

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK CONTACT POINT LUXEMBOURG

ONLINE CONFERENCE – 1 OCTOBER 2020

“Citizenship as a value”

AGENDA

Citizenship as a concept makes us think about a certain national identity, and emotions caused by belonging to this one identity. It also makes us think about civil and political engagement and rights. On the other hand, citizenship is a concept that divides society into those who have it and those who don't have it. One of the most recent studies of the European Migration Network (EMN) “Pathways to citizenship for third-country nationals in EU Member States” provides a comparative overview of the existing schemes framing access to national citizenship for third-country nationals across the Member States of the European Union (EU).

The choice of the conference topic stems not only from the study carried out by the EMN but also from the national debates and legislative changes in Luxembourg over the last few years, especially the new Luxembourgish nationality law of 8 March 2017.

The first panel of the conference will provide an insight in citizenship regulations in several countries, placing specific focus on citizenship in the Greater Region. The panel will address the following: Are there any touching points? Are there any debates taking place in societies of the Greater Region? Have there been any recent changes to citizenship laws?

The second panel will touch upon citizenship in the context of Brexit. This is the first time when a Member State has left the European Union. It is also the first time when we look at the loss of the EU citizenship in the context of withdrawal agreement. What measures have been taken by the Government to provide for the residence and employment rights of UK citizens living and working in Luxembourg? What are the feelings of UK citizens living in Luxembourg on Brexit and the loss of the EU citizenship?

EMN Luxembourg has been chairing the EMN Platform on Statelessness for five years since it was established following the Justice and Home Affairs Council conclusions of 3 and 4 December 2015. Therefore, the last panel of the conference will be dedicated to access to citizenship for stateless persons, specifically targeting the access to nationality of stateless children.

09.00 – 09.30	Welcome speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean Asselborn, Minister for Immigration and Asylum (video greeting) - Prof. Stéphane Pallage, Rector of the University of Luxembourg Host: Prof. Birte Nienaber, coordinator of the EMN Luxembourg
09.30 – 10.00	Keynote speech “Citizenship in a diverse Europe” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Marc Hooghe, Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, KU Leuven
10.00 – 10.20	Q&A for the keynote speech
10.20 – 10.30	Break

10.30 – 11.45	Panel 1: Citizenship in the Greater Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Patrick Wautelet, University of Liège - Agnes Fontana, Director for the Reception, Accompanying foreign nationals and Nationality, General Directorate for Foreign Nationals in France, Ministry of the Interior - Torben Anschau, Insitute for Social Pedagogical Research Mainz <p>Moderator: Ralph Petry, EMN Luxembourg</p>
11.45 – 13.15	Lunch Break
13.15 – 14.30	Panel 2: Luxembourgish citizenship and Brexit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Marshall, British Ambassador to Luxembourg - Jonathan Pereira Neves, Head of the EU Unit and the Brexit Unit, Immigration Directorate - Laurent Peusch, Deputy Head of the National Employment Agency (video presentation) - Joëlle Gilles, Nationality Office of the Ministry of Justice <p>Moderator: Florence Hallack-Wolff, EMN Luxembourg</p>
14.30 – 14.40	Break
14.40 – 15.55	Panel 3: Stateless children's right to nationality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pascal Schumacher, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs – Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU - Dorothy Estrada-Tanck, University of Murcia, Spain - Khadija Badri, Advocacy and Communications Officer, European Network on Statelessness - Aikaterini Ouli, Head of the Central Citizenship Directorate, Greece <p>Moderator: Adolfo Sommarribas, chair of the EMN Platform on Statelessness, EMN Luxembourg</p>
15.55 – 16.00	Closing Remarks by Prof. Birte Nienaber, coordinator of the EMN Luxembourg

English and French translation will be provided.

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