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In Focus:

Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2010

On the 24th May 2011, the Commission published its Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2010, comprising of both a [Communication](#) and factual [Staff Working Paper](#). The report makes extensive use of information provided by the EMN National Contact Points as part of its Annual Policy Report 2010, again illustrating how the EMN feeds into and informs policy. The report highlights developments in 2010 on legal migration, integration, asylum and irregular migration, as well as addressing the external dimension and unaccompanied minors.

The report was warmly welcomed at the Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council meeting on 9th June 2011 on which it based its [conclusions](#).

EMN Conference 2011: 'Combating irregular migration: practical responses', 25th October 2011, Warsaw.

How is irregularity detected? What are the geopolitical factors that affect irregular migration? How can practical measures to address irregular migration and irregularly-staying migrants be balanced within a context of non-discrimination and respect for individual rights? These are some of the major issues which the 2011 EMN Conference will address.



The Conference will raise awareness about the work of the EMN and key EU agencies, NGOs and research institutes working in this field, and their potential contribution to future policy making. The Conference will also complement the 2011 EMN Study 'Practical measures for reducing irregular migration', providing a forum to reflect on, and peer review, its initial findings. Organised under the auspices of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU, and kindly hosted by the EMN National Contact Point for Poland, the conference will allow Member States to address the issue of irregular immigration, in the context also of the Stockholm Programme and of recently adopted EU acquis.

More information on the conference is available from the PL EMN NCP (esm@mswia.gov.pl).

The Zambrano Case: EMN Ad-Hoc Query provides a 'rapid response'

EMN's Ad-Hoc Queries are an important, responsive and highly relevant tool for collecting specific information on a topical issue, within a short time frame. Compiled responses are available to the EMN and also to the wider public, via the EMN website.



This tool was used in the context of the recent ruling by the European Court of Justice in the [Zambrano C-34/09](#) case, where the European Court of Justice judgment held that an illegally staying third-country national in Belgium, whose children are Belgian citizens, must be allowed to reside and work in Belgium in order not to deprive the children from the enjoyment of their Union citizenship.

The Commission launched an Ad-Hoc Query on three related issues, namely: whether a Member State grants nationality to a child born on its territory either unconditionally (*jus soli*); or in the event that the child becomes stateless (and if so, the specific conditions that apply); or in situations where there is no risk of statelessness (and again, the conditions that apply).

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Latest EU developments

Commission Proposal amending Council Directive **on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection status** (recast) [COM(2011) 319 final] 

Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2010 (Communication plus [Staff Working Paper](#))

plus corresponding [JHA Council conclusions](#) of 9th/10th June 2011.

Commission Proposal **amending EU Regulation 539/2001 (Visas)** [COM(2011)290]

Commission Communication on **Southern Mediterranean: towards a new era of dialogue and partnership** [COM(2011)292]

Commission Communication on **Migration** (COM (2011) 248), adopted on 4th May 2011.

JHA Council conclusions on Southern Mediterranean (3081st JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS Council meeting, Luxembourg, 11 and 12 April 2011)

Commission Communication **COM(2011) 200 on A Partnership for democracy and shared prosperity with the Southern Mediterranean** (see Section 4 in particular);

Proposed **amendment to the Schengen Borders Code**, COM (2011) 118;

Commission Communication on of **EU Readmission Agreements** (COM (2011) 76);

Entry into force of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (22011X0218(01));

Amendment to the Long term residence directive (Directive 2011/51/EU), which extends all the rights provided in the text for third country nationals legally residing in an EU member states to beneficiaries of international protection

2010 Report on the Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights SEC(2011) 396 final

Latest statistics reports and data

Eurostat Demography Report 2010

Eurostat Asylum data for 2010, Press release (47/2011, 29 March 2011)

Eurostat Population projections 2010-2060

Eurostat Acquisition of citizenship in the EU

Round-up of other publications, events and news

3rd Migrant Integration Policy Index available at www.mipex.eu;

FRA report on **Access to justice in Europe: an overview of challenges and opportunities** (ISBN 978-92-9192-676-3)

I am pleased to introduce this third edition of EMNNews, which again highlights the importance and relevance of the work of the EMN, for policymakers and practitioners alike, in the field of migration and international protection. In this edition, I would like to draw your attention in particular to the recently released Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum 2010, which summarises and analyses developments that occurred at both national and EU level and gives recommendations for the future. National developments drew extensively from information gathered by the EMN.



The EMN is thus proving itself as an objective, impartial provider of reliable information for policymakers, also in light of topical developments. In this edition of the EMNNews, you can find out more about the EMN's other recent work, for example, on how Member States are satisfying labour demand through migration, plus its upcoming Study and Conference later this year on the practical approaches Member States are taking to reduce irregular migration. The EMN's 'Ad-Hoc Query' tool has proved very effective in quickly drawing together the differences and similarities in perspectives from across Europe, on a particular topic or issue. This edition of the newsletter shows this tool 'in action,' in response to the recent ruling by the European Court of Justice on the 'Zambrano' case.

I would very much like to acknowledge here the excellent work of the EMN to date. However, one must also look to the future and how the EMN could be ever more flexible and responsive to meet the information needs of policymakers in particular. The ongoing external evaluation will provide important input to the ongoing reflections on the further development of the EMN.

Stefano Manservigi
Director General, DG Home Affairs.

What is the EMN?

A network co-ordinated by the European Commission, with the support of two Service Providers, in co-operation with National Contact Points (EMN NCPs) established in each Member State, plus Norway. Its purpose is to provide up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum, with a view to supporting policymaking in the European Union in these areas, as well as to the wider public. More information, as well as various EMN outputs, is available from the EMN website (<http://www.emn.europa.eu>).

Latest EMN outputs and ongoing work

The EMN has completed work on its Synthesis Report, [Satisfying Labour Demand through Migration](#), which reviews the strategies and approaches developed by EU Member States for addressing labour market shortages through the admission and recruitment of third country national migrant workers.



The EMN has also started two new studies for 2011, the first exploring the extent to which **Visa Policy is used as a Migration Channel** and the second looking at **practical approaches in Member States for reducing irregular migration**. Both studies are in preparatory phase, with the EMN NCPs currently preparing their National Reports. As highlighted above, the second study, which is due for completion in the second half of 2011, will dovetail with the EMN Annual Conference 2011.

In addition, the [2008 Annual Report on Migration and International Protection Statistics](#) will soon be finalised, with the equivalent Report for 2009 also expected later this year. Whilst at first sight this may seem outdated, in reality, the data which are analysed by the EMN and presented in these Reports, often only become available up to 18 months after the end of a particular reporting year. These latest Reports will be added to the continuum of such reports from 2001 onwards and available also from the EMN website.

National networking – EMN NCPs and their national partners

In addition to contributing towards the preparation of various Studies and Reports, the EMN NCPs continued their efforts to develop and build their National Networks. These Networks, made up of national stakeholders active in the area of migration and asylum, play a critical role in the successful operation of the EMN, enabling the exchange of information about national level policy developments, and helping to promote the work of the EMN. Over recent months, national network meetings and other events involving national partners have been organised in Brussels, Paris, Malta and Norway.

For upcoming events, please go to the relevant section on the EMN [website](#)

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Spotlight on EMN members

Meet the Finnish (FI) EMN NCP

The Finnish EMN NCP is located administratively within the Legal Service and Country Information Unit of the Finnish Immigration Service (Migri). The Unit is responsible for providing country of origin information and legal services to support the work of Migri and other authorities working on issues concerning migration, and specifically, in the processes and decision-making in relation to applications for asylum, residence and citizenship.



Since its formation, the EMN NCP in Finland has been a very active supporter of the work of the EMN, by contributing to EMN studies and reports and helping to promote EMN activities. It has done so through a dedicated website and newsletter, which has proved successful in expanding its reach among Finland's government and political circles. The EMN NCP website includes pages in Finnish, English and Swedish, thereby helping to ensure a wide access to the information, including provision for Finland's minority groups. Besides including EMN news, the website makes useful links to other migration and asylum related events and publications, organised and published by other entities located in Finland and other EU Member States, as well as international organisations.

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For more information on the EMN NCP in Finland, please visit the website <http://www.emn.fi> or contact them at emn@migri.fi

Meet the Slovak (SK) EMN NCP

The EMN NCP in the Slovak Republic is composed of four institutions: the International Organization for Migration (IOM), which acts as the national coordinator, the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, and the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic.



The SK EMN NCP has been an active contributor to all EMN activities, including the production of the Annual Policy Reports, the Annual Statistical Report and all other EMN Studies. It also works hard to promote the EMN's objectives and outputs among the wider Slovak public, by means of a dedicated website (<http://www.emn.sk>) and a national electronic newsletter. On its website, the SK EMN NCP provides up to date and topical information, and links to studies, on migration and integration in Slovakia, and the rest of the EU, conducted by organizations including the World Bank, the Fundamental Rights Agency, BEPA (Bureau of European Policy Advisers), SIEPS (Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies) and Terre d'Asile in France.

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