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# EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum 2023

## Understanding migration trends: Developments across EMN Member and Observer Countries in 2023

11 July 2024, 10:00-11:50 CEST

Online via [WebEx](#)

## RATIONALE AND AIMS

The EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum 2023 (ARM) highlights the most significant legislative and policy developments introduced by [EMN Member and Observer Countries](#)<sup>1</sup> during 2023. The report<sup>2</sup> provides an overview of key developments and cross-cutting themes in all areas of migration and asylum, set in the context of statistics developed by Eurostat. A more detailed Statistical Annex prepared by Eurostat is published alongside the Annual Report.

This event will provide an opportunity to delve deeper into the 2023 migration trends. We will explore both an EU level perspective, including insights from Eurostat on recent trends and statistics, and a national perspective from EMN Member and Observer Countries. The year 2023 concluded with the pivotal agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU on the Pact on Migration and Asylum. 2023 was also a year marked by a sharp increase in irregular migration directed to the EU, international protection applications that exceeded levels not seen since 2016, the extension of the Temporary Protection Directive in response to the ongoing war in Ukraine, alignment and advancements made on the EU-wide Entry/Exit System and European Interoperability Framework, efforts to attract and retain talent to meet labour market needs, and continued efforts to protect vulnerable groups. The EMN ARM launch event will provide an opportunity to review the main developments from the year to better understand these trends with a presentation of the report, statistics, and some specific national level developments that took place in Finland and Serbia.

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<sup>1</sup> EMN Member Countries: AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, EE, EL, ES, FI, FR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK. EMN Observer Countries: NO, GE, MD, UA, ME, AM, RS.

<sup>2</sup> The EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum 2023 was prepared on the basis of annual National Reports on Migration and Asylum from 30 EMN Member and Observer Countries.

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The event will be hosted online through [Webex](#), and available to a broad range of audiences, including EU-level and national policy makers, EU agencies, experts and practitioners, academia, civil society, and NGOs, as well as the general public.

For any questions regarding the event, please contact the EMN Service Provider at [emn@icf.com](mailto:emn@icf.com)

## AGENDA

11 July 2024	
10:00-10:10 CEST	<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <p><b>Event moderator: Bram Devos</b>, Senior Policy Officer, EMN Belgium and Co-Chair, EMN Communication and Dissemination Working Group</p>
10:10 – 10:25 CEST	<p><b>Keynote speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Martin Taschner</b>, Head of Unit, Migration Management Preparedness, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</li> </ul>
10:25 – 11:10 CEST	<p><b>Session 1 - EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum (ARM) 2023</b> <i>This panel officially launches the 2023 EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum and its statistical annex. The session presents key trends concerning policy and legal changes identified in the report.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Official European statistics - EU trends and statistics in 2023 – Susanne Taillemite</b>, Head of Unit, Eurostat, European Commission</li> <li>▪ <b>Policy developments in EMN Member and Observer Countries in 2023 – Anne Sheridan</b>, Senior Policy Officer, EMN Ireland and <b>Hans Lemmens</b>, National Coordinator, EMN Netherlands</li> </ul>
11:10-11:40 CEST	<p><b>Session 2 – National perspectives</b> <i>This session will explore various migration and asylum themes discussed from the perspective of EMN Member and Observer Countries.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Findings from the National Report of EMN Finland– Riikka Rantala</b>, Senior Specialist, EMN Finland</li> <li>▪ <b>Migration statistics and developments – a perspective from EMN Serbia– Svetlana Velimirović</b>, National Coordinator, EMN Serbia</li> </ul>
11:40 – 11:50 CEST	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Magnus Ovilius</b>, Chair of the EMN and Head of Sector Forecasting, Preparedness and Policy Monitoring, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</li> </ul>