



Technical meeting “Access to nationality for stateless persons”

22 June 2023

Venue: in person University of Luxembourg, Belval Campus and online (Webex)

If joining online, please be aware: Agenda is prepared on the basis of local time in Luxembourg

Purpose of the Technical Meeting

This technical meeting, jointly organized by the Council of Europe and the EMN Luxembourg within the framework of the EMN Platform on Statelessness has several aims. Firstly, to provide networking opportunities to national experts working with issues of nationality and statelessness. The need for information and experience sharing was identified as highly important between experts during [the last technical meeting hosted in Tallinn, Estonia on 7 December 2022](#). Secondly this event will serve as an opportunity to share the good practices on national approaches to provide access to nationality for stateless persons.

During the event updated EMN Inform “Statelessness in the European Union, Norway and Georgia” will be presented for the first time.

Addressing statelessness and access to nationality are among the priorities of [the Council of Europe’s Action Plan on Protecting Vulnerable Persons in the Context of Migration and Asylum in Europe \(2021-2025\)](#). In 2021, the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) published an analysis of current practices and challenges regarding the avoidance and reduction of statelessness in Europe. During the event, participants will learn more about actions carried by the Council of Europe in connection with statelessness and will have an opportunity to contribute to the reflection of the CDCJ in this field.

Participants are invited to exchange views as actively as possible to maximize the sharing of experience and difficulties encountered in this regard.

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AGENDA	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration for in person participants
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adolfo Sommarribas, chair of the EMN Platform on Statelessness</i> • <i>Leyla Kayacik, Secretary General's Special Representative on migration and refugees, Council of Europe</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Presentation of the EMN Inform "Statelessness in the European Union, Norway and Georgia" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adolfo Sommarribas, chair of the EMN Platform on Statelessness</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Presentation of the work undertaken by the European Committee on Legal Cooperation (CDCJ) and possible avenues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Francesco Crisafulli, Vice-Chair of the CDCJ, Council of Europe</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Q/A
10:30 – 11:15	Panel 1: National approaches to provide access to nationality for stateless persons: good practice and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kourou Foteini, Head of Naturalization Department, General Secretariat for Citizenship, Ministry of the Interior, Greece</i> • <i>Iulian Popov, Head of the Asylum and Statelessness Directorate, General Inspectorate for Migration, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Moldova</i> • <i>North Macedonia, (TBC)</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Q/A
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break and networking opportunity
12:00 – 12:45	Panel 2: Latest developments on addressing statelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jeroen Fobe, Attaché, Directorate-General for Legislation, Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, Nationality Service, Belgium (online)</i> • <i>The Netherlands (TBC, possibly online)</i> • <i>Pau Vidal Gil, Legal Coordinator, International Protection Team, Fundación Cepaim and Rubén Romero Masegosa, Fundación Cepaim</i>
12:45 – 13:00	Q/A
13:00 – 13:15	Closing remarks and the way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adolfo Sommarribas, chair of the EMN Platform on Statelessness</i> • <i>Francesco Crisafulli, Vice-Chair of the CDCJ, Council of Europe</i>
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch and networking opportunity