

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 policy-making in the European Union in these areas. The EMN also serves to provide the general public with such information.

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, 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 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 current [Hague Programme](#) has 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.

Following the successful end of the Preparatory Action, the European Commission published a proposal in August 2007 for a Council Decision establishing a legal basis for the EMN. This [Council Decision 2008/381/EC](#) was adopted on 14 May 2008.

<http://emn.sarenet.es>

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 policy-making. 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; [Studies](#), on topics (see below also) relevant to policy-makers; the [Annual Reports on Asylum and Migration Statistics](#); 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. policy-makers 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](#).

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.

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.

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

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CZECH REPUBLIC: The CZ EMN NCP is the Department for Asylum and Migration Policies 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 partly responsible for the general integration of non-Czech citizens.

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

Information: www.inm.dk
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GERMANY: The DE EMN NCP is the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), which also processes applications for asylum and subsidiary protection. As the Central Migration Agency, the Federal Office 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 matters.

Information: www.emn-germany.de
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ESTONIA: The EE EMN NCP is the Estonian Migration Foundation, which was established by the Government of the Republic of Estonia in June 1992. The Estonian Migration Foundation is non-profitable organisation, whose main objective is to support the migration and integration processes and to raise funds to undertake these tasks.

Information: www.migfond.ee
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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.

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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.

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SPAIN: The ES EMN NCP is composed of seven experts from four ministries (Ministry of Labour and Immigration, Ministry of Interior, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Ministry 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.

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FRANCE: The FR EMN NCP is the Département des Statistiques, des Études et de la Documentation Service de la Stratégie, Ministère de l'Immigration, de l'Intégration, de l'Identité Nationale et du Développement Solidaire.

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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.

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CYPRUS: The CY EMN NCP is the Ministry of Interior.

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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: www.pmlp.gov.lv
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LITHUANIA: The LT EMN NCP is the International Organisation for Migration in Vilnius.

Information: www.iom.lt

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LUXEMBOURG: The LU EMN NCP is composed of the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Educational Science, University of Luxembourg, which acts as the national co-ordinator for the EMN, and the Ministère de la Famille et de l'Intégration, commissariat du Gouvernement aux étrangers.

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HUNGARY: The HU EMN NCP is the Department of Migration, Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement.

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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

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NETHERLANDS: The NL EMN NCP is INDIAC, the Information and Analysis Centre of the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) of the Ministry of Justice. It was founded in April 1995 to provide insights on changes in asylum influx and migration flows. The main aims of the department are research in the field of migration, supporting the staff of the INS and informing the Directors of the INS, the minister, parliament and external organisations.

Information: www.ind.nl

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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

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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

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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 the 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: www.sef.pt

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

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

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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 Academy of the Police Force; the Bureau of Border and Alien Police; and the Ministries of Interior and of Labour, Social and Family Affairs.

Information: www.iom.sk

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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.migri.fi

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

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UNITED KINGDOM: The UK EMN NCP is within the Analysis, Research and Knowledge Management Directorate (ARK) of the UK Border Agency, part of the Home Office. It consists of a multi-disciplinary group of statisticians, researchers and administrators helping policy, operations and management colleagues in the Agency to meet their objectives. ARK carries out a social research programme supporting the UK Border Agency's business agenda in areas such as asylum processes and refugee integration, managed migration, border control and enforcement of immigration law.

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