

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK (EMN) LUXEMBOURG

ONLINE NATIONAL CONFERENCE – 30 SEPTEMBER 2021, 9h-12h

“DETECTING AND PROTECTING VULNERABLE MIGRANTS”

AGENDA

This year, the annual national conference of the European Migration Network (EMN) Luxembourg will focus on the detection and protection of vulnerable migrants in the international protection procedure. The theme stems from a strong interest among our national partners as well as from stakeholders across other EU Member States. Following the welcoming speeches, the conference will host two panels:

- **The first panel** will present the history of the concept of "vulnerability" from a scientific perspective and highlight the conceptual ambiguities that arise when "vulnerability" is used as a tool to implement migration policies (Luc Leboeuf, [H2020 project VULNER](#)). Then, Nicolas Van Puymbroeck ([Federal agency for the reception of asylum seekers](#) - Fedasil, Belgium) will explain how the detection of vulnerable applicants for international protection is organised in Belgium, what difficulties arise, and what new ideas related to the concept of "well-being" have emerged from a research conducted by Fedasil in Belgium. In addition, Ralph Petry from [EMN Luxembourg](#) will present the results of the EMN Luxembourg Inform entitled "Vulnerabilities in the international protection procedure", giving an overview of the most common vulnerable groups, legal and procedural frameworks, and procedural safeguards EU Member States apply to vulnerable migrants in the international protection procedure. Finally, Anne Kayser from the Council of Europe will conclude the first panel by presenting the [Council of Europe Action Plan on Protecting Vulnerable Persons in the Context of Migration and Asylum in Europe \(2021-2025\)](#).
- **The second panel** will take the shape of an expert discussion focusing specifically on the detection and protection of vulnerable migrants in the international protection procedure in Luxembourg. Representatives from the [National Reception Office](#) (Office National de l'Accueil – ONA), the [Directorate of Immigration](#) (Direction de l'Immigration), [Caritas Luxembourg](#), as well as [a lawyer specialised in migration and asylum in Luxembourg](#) will discuss the achievements and challenges of the Luxembourgish system. The discussion will address issues such as the legal and procedural framework in Luxembourg, the transmission of information between the actors involved, or the procedural guarantees applicable to vulnerable applicants for international protection.

The conference will take place on **30 September from 9h to 12h CET on Zoom**. Simultaneous translation in English and French will be provided. You will find the agenda for the conference on the next page. To participate in the conference [please sign up here](#).



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09.00 – 09.15	<p>Welcome speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean Asselborn, Minister for Immigration and Asylum - Prof. Dr. Catherine Léglu, Vice-rector for academic affairs, University of Luxembourg <p>Host: Prof. Birte Nienaber, coordinator of the EMN Luxembourg</p>
09.15 – 10.35	<p>Panel 1: The concept of vulnerability in the European migration context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presenter I – Dr. Luc Leboeuf, H2020 Project VULNER - Presenter II – Nicolas Van Puymbroeck, Fedasil - Presenter III – Ralph Petry, EMN Luxembourg - Presenter IV – Anne Kayser, Council of Europe <p>Moderator: Adolfo Sommarribas, EMN Luxembourg</p>
10.35 – 10.50	Q&A

10.50 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 11.40	<p>Panel 2: Expert discussion on the Luxembourgish context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussant I – Frank Wies, Legal expert in migration and asylum - Discussant II – Dr. Nariman Nouri, National Reception Office - Discussant III – Nonna Sehovic, Caritas Luxembourg - Discussant IV – Yannick Genot, Directorate of Immigration <p>Moderator: Ralph Petry, EMN Luxembourg</p>
11.40 – 11.55	Q&A
11.55 – 12.00	Closing Remarks: Prof. Birte Nienaber, coordinator of the EMN Luxembourg

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