



European Migration Network (EMN)

Launch of EMN Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2014 and Platform for Discussion

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Centre Albert Borschette, Brussels

1 Introduction/Background

The European Commission launched its new *EU Agenda on Migration* with a package of measures in May 2015. In early June, the EMN will publish its *Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2014*, which presents an EU-wide synthesis of the most recent EU and national policy developments in Member States during the year, capturing the latest EU trends and analysis.

This event will be a unique platform bringing together EMN National Contact Points, senior policymakers from the European Commission, the European Parliament, Member State Permanent Representations etc.), NGOs and other members of civil society, to present the latest work of the EMN and to encourage an informal exchange of views on key issues of the implementation of migration and asylum for the EU and Member States.

1.1 FORMAT OF EVENT

- Half-day event (4 hours approximately)
- Up to 80 attendees
- To take place in the Centre Albert Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels, Belgium; interpretation will be available

Audiences will be encouraged to download and familiarise themselves with the EMN Annual Report in advance of the meeting and come prepared to contribute to the discussions.

1.2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT ON ANNUAL REPORT ON IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM 2014

Identifying priority areas for discussion from the *Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2014*, this EMN event will focus primarily on stimulating dialogue with stakeholders regarding new policy measures in the areas of legal migration, irregular migration and return, asylum and international protection.

The event will aim to further raise the profile of the EMN, and engage with a wide audience of civil society, policymakers and practitioners at EU and national levels. Its objective is to highlight and create synergies with the work of other relevant EU and national institutions and agencies.

1.3 ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

In order to generate coherence between the *Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2014*, and priority issues on the *European Agenda on Migration*, the event will address three key policy areas:

- European Policy on Legal Migration and Integration
- Irregular Migration and Return, including smuggling
- Asylum and international protection.

1.4 AGENDA

Three sessions selected from *Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2014* based on identified priority areas for more in-depth analysis and discussion.

Draft Agenda: Event: Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2014 Wednesday, 17 June 2015	
09:00 – 09:15	<p>Welcome Key Note Presenter: Dana SPINANT, Head of Unit C1 Irregular Migration and Return Policy, EU Commission <i>Introduction to the new EU Agenda for Migration and Implementation plan</i></p>
09:15 – 9:30	<p>Introduction Magnus OVILIUS, EMN, EU Commission <i>Overview of Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2014, including key trends and statistics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level • Year-on-year trends • Conclusions
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Session 1: European Policy on Legal Migration and Integration Laura CORRADO Head Unit B1 Legal Migration and Integration, EU Commission</p> <p>Main issues / agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of key trends and findings from APR 2014 • MS case study: attracting talent • MS case study: addressing labour shortages • Employer / business perspective <p>Discussants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COM / Service Provider (tbc) 10 mins 2. DE EMN NCP speaker (tbc) 10 mins 3. EMN NCP Speaker (tbc) 10 mins 4. Employer representative speaker (tbc) 10 mins <p>Questions and answers discussion (20 mins)</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Tea/Coffee break
10:45 – 11:45	<p>Session 2: Asylum and international protection Matthias OEL (tbc) Head of Unit C3 Asylum, EU Commission</p> <p>Main issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key trends in asylum and international protection – statistics and policies • MS case study: Unaccompanied minors • EMN Mediterranean Brief • MS case study: Protection trends <p>Discussants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COM / Service Provider (tbc) 10 mins 2. BE EMN NCP 10 mins 3. FR, IT, UK Med. Brief speaker (tbc) 10 mins 4. SE EMN NCP protection trends in Sweden (including resettlement) and UAMs 10

	mins
	Questions and answers discussion (20 mins)
11:45 - 12:45	<p>Session 3: Irregular Migration and Return Dana SPINANT Head of Unit C1 Irregular Migration and Return Policy, EU Commission</p> <p>Main issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of key trends and findings from the APR • EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling / EMN Study on facilitation of irregular migration • MS case study – information on return for (failed) asylum seekers • MS case study - return / readmission to specific regions (Western Africa, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Western Balkans) <p>Discussants</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COM / Service Provider (tbc) 10 mins 2. Agnieszka STERNIK, Migrant Smuggling Policy, EU Commission 10 mins 3. NO EMN NCP speaker (tbc) 10 mins 4. UK EMN NCP speaker (tbc) 10 mins <p>Questions and answers discussion (20 mins)</p>
12:45 – 13:00	<p>Closing remarks Celine CHATEAU: (TBC) European Parliament European Parliament priorities and cooperation with EMN Magnus OVILIUS EMN, EU Commission Next steps for EMN studies e.g. Change of Status, Integration</p>

1.5 SPEAKERS, MODERATOR

- Each session will have a panel of four speakers consisting of:
 - one EU policymaker (COM) to present the main results of the report
 - up to three EMN NCP / NGO / external entity case studies
- EU policymaker / external presenter to facilitate each session
- Invitations to be sent within COM and the European Parliament

1.6 AUDIENCE

- Civil society / relevant external entities
- Policymakers (EU institutions e.g. European Parliament)
- Permanent Representations from Member States
- Attendees from MS via NCPs
- JHA contacts/Brussels-based organisations list to be circulated by EMN Service Provider

All EMN NCPs are encouraged to attend (one representative per Member State) and to invite their Brussels-based Permanent Representations to attend. Due to restricted capacity in the conference venue, if there is a greater interest for participation from within a Member State, please inform the Service Provider who will allocate additional places.