO and Frontex), to ensure synergies and avoid duplication of work.

■ EMN INFORMS

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

Informs may summarise the key findings of an EMN study or address new issues identified as priorities. For example, in 2020, the EMN produced a series of five EMN Informs working in cooperation with the OECD and the KCMD exploring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in migration areas.

For all published EMN Informs, please visit the EMN website under the section [EMN Informs](#).

■ EMN FLASHES

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■ EMN BULLETINS

EMN Bulletins provide up-to-date and topical information required by, and of relevance to, policymakers on a quarterly basis.

They highlight recent EU and national developments, relevant information extracted from the EMN's existing knowledge, and the latest published statistics, primarily from Eurostat.

To subscribe to the EMN Bulletin, follow [this link](#).

■ EMN GLOSSARY

The EMN Glossary on Asylum and Migration improves comparability by enabling a common understanding and use of terms and definitions relating to asylum and migration. The terms presented are those recommended for official use by each EMN NCP. For its definitions and references, the Glossary draws on a variety of sources, primarily those given in the EU asylum and immigration acquis. The terms are available in the majority of EU Member State languages. The latest version of the Glossary is accessible on the EMN [website](#) and is also available for download as a mobile app in English, Finnish, German, Italian and Latvian for [Android](#) and [iOS](#) users.

■ EMN STATUS REPORTS

Activities and achievements are reported in the annual [Status Report](#), and formally transmitted to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Commission, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, in accordance with the EMN's legal basis¹.

■ EMN EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

The 'EMN Day'

Each year the EMN holds an 'EMN Day' event in Brussels to launch its Annual Report on Migration and Asylum and to address topical migration and asylum issues. In June 2020, the EMN organised its first online EMN Day. The webinar "**Managing migration and asylum in a changing world: 2019 trends and policy responses to COVID-19 to date**" on 17 June launched the 2019 edition of the EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum. In addition, the event sought to provide up-to-date information on Member State' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic with regard to the migration and asylum fields most impacted.

National conferences

NCPs organise annual national conferences to disseminate findings and results of the EMN Studies and other products.

Presidency conferences

The EMN supports the preparation of EMN conferences on migration and asylum issues (in the framework of the Member States' Presidency of the Council of the European Union) as well as an extensive range of national events, conferences and roundtables by sharing and disseminating information on topical migration and international protection-related issues.

In June 2020, under the Croatian Presidency, EMN Croatia held an e-conference "[Challenges of Irregular Migration on the Eastern Mediterranean – Western Balkan Route in the time of COVID-19](#)".



The conference gave an opportunity to discuss the challenges of irregular migration and the fight against migrant smuggling, taking into consideration the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the most important key messages was that migration will remain a top priority in the EU agenda.

The second EMN conference in 2020 "[Towards effective asylum and migration management – Innovative approaches and implementation in practice](#)" organised by EMN Germany during the German EU Council Presidency was held on 29 October 2020. The event focused on innovative working methods, linking of information and knowledge, data management in the asylum procedure and community sponsorship. More than 300 participants joined the online event to hear from distinguished speakers including EU Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson, and Vice President of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), Andrea Schumacher.

¹ Council Decision of 14 May 2008 establishing a European Migration Network (2008/381/EC)



EMN Germany Presidency Conference

In late 2020, the EMN also jointly organised with OECD a series of [webinars](#) on the impact of COVID-19 on migration and asylum, as well as a series of **roundtables** covering relevant topics such as sector-based labour migration policies and sustainable migration.



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