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EMN
European Migration Network

What is the EMN?

The European Migration Network (EMN) is an EU network of migration and asylum experts who work together to provide objective, comparable and policy-relevant information and insight on issues relating to migration and asylum in Europe.

The EMN was established in 2008 (Council Decision 2008/381/EC) and amended by Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council in April 2014. The Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs of the European Commission coordinates the EMN and is supported by the EMN Service Provider.

The EMN enhances value by enabling information-sharing. This continuous exchange keeps our stakeholders updated on developments in:

legal migration

international protection

unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable groups

integration

citizenship and statelessness

borders, visa and Schengen governance

irregular migration including smuggling

trafficking in human beings

return and readmission

migration and development cooperation

National level

The EMN consists of 35 National Contact Points (NCPs) from EMN Member Countries (EU Member States except Denmark) and Observer Countries (Norway, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Montenegro, Armenia, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, and Albania).

Each EMN NCP is appointed by their national government, primarily from Ministries of Interior or of Justice, specialised government agencies dealing with migration issues, plus universities, research institutes and country offices of the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

EMN NCPs build and maintain networks of organisations and individuals involved in migration and asylum in their country. These networks help gather information on national initiatives and contribute to the EMN by writing, reviewing reports, and/or providing expert inputs. EMN NCPs ensure ongoing communication with partners to foster continuous involvement.

EU level

The EMN collaborates among others with the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC), Eurostat and EU agencies such as the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), Frontex and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) as well as international organisations such as the Council of Europe (CoE), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the IOM, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and the Prague Process, creating opportunities for joint events, publications, and communication efforts.

The EMN Steering Board provides strategic guidance on EMN activities. It is chaired by the European Commission and is comprised of representatives from EMN Member Countries. The European Commission is assisted in its coordinating role by the EMN Service Provider.

How is the EMN funded?

The EMN is funded by the European Commission through the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF). The budget is allocated to support EMN NCPs in EMN Member Countries who are co-financed from national funds. EMN NCPs located in EMN Observer Countries sponsor EMN activities from their own national budget.

Pact on Migration and Asylum

The EU has established frameworks to guide its policies on migration and asylum, aiming for a unified and coordinated approach. A central development is the Pact on Migration and Asylum, adopted by the European Parliament and Council, which entered into force on 11 June 2024.

Building on previous reform efforts, the Pact introduces a comprehensive strategy that seeks to strengthen and align EU policies on migration, asylum, border management, and integration.
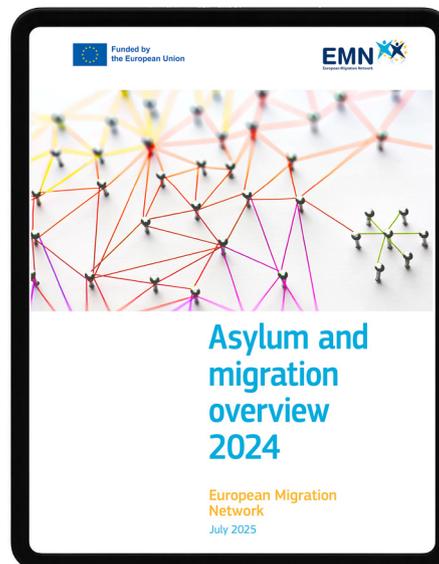
As a reference network, the EMN supports the Pact's implementation by providing reliable information to inform policy makers and enhance cooperation across the EU.

Our publications

The EMN produces reports, studies, informs and other publications which analyse migration and asylum policies and track legislative developments in this field. The topics of these publications are decided between EMN NCPs and the European Commission as part of an annual work programme based on EU and national priorities.The EMN's key strength is to compare, synthesise, summarise and share data and information collected at national and EU levels in accessible and comparable formats.

Asylum and Migration Overview (AMO)

An annual report that highlights notable political and legislative developments from the previous year across EMN Member and Observer Countries. A statistical annex accompanies the AMO. Co-produced by the EMN and Eurostat, it contains an overview of relevant migration-related statistics for EMN Member and Observer Countries.

Country factsheets

Concise documents that provide key information about migration and asylum policies, practices, and statistics for each EMN Member and Observer Country each year. EMN country factsheets are published annually in the year following the coverage period.
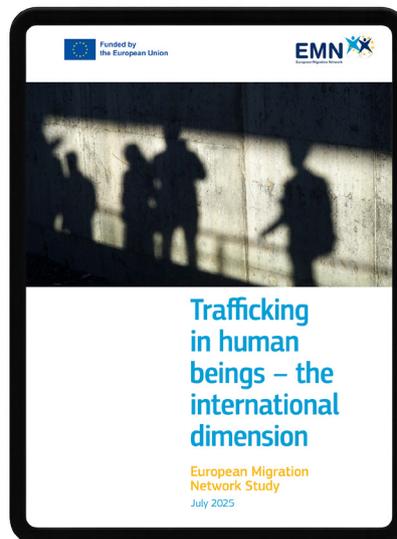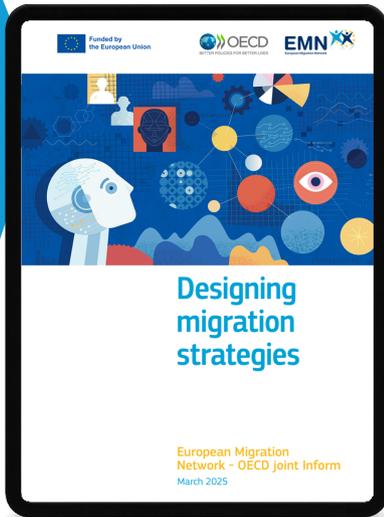
Ad-hoc queries (AHQs)

AHQs collect information from EMN NCPs, at the request of any EMN Member or Observer Country or the European Commission. The network produces compilations and summaries of the responses to AHQs, which rapidly assess the perspective of responding countries in relation to a wide range of migration and asylum-related issues. The aim of AHQs is to provide rapid and targeted input to EU and national policymakers.

Studies

Thematic publications which provide a comparative analysis of topics of interest to policymakers and other stakeholders related to migration and asylum.

Each EMN study consists of national reports produced by EMN NCPs and a comparative EU level report developed by the EMN Service Provider.
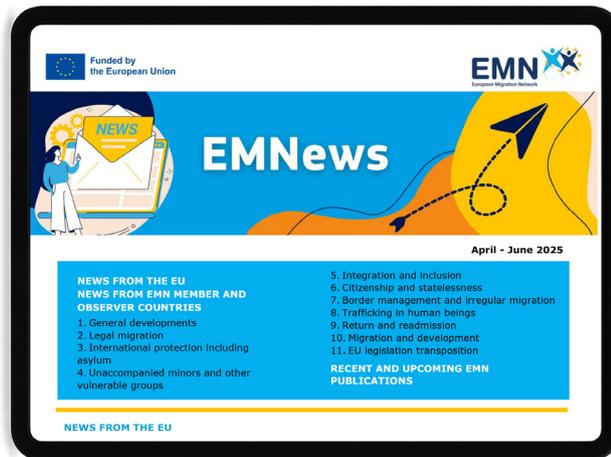
Informs

Concise summaries which provide key findings and messages on specific migration-related topics. These informs are based on information gathered and analysed from various sources, including EMN studies, and AHQs.

EMNews

A quarterly newsletter highlighting key migration and asylum developments at EU level and across EMN Member and Observer Countries.
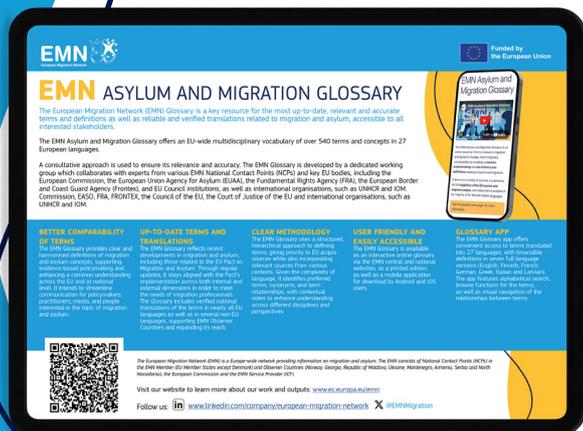
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EMN Asylum and Migration Glossary

The EMN Glossary, enhances comparability by providing agreed definitions for asylum and migration terms. The Glossary includes over 540 terms in 27 languages.

The latest version of the Glossary is accessible on the EMN website and is also available for download as a mobile app for Android and iOS users.

EMN Expert Groups

To deal with the relevant issues on migration and asylum at national or European level, the EMN has several expert groups:

Return Expert Group

The EMN Return Expert Group (REG) functions as a platform for practical cooperation and the sharing of expertise on return. All EMN REG initiatives contribute to work on return-related matters at the EU level.

Information and Awareness Raising Campaigns Working Group

The EMN Information and Awareness Raising Campaigns Working Group (EMN INFO WG) brings together EU Member States, EU institutions and international organisations such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and IOM. It provides a space to share knowledge and coordinate the design and delivery of migration information and awareness-raising campaigns. These campaigns give clear and objective information about EU migration and asylum policies, highlight legal migration options, and help address migrant smuggling and irregular migration flows to the EU.

Platform on Statelessness

The EMN Platform on Statelessness raises awareness on statelessness and brings all the relevant stakeholders in the field together. The main activities of this working group are data collection and analysis, public events, and capacity building initiatives.

EMN events

EMN Presidency Conferences

These high-level conferences are organised by the EMN Member Countries holding the presidency of the Council of the EU. Supported by the European Commission, they engage policymakers, academia, practitioners, and civil society.

Asylum Migration Overview launch event

Each year the EMN holds a conference to launch its Annual Migration Overview report and to address topical migration and asylum issues.

Capacity-building workshops

Workshops address specific priorities, including the implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum, and facilitate peer learning and sharing of good practices.

Other EU level events

The EMN, supported by the European Commission, hosts regular events, conferences, seminars, and workshops on migration and asylum. These may be co-organised with partners such as the OECD or the Prague Process to incorporate diverse perspectives. These events also include the launch of the annual AMO or other EMN publications.

National events

EMN NCPs organise annual national conferences and other events, addressing national migration priorities, promoting the EMN's work, and strengthening engagement with national stakeholders and other target audiences. Although targeted at a national level, such activities may have a broader EU level focus.

Destination Europe Educational Tool

The Destination Europe tool aims to educate and engage users on migration and integration issues in Europe. It helps users to better understand the complexities of migration and integration policies.

Learn more about the tool on the Destination Europe website.
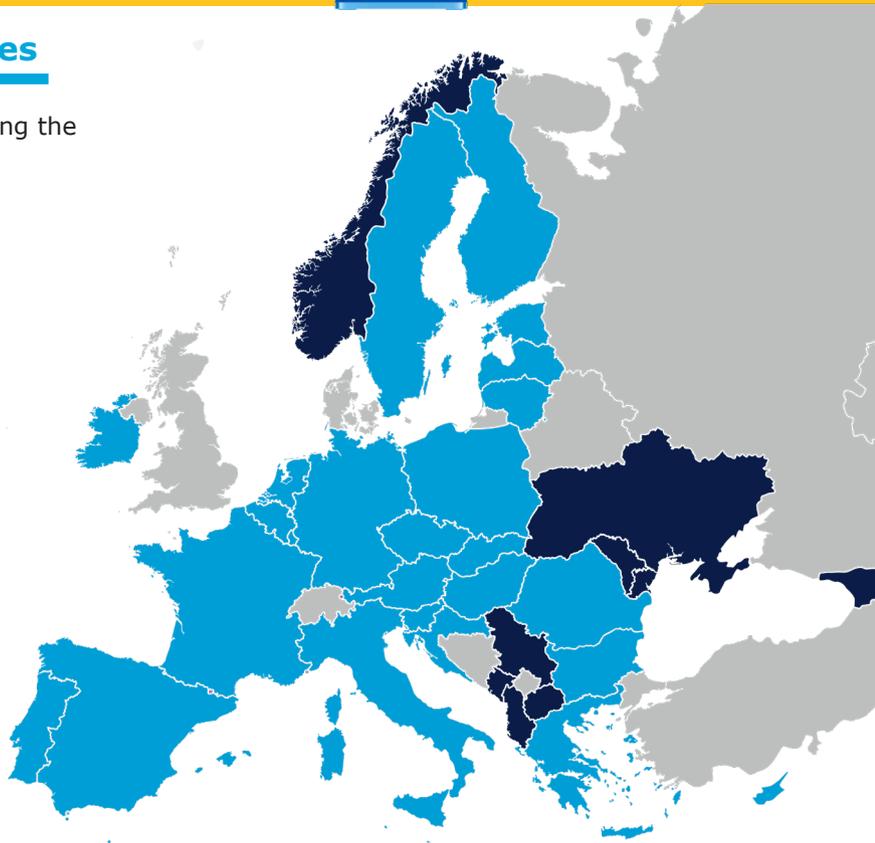

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EMN Member and Observer Countries

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EMN Member Countries

Austria	Germany	The Netherlands
Belgium	Greece	Poland
Bulgaria	Hungary	Portugal
Croatia	Ireland	Romania
Cyprus	Italy	Slovakia
Czechia	Latvia	Slovenia
Estonia	Lithuania	Spain
Finland	Luxembourg	Sweden
France	Malta	

Observer Countries

Norway	Armenia
Georgia	Serbia
Moldova	North Macedonia
Ukraine	Albania
Montenegro	

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