

EMN Luxembourg & Prague Process Joint Workshop

'Forecasting and New Technologies in Migration and Asylum Governance: State of Play and New Developments'

5-6 November 2024, Luxembourg

Venue: University of Luxembourg, Limpertsberg Campus, Salle Tavenas, 102 avenue Pasteur; *Online via WebEx*

AGENDA

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 5 November

9:00 – 9:30 Registration of participants and welcome coffee

Welcome session

9:30 – 10:15 Opening remarks and introduction to the Workshop:

- *Prof. Birte Nienaber*, coordinator of EMN Luxembourg
- *Prof. Dr Robert Harmsen*, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, University of Luxembourg
- *Ms Sylvie Prommenschenkel*, Deputy Director of the General Department of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs of Luxembourg
- *Ms Anne Calteux*, Head of Representation of the European Commission in Luxembourg
- *Dr. phil. Radim Zak*, Head of the Prague Process Secretariat, Head of the Region Eastern Europe and Central Asia, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

Panel 1: Institutional Perspectives to Forecasting and Technological Advancement in Migration Management

Moderator: Michel Beine, Professor of Economics, Faculty of Law, Economics & Finance, University of Luxembourg

10:15 – 10:35 What we know about the drivers that shape long-term migration trends and require policy responses, *Mr Martin Hofmann*, Principal Policy Advisor, ICMPD

10:35 – 10:55 Forecasting asylum-related migration at the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), *Mr Constantinos Melachrinos*, Senior Analyst – Team Leader, Situational Awareness Unit, EUAA

10:55 – 11:15 Artificial Intelligence, Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law Framework Convention, *Mr Vadim Pak*, Council of Europe (*online*)

- 11:15 – 11:35 Forecasting activities within the European Integrated Border Management (EIBM) Intelligence, *Mr Christos Zervas*, Senior Strategic Analyst, Frontex (*online*)
- 11:35 – 11:55 Questions & Answers
- 11:55 – 12:25 *Family Photo and Coffee Break*

Panel 2: State Perspectives to Forecasting and Technological Advancement in Migration Management

Moderator: Adolfo Sommarribas, Senior Legal Migration expert of EMN Luxembourg and Senior Legal advisor of the University of Luxembourg

- 12:25 – 12:45 European Migration Network Latvia's pilot on migration data visualisation, *Mr Armands Visockis*, Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, Latvia
- 12:45 – 13:05 Developing new migration information system for Estonia – state of play, *Ms Liis Valk*, Head of the Identity and Status Determination Bureau of the Police and Border Guard Board
- 13:05 – 13:25 Displacement forecasting for enhanced preparedness and response, *Mr Alexander Kjaerum*, Senior Analyst – Global Advisor, Danish Refugee Council
- 13:25 – 13:45 Questions & Answers
- 13:45 – 15:00 *Lunch*

Panel 3: Academic Perspectives to Forecasting and Technological Advancement in Migration Management

Moderator: Niovi Vavoula, Associate Professor in Cyber Policy, University of Luxembourg

- 15:00 – 15:20 Forecasting Displacement from Ukraine, *Dr Franck Düvell*, Osnabrück University
- 15:20 – 15:40 Matching refugees with municipalities: A preference-based algorithmic approach, *Ms Giulia Fellin*, Re:Match project
- 15:40 – 16:00 IOM's Strategic Foresight approach, *Mr Damien Jusselme*, Head of Data and Analytics Unit, Global Data Institute, IOM
- 16:00 – 16:15 Questions & Answers
- 16:15 – 16:30 Closing remarks of the first day
- 19:00 *Official dinner hosted by the EMN Luxembourg (Restaurant Porta Nova)*

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 6 November

09:30–09:45 Registration of participants and welcome coffee

Panel 4: Digitalisation and Resilience: State Innovations in Migration Management

Moderator: Irina Lysak, Project Manager, Prague Process Secretariat at ICMPD

09:45–09:55 Recap of Day 1 and Introduction to Day 2

09:55–10:15 Innovative Migration Management: Ukraine's Situation Center for forecasting migration flows, *Mr Abdul Kader Itani*, Deputy Head, Department of Organisational Affairs, State migration Service of Ukraine

10:15–10:35 Digital Transformation of Armenia's Migration Management System: Existing Solutions and Future Plans, *Mr Vardan Matevosyan*, Head of the Population Data Processing Department, Migration and Citizenship Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Armenia

10:35–10:55 Serbia's Digital Innovations in Migration Management and AI-Based Solutions to Anticipating Migration Flows, *Mr Nikola Novovic*, Head of Department for Foreigners, Ministry of Interior of Serbia

10:55–11:15 Germany's FLORA system: using Blockchain in Asylum processing, *Mr Jakob Wilhelm*, German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

11:15–11:35 Questions & Answers

11:35–11:50 *Coffee Break*

Panel 5: Preparedness in Migration Management: Anticipating Big Trends, Flight, and Irregular Migration

Moderator: Radim Zak, Head of the Prague Process Secretariat at ICMPD

11:50–12:10 OECD Migration Anticipation and Preparedness Taskforce: Overview of Forecasting Practices by Migration Categories, *Mr Yves Breem*, General Directorate for Foreigners in France, and *Mr Taehoon Lee*, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

12:10–12:30 Measuring the effects of the international agreements between the EU and countries of origin on the number of applications subsequently lodged in the EU by nationals of those countries, *Mr Marcello Carammia*, University of Catania, Italy ([online](#))

12:30–12:50 Estimating Irregular Migration, insights from the *MirreM* research, *Ms Maegan Hendow*, Senior Researcher, ICMPD

12:50-13:00 Summary and Closure of the Workshop

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

Afternoon Departure of participants

The event will be conducted in English and Russian, with simultaneous interpretation provided. Please note that photos will be taken during the meeting. Participants who do not agree to the use of photos in which they appear for visibility purposes must inform a representative of the Prague Process Secretariat or EMN Luxembourg.

Please be informed that Ms Nora Trausch, representing the Horizon Europe project [INNOVATE](#) at the University of Luxembourg, will attend the workshop to observe the exchange of experiences within the EMN and assess its contribution to capacity building in migration and asylum governance. She may reach out to participants to request voluntary, confidential interviews related to the workshop. Detailed information about the project, the interview process, and data protection will be provided to those interested. Participation is entirely optional and can be withdrawn at any time.