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## INTEGRATION OF THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS THROUGH TEACHING OF HOST COUNTRY VALUES AND CIVIC TRAINING

05 December 2024, 09:30-17:00 (CET)

Venue : 'Le Cercle d'Aumale', 22 Rue d'Aumale, 75009 Paris

### 1. RATIONALE AND AIMS

Effective integration of migrants into the host society is a key challenge and a precondition to successful migration management for EMN Member and Observer Countries. National governments have primary responsibility for the development and implementation of social and integration policies, with the EU playing a key support role through funding, developing guidance, and fostering relevant partnerships.

The EMN has, jointly with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), published an inform on the 'Implementation of measures for civic training as an important tool for integration of third-country nationals'. This joint inform provides an overview of civic training schemes/programmes for third-country nationals in EMN Member and Observer Countries, and in non-EU OECD countries.

EMN France's national conference 2024 aims to highlight the key findings of the EMN - OECD inform, as well as to discuss the situation in France and selected EMN Member and Observer Countries through three panels dedicated respectively to (1) Educational approaches in teaching the host country's citizenship values (2) Focus on structured civic training courses, and (3) Assessing knowledge and introducing a civics test: issues and procedures.

### 2. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- In-person conference
- Venue: 'Le Cercle d'Aumale', 22 Rue d'Aumale, 75009 Paris
- Target group: EMN NCP members, senior officials/experts, stakeholders
- Language: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in both French and English.

## DRAFT AGENDA

05 December 2024	
9:30 - 10:00	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
10:00 - 10:15	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Eric Jalon</b>, General-Director for Foreign Nationals in France, Ministry of the Interior</li> </ul>
10:15 - 11:00	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Frederic Sampson</b>, Deputy to the Deputy Director, Directorate of Integration and Access to Nationality, Sub-Directorate for the Integration of Foreign Nationals, Ministry of the Interior, France</li> </ul> <p><b>Key findings of the EMN-OECD inform 'Implementation of measures for civic training as an important tool for integration of third country nationals'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Christelle Caporali</b>, Coordinator, EMN France</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
11:00 - 12:30	<p><b>Panel 1: Educational approaches in teaching the host country's citizenship values</b> – <i>Presentation of various schemes in EMN Member and Observer Countries which promote understanding and adoption of citizenship values and principles among newly arrived migrants. The aim is to highlight the diversity of the models implemented, considering the formats of the schemes, the stakeholders involved and the target populations. This panel will also provide an opportunity to discuss the definition of civic integration, if any, within the participating countries.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Christelle Caporali</b>, Coordinator, EMN France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Natasa Stanisavljevic</b>, Commissioner for Refugees and Migration, Commissariat for Refugees and Migration, Serbia</li> <li>▪ <b>Laura Ruuskanen</b>, Senior specialist, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Finland</li> <li>▪ <b>Jan Kepka</b>, Head of Unit for Integration of Immigrants and Information, Department for Asylum and Migration Policy, Ministry of the Interior, Czech Republic</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00 - 15:15	<p><b>Panel 2: Focus on structured civic training courses</b> – <i>After presenting the different types of systems for conveying citizenship values, this panel will focus on the model of strict civic training programmes run by certain EMN Member Countries (format, implementation and objectives of these programmes). Additionally, the topic of digital tools will be addressed.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Christelle Bignon</b>, Head, Office of Language and Citizenship Education, Sub-Directorate for the Integration of Foreign Nationals, France</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Line Abarah</b>, Citizenship and Values of the Republic Policy Officer, Sub-Directorate for the Integration of Foreign Nationals</li> <li>▪ <b>Evangelia Ktistaki</b>, Head of the Social Integration Department, General Directorate of Migration Policy, Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Greece</li> <li>▪ <b>Nicolas Contor</b>, Vice President of DISCRI (Consultation and Support Mechanism for Regional Integration Centres of Wallonia), Federation of Regional Integration Centres</li> <li>▪ <b>Tom De Bruyn</b>, Deputy Director, Department for Equal Opportunities, Integration and Inclusion, Home Affairs Agency, Flemish Government</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>15:15 – 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15:30 – 16:45</b>	<p><b>Panel 3: Assessing knowledge and introducing a civics test: issues and procedures</b> - <i>As part of efforts to better integrate newly-arrived foreign nationals, some EMN Member Countries have opted to implement an exam to assess knowledge of civic principles and values. In France, the law of 26 January 2024, aimed at controlling immigration and improving integration, provides for the creation of a civic exam as a condition for obtaining a multi-year residence permit. This panel will also enable participating EMN Member Countries to share experiences regarding the implementation and administration of such an exam.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator: Arnaud Joly</b>, Deputy Head, Office of Language and Citizenship Education, Sub-Directorate for the Integration of Foreign Nationals, France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Presentation by Spain (tbc)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Presentation by the Netherlands (tbc)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Presentation by Germany (tbc)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>16:45 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Concluding remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>tbc</b></li> </ul>

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