



## Ad-Hoc Query on Practical measures for reducing irregular migration

Requested by FR EMN NCP on 17 October 2011

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### 1. Background Information

In preparation of the FR NCP 2<sup>nd</sup> national conference on “Recent developments in French immigration policy and implementation of European guidelines”, we would like to present a **synthesis of compilations of ad-hoc queries on irregular migration**, in order to make more use of information gathered, as mentioned in the work programme 2012.

The three selected ad-hoc queries are as follows:

- 1. National definitions of irregular migrants and available data** (launched by COM on 1st March 2011).
- 2. Illegal migration in the Mediterranean Sea Basin** (launched by PL EMN NCP on 23rd March 2010).
- 3. Practical measures for reducing irregular migration** (launched by FR EMN NCP on 17th October 2011).

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We would like to invite EMN NCPs to answer the following questions:

Please provide up to three examples of practices measures (taken the last three years 2008-2011) that have been particularly effective in tackling irregular migration for each of the following stages:

- Pre-entry: practical measures undertaken to address irregular migration before the migrant arrives in the host Member State;
- Entry: practical measures undertaken to identify and detect irregular migrants at borders;
- Stay: practical measures undertaken to control irregular migration in the Member State's territory;
- Pathways out of irregularity.

**Please provide your answer before Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

**2. Responses<sup>1</sup>**







		Wider Dissemination? <sup>2</sup>	
	Austria	Yes	
	Belgium	Yes	<p>1. Pre-entry: practical measures undertaken to address irregular migration before the migrant arrives in the host Member State;</p> <p>(a). Controls and checks prior to arrival at the national borders. For example, field workers (locally recruited) have been specifically trained in order to check the authenticity of documents in some countries, whose administrative practices are considered as problematic. In the case that these local field workers have relevant doubts, they can implement additional tests to detect the use of false or forged documents. (b) training activities of border staff and other responsible for carrying out practical measures (for example, training to detect false travel documents are also provided to border control staff and airline companies in the countries of origin by the "Air police" section of the Federal Police, (c) identification of irregular migration routes into Belgium and (d) organisation of information campaigns and awareness raising in third countries to discourage irregular migration (for example: Cameroon, DR Congo; Western Balkans. In March</p>

<sup>1</sup> If possible at time of making the request, the Requesting EMN NCP should add their response(s) to the query. Otherwise, this should be done at the time of making the compilation.

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			<p>2010, the Belgian Secretary of State for migration and asylum policy and the Belgian Prime Minister went together to the Balkans to raise awareness to the Macedonian and Serbian citizens on the risks of massive migration movements).</p> <p>2. Entry: practical measures undertaken to identify and detect irregular migrants at borders;</p> <p>The use of new technologies (among others, X-ray, heartbeat detection and passive millimetric wave detectors) to facilitate the work of Federal Police officers. Use of biometric visas by various Belgian posts to help the fight against fraud and to speed up control at the border.</p> <p>3. Stay: practical measures undertaken to control irregular migration in the Member State’s territory;</p> <p>Control at the address to avoid overstaying: Controls at the foreigners’ address are organised when an irregular migrant has received an order to leave the territory (OLT). The local police executes these checks at the request of the Immigration Department. If an irregular migrant does not comply with an OLT and still resides in Belgium, the mayor sends a notification to the relevant authority. Police agents check the foreigner’s address in order to eventually carry out a removal procedure.</p> <p>4. Pathways out of irregularity.</p> <p>(a) Organisation of 2 exceptional regularisation campaigns: the first one via the “Law of 22/12/1999”; implemented during the period 2000-2003 and the second one in 2009 via instructions of the Secretary of State for Migration and Asylum Policy (for example, in case of lengthy asylum procedures; for (irregular) parents of children born in the EU; for irregular migrants with sustainable local anchoring, including the condition of uninterrupted stay of five years minimum, etc).</p> <p>(b) Promotion of assisted voluntary return programs, among others by providing more financial means for the AVR-programs.</p>
	<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Czech Republic</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Yes</b>	

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	France	Yes	
	Germany	Yes	
	Greece	Yes	
	Hungary	Yes	
	Ireland	Yes	
	Italy	Yes	
	Latvia	Yes	
	Lithuania	Yes	
	Luxembourg	Yes	
	Malta	Yes	
	Netherlands	Yes	
	Poland	Yes	
	Portugal	Yes	
	Romania	Yes	
	Slovak Republic	Yes	
	Slovenia	Yes	
	Spain	Yes	
	Sweden	Yes	
	United Kingdom	Yes	
	Norway	Yes	