



European Migration Network (EMN)

What is the EMN's objective?

To meet the information needs of Community institutions and of Member States' authorities and institutions by providing up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum, with a view to supporting policymaking in the European Union in these areas. The EMN also serves to provide the general public with such information.

The [Council Decision 2008/381/EC](#) establishing a legal basis for the EMN with these objectives was adopted on 14th May 2008.

What is the composition of the EMN?

The **European Commission** (under the direct responsibility of the [Directorate General for Justice, Freedom and Security](#), Contact: Stephen.Davies@ec.europa.eu) co-ordinates the EMN assisted by two **Service Providers** (GHK-COWI: emn@ghkint.com and iLiCONN (emn@intrasoft.com), in co-operation with **National Contact Points** (EMN NCPs) appointed in each Member State, who, in turn, develop a national network consisting of a wide-range of entities representing all relevant stakeholders. EMN NCPs, which have been designated by their Member State government, consist primarily of Ministries of Interior and of Justice; plus Research Institutes; Non-Governmental Organisations; and a national office of an International Organisation. A **Steering Board**, chaired by the European Commission and consisting of one representative from each Member State plus, acting as an Observer, from the European Parliament, provides political guidance on the activities of the EMN.

Why was the EMN established?

In order to address the need to exchange information on all aspects of migration and to contribute to a common asylum and immigration policy, the European Commission was invited to consider the "development of a European system for exchanging information on asylum, migration and countries of origin" by the [Laeken European Council](#) in 2001. The result was the **European Migration Network**, which was launched in 2003 as a Pilot Project, and since 2004 as a Preparatory Action until the end of 2006.

The [Thessaloniki European Council](#) (2003) stated that it would welcome the establishment of a European Migration Network and would examine the possibility of setting up a permanent structure in the future. The [Hague Programme](#) reinforced the need for common analysis of migratory phenomena (the collection, provision, exchange and efficient use of up-to-date information), and the EMN is one means towards this goal.

More recently, the successor [Stockholm Programme](#) contains many elements for the better exchange of information between Member States across the wide range of asylum and migration policy developments. To achieve this most effectively, the information needs to be comparable between the Member States.

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What does the EMN do?

Firstly, the EMN responds to information needs through specific **Reports, Studies** and **Ad-Hoc Queries**.

What type of analysis does the EMN undertake?

The EMN does not normally engage in primary research, instead bringing together, analysing and making accessible already available data and information. The EMN also aims to improve the availability, comparability and harmonisation of existing information, as well as contributing to evidence-based policymaking. The "desk research" undertaken ranges from a longer-term detailed analysis of a particular migration phenomenon to short-term Ad-Hoc Queries, responding to the information needs for the development of a particular policy by a Member State and/or the European Commission.

What does the EMN produce?

The EMN produces yearly [Annual Policy Reports](#), which outline the most significant political and legislative (including EU) developments, as well as public debates in the area of migration and asylum, within the Member States – since 2009, these also contribute to the Commission's Annual Reports to the European Council, reviewing the implementation of the European Pact on Immigration and Asylum; [Studies](#), on topics (see below also) relevant to policymakers; yearly [Annual Reports on Asylum and Migration Statistics](#), which present an analysis of statistical trends in the Member States; and compilations of the responses to [Ad-Hoc Queries](#).

How are study topics selected?

Study topics are selected based on proposals made by an EMN NCP(s) and/or the European Commission and are based on their relevance to Member States and the Commission to policy development. Particular attention is paid to the relevance of such studies to their target audience, i.e. policymakers at both EU and Member State level. It is the role of the Steering Board to formally approve the selection of topics within the context of an annual EMN Work Programme.

How does the EMN produce its studies?

Initially, a common study specification is developed, in order to facilitate better comparability, and then each EMN NCP produces a **National Report**, according to the common specifications and often involving contributions from members of their national network. Subsequently a comparative **Synthesis Report** is produced, bringing together the main findings from the National Reports and placing them within an EU perspective (e.g. by relating to recent policy initiatives).

What Studies has the EMN produced so far?

These are listed here and via the hyperlinks you can download both the Synthesis Report and the corresponding National Reports.

- i) [Impact of Immigration on Europe's Societies](#);
- ii) [Reception Systems, Their Capacities and the Social Situation of Asylum Applicants within the Reception Systems in the EU Member States](#);
- iii) [Managed Migration and the Labour Market – The Health Sector](#);
- iv) [Illegally Resident Third Country Nationals in the EU Member States: State approaches towards them, their profile and social situation](#);

- v) [The Conditions of Entry and Residence of Third Country Highly-Skilled Workers in the EU](#);
- vi) [Return Migration](#);
- vii) [Family Reunification](#);
- viii) [The Organisation of Asylum and Migration Policies in the EU Member States](#).
- ix) [Policies on reception, return and integration arrangements for, and numbers of, unaccompanied minors – an EU comparative study](#);
- x) [Programmes and strategies in the EU Member States fostering Assisted Return to and Re-integration in Third Countries](#);
- xi) [The different national practices concerning granting of non-EU harmonised protection statuses](#);
- xii) Temporary and circular migration: empirical evidence, current policy practice and future options in EU Member States (to be published end 2010);
- xiii) Satisfying labour demand through migration in EU Member States (to be published end 2010).

Secondly, the EMN **collects and documents** information in a **comparative** manner.

What type of information is collected?

The information on the legal, demographic, economic, social, and political dimensions of migration includes: national legislation, case-law, publications, and contact details of EMN NCPs and their national network members, as well as links to other relevant information sources.

In order to collect this information in a comparative manner and to facilitate structured searching, an [EMN Glossary and Thesaurus](#) is being developed. The EMN Glossary uses terms, and their definitions, from a variety of sources, primarily those given in the [EU asylum and immigration acquis](#).

Where is this information stored?

The information and resources that EMN Members collect and document forms the basis of the [EMN Information Exchange System](#), which is accessible for the EMN NCPs and their national network members via the EMN's website.

What information is made available? And who can access it?

All the EMN studies, including the [National Reports](#) and [Synthesis Reports](#) are published on the European Migration Network's website and are accessible to all. The database, because it is in a developmental stage, is currently restricted to EMN NCPs and their national partners, plus other relevant EU entities, only.

Thirdly, the EMN has the task of establishing a **multi-level network** to aid its activities. On the [European level](#), EMN NCPs meet regularly, as well as networking and collaborating with other European level institutions and organisations. At [national level](#), each EMN NCP aims to develop a network involving partners within their Member State with expertise in migration and asylum from a wide range of stakeholders in order to have a cross-section of views and information, e.g. from Member State governments, (academic) research community, NGOs.

Further information, including the EMN's various outputs, is available from: <http://emn.sarenet.es>

Who are the current EMN NCPs?

Information on the EMN NCPs is given here. In each Member State, an EMN NCP consists of at least three experts either from the same entity or from different entities. In the latter case, one entity acts as the national co-ordinator and, in such cases, it is their details which are given here. You may contact the relevant EMN NCP for your Member State via these contact details:

AUSTRIA: The AT EMN NCP is the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in Vienna. The IOM assists the Austrian government in meeting the growing challenges of migration management. IOM's goal is to provide an advanced understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration, and uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

Information: www.emn.at
Contact: ncpaustria@iom.int

BELGIUM: The BE EMN NCP is composed of experts of the Immigration Office (policy support unit); the migration observatory of the Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism; and the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons (international unit). It is the Immigration Office which acts as the national co-ordinator for the EMN.

Information: www.dofi.fgov.be
Contact: benedikt.vulsteke@dofi.fgov.be

BULGARIA: The BG EMN NCP is the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior.

Information: www.mvr.bg
Contact: raasenova.110@mvr.bg

CYPRUS: The Ministry of Interior currently represents the CY EMN NCP.

Information: www.moi.gov.cy
Contact: aargyropoulou@papd.mof.gov.cy

CZECH REPUBLIC: The CZ EMN NCP is the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior. The Department acts as the co-ordinator of affairs relating to immigration and asylum, both at the legislative and the implementation level and is also responsible for the general integration of non-Czech citizens.

Information: www.mvcr.cz
Contact: emncz@mvcr.cz

DENMARK: Although Denmark did not take part in the adoption of the Decision establishing the EMN, it still participates in some EMN activities, being represented by the Ministry of Refugees, Immigration and Integration Affairs.

Information: www.inm.dk
Contact: PBT@inm.dk

ESTONIA: The EE EMN NCP is the Estonian Public Service Academy (EPSA), which was established by the Government of Estonia in June 1992. EPSA is a non-profitable organisation, whose main objective is to support the migration and integration processes and to raise funds to undertake these tasks.

Information: www.sisekaitse.ee
Contact: emn@sisekaitse.ee

FINLAND: The FI EMN NCP is the Legal Service and Country Information Unit of the Finnish Immigration Service. The Immigration Service (Migri) processes and decides applications for asylum, residence and citizenship. The Legal Service and Country Information Unit provides country of origin information and legal services to support the work of Migri and other authorities working on issues concerning migration. This unit also has a Migration Library.

Information: www.emn.fi
Contact: emn@migri.fi

FRANCE: The FR EMN NCP is the Ministry of Immigration, Integration, National Identity and Solidarity Development, represented by the Head of the Department of Statistics, Studies and Documentation.

Information:
http://www.immigration.gouv.fr/spip.php?page=dossiers_the_m_res&numrubrique=376
Contact: emn@imindco.gouv.fr

GERMANY: The DE EMN NCP is the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). As the Central Migration Agency, the Federal Office processes applications for asylum and subsidiary protection, is responsible for the integration of immigrants and is at the head of a national integration programme. BAMF carries out scientific research on issues of migration and integration to obtain analytical conclusions regarding the control of immigration. Moreover, BAMF observes and evaluates the research sector at national and international level, including providing advice to the Federal Government on immigration policy.

Information: www.emn-germany.de
Contact: EMN_NCP-DE@bamf.bund.de

GREECE: The GR EMN NCP comprises of three services of the Hellenic Ministry of Interior, namely; a) for legal migration policy issues, the Directorate of Migration Policy, Directorate General of Migration Policy & Social Integration; b) for illegal migration, asylum policy and relevant statistics, the Asylum Section – Aliens Division, Hellenic Police Headquarters; and c) for statistics on legal migration, the Directorate of Informatics – Directorate General of Development Projects.

Information: www.ypes.gr
Contact: emn@ypes.gr

HUNGARY: The HU EMN NCP is the Department of Co-operation in Justice and Home Affairs and Migration within the Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement. The department is responsible for the elaboration and co-ordination of migration, asylum and integration policies and supervises the work of the Office of Immigration and Nationality. The department is also responsible for the professional tasks related to the European Integration Fund, the European Refugee Fund and the European Return Fund.

Information: www.irm.gov.hu
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IRELAND: The IE EMN NCP is the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), which is the principal institution engaged in economic and social research in Ireland. It is an independent research body with a mission to produce high quality research, which informs policymaking and societal understanding. The Institute's goals are academic excellence, objectivity, relevance to policy, and widespread dissemination of results.

Information: www.esri.ie
Contact: EMN.Ireland@esri.ie

ITALY: The IT EMN NCP is composed of the Ministero dell'Interno, Dipartimento per le libertà Civili e l'Immigrazione, Direzione Centrale per le Politiche dell'Immigrazione e dell'Asilo, which acts as the national co-ordinator for the EMN, and IDOS/Dossier Statistico Immigrazione.

Information: www.emnitaly.it

Contact: mariagrazia.colosimo@interno.it

LATVIA: The LV EMN NCP is the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs of the Ministry of Interior. It is responsible for implementation of state migration policy, maintenance of the Population Register and issuance of identification and travel documents.

Information: <http://www.emnlatvia.lv>

Contact: emn@pmlp.gov.lv

LITHUANIA: LITHUANIA: The LT NCP is a joint-body uniting governmental and non-governmental actors. The LT NCP is composed of representatives from the Ministry of the Interior, and the Migration Department, as well as the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Vilnius office. This collaboration provides a more diversified perspective towards migration challenges and also leads to increased networking and accommodation of different viewpoints while implementing EMN activities.

Information: www.emn.lt

Contact: audra@iom.lt

LUXEMBOURG: The LU EMN NCP is composed of an interdisciplinary team of experts from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Family and Integration, SeSoPI-Centre Intercommunautaire, National Statistical Institute of Luxembourg (STATEC), Centre d'Etudes de Populations, de Pauvreté et de Politiques Socio-économiques (CEPS/INSTEAD), and the University of Luxembourg. The NCP is coordinated by the University of Luxembourg. Our Steering Board member is attached to the Luxembourg Reception and Integration Agency (OLAI), which is part of the Ministry of Family and Integration.

Information: <http://www.emnluxembourg.lu/>

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MALTA: The MT EMN NCP is the Ministry for Justice and Home Affairs.

Information: http://www.mjha.gov.mt/eu/eu_emn.html

Contact: emn.mjha@gov.mt

NETHERLANDS: The NL EMN NCP is located within the Information and Analysis Centre of the IND (INDIAC). IND is the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service of the Ministry of Justice. The research conducted by INDIAC provides the IND and other national entities with objective information on asylum influx and migration flows.

Information: www.ind.nl

Contact: Europees.Migratie.Netwerk@ind.minjus.nl

POLAND: The PL EMN NCP is the Ministry of Interior and Administration with the Department for Migration Policy taking the leading role. Established in 2006, the Department is responsible for general coordination of Polish migration policy and for international cooperation. In the EMN framework, it co-operates closely with the Ministry of Labour, Office for Foreigners, Border Guard's Headquarters and Main Statistical Office.

Information: www.mswia.gov.pl

Contact: esm@poczta.mswia.gov.pl

PORTUGAL: The PT EMN NCP is the Aliens and Border Control Service (Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras – SEF), a central government authority, belonging to the Internal Affairs Ministry which deals with immigration issues. It is responsible for the entry, stay, exit and removal of foreigners, as well as for technical assistance concerning immigration and asylum policies. The PT EMN NCP works in close partnership with the National Statistics Institute (INE) and the High Commission for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue (ACIDI).

Information: <http://rem.sef.pt>

Contact: EMN@sef.pt

ROMANIA: The RO EMN NCP is the Research, Analyses and Prognosis Center, Romanian Immigration Office.

Information: www.mai.gov.ro

Contact: ccap.ori@mai.gov.ro

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: The SK EMN NCP is composed of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in Bratislava, which acts as the national co-ordinator for the EMN; the Ministry of Interior, specifically the Bureau of Border and Alien Police, the Migration Office and the Section of the Legislative and External Relations; the Ministry of Labour, Social and Family Affairs and the Statistical Office.

Information: www.iom.sk; www.emn.sk

Contact: ncpslovakia@iom.int

SLOVENIA: The SI EMN NCP is the Ministry of the Interior.

Information: www.mnz.gov.si

Contact: emn.mnz@gov.si

SPAIN: The ES EMN NCP is composed of eight experts from four Ministries (of Labour and Immigration, of Interior, for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, and of Justice) and is co-ordinated by the Permanent Observatory for Immigration, a collegial body attached to the Ministry of Labour and Immigration. The Observatory has the following functions: data collection, analysis and exchange of information on matters concerning aliens, immigration and asylum, as well as promotion and dissemination of studies and reports related to immigration. The Observatory is also in charge of the elaboration of the Statistical Yearbook of Immigration that offers detailed statistical information on multiple aspects of the foreign population residing in Spain.

Information: <http://extranjeros.mtin.es/es/RedEuropeaMigraciones>

Contact: opi@mtin.es

SWEDEN: The SE EMN NCP is the Swedish Migration Board.

Information: www.migrationsverket.se

Contact: EMN@migrationsverket.se

UNITED KINGDOM: The UK EMN NCP is located within UK Border Agency Analysis, Research and Knowledge Management (ARK). ARK consists of a multi-disciplinary group of, researchers and statisticians supporting UK Border Agency policymakers and operations, ARK carries out a programme of research and analysis including work on the drivers, costs and benefits of migration, border security, enforcement of immigration law, and the European and international contexts of migration to the UK. ARK also undertakes policy and programme evaluation, links migration research across government departments and engages with migration researchers outside of government.

Information: www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/

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