

# EU Preparedness on future migration flows

## EMN Annual Conference of Slovenia

### Provisional Agenda

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This provisional agenda outlines the conference that will be hosted as a face-to-face event on 5-6 October 2021, and includes a conference dinner for participants. Conference organisers will also provide a live-streaming video link for those who will not be able to attend in person in Ljubljana.

Tuesday 5 October	
09.30-10.00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
10.00-10.05	<b>Opening of the conference</b>
10.05-10.35	<b>Keynote speeches</b>
10.35-11.35	<b>Panel 1: Migration situation in 2021 in the Western Balkans</b>  Panellists will present on current developments in migration in the Western Balkans context. Reflecting on lessons learned and recent policy developments at the national and EU level, including the EU's new Pact on Migration and Asylum, speakers will explore challenges and opportunities.  <b>Q and A</b>
11.35-12.00	<i>Refreshment break</i>
12.00-13.15	<b>Panel 2: Forecasting migration flows</b>  Panelists will explore the types of risk assessment and forecasting tools developed in recent years to predict migration flows, and the role of digitalisation and AI in this regard. A non-EU Member State will also be included to capture how migration flows in third countries could impact the EU in the future.  <b>Q and A</b>

13.15-14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.30-15.30	<p><b>Panel 3: EU Preparedness around reception and return of migrants</b></p> <p>Panelists will discuss what developments and ambitions in the field of border management, the processing of asylum applications and reception facilities, etc. are being adopted to manage the (unplanned) arrival of asylum seekers and other migrants. How do countries and EU agencies manage the return of migrants whose asylum applications are not approved and how can cooperation be strengthened?</p> <p><b>Q and A</b></p>
15.30-15.35	<b>Close of day one</b>
Evening	<i>Dinner for EMN NCPs</i>
<b>Wednesday 6 October</b>	
09.30-09.45	<b>Recap of day one</b>
09.45-10.45	<p><b>Panel 4: Governance schemes for migration management across borders</b></p> <p>This panel will entail a moderated discussion on how cooperation across borders can be made more effective and efficient. This <i>inter alia</i> includes new governance schemes, multilateral arrangements, externalisation of migration and asylum procedures and cooperation in the field of biometric borders.</p> <p><b>Q and A</b></p>
10.45-11.00	<b>Closing remarks</b>
	<i>Lunch and departure</i>

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