

## Webinar

# Managing migration and asylum in a changing world: 2019 trends and policy responses to COVID-19 to date

European Migration Network (EMN)

17 June 2020, 11.00 – 12.15 (CEST)

### I. Context and aims

In June 2020, the EMN will publish its 2019 Annual Report on Migration and Asylum, at a time of unprecedented disruption and uncertainty. The spreading of the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the health and mobility of billions of people around the world, who have responded to government guidelines to remain safe by restricting their movements and remaining at home wherever possible. Thus, the responses to COVID-19 pandemic have directly and indirectly affected migration and asylum policies.

Under these circumstances, the launch of the *2019 EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum* aims to be the opportunity to review migration developments and policy responses in a changing world.

It will firstly review key developments in legislation, policy and practice on migration and asylum across the EU in 2019. It will then focus on two good practice examples relevant to the recent circumstances following the spread of the pandemic. Finally, it will showcase findings collected by the EMN related to immediate policy changes and practical solutions implemented by Member States since the COVID-19 outbreak and until the day of the webinar.

### II. Overview and format of the event

Due to the necessary travel restrictions in place, the launch of the *2019 EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum* will take place as a webinar this year. It will bring together expert voices to discuss key developments in legislation, policy and practice on migration and asylum across the EU.

The launch webinar will open with a welcome note from Mr Magnus Ovilius, Chair of the EMN. This is followed by a scene-setting presentation of the main key trends from the *2019 EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum* and by a second presentation, which will explore the most recent developments in these fields at the national level and identify the underlying trends.

### III. Aim of the webinar / expected outcomes

The event will serve to launch the 2019 edition of the EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum. The event also seeks to provide the latest information on Member States' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic to date as regards those migration and asylum fields most impacted.

#### IV. Agenda

<b>Agenda</b> <b>17 June 2020</b>	
<b>11h00 – 11h05</b>	<p><b>Welcome remarks and opening statements</b></p> <p><b>Magnus Ovilius</b>, Head of Agencies and Networks Coordination Sector and Chair of the EMN, DG HOME, European Commission</p>
<b>11h05 – 11h40</b>	<p><b>Presentation – EMN 2019 Annual Report on Migration and Asylum</b></p> <p><i><b>Aims:</b> Reflect on the facts and figures on migration and asylum at national and European level in light of the new EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum. Two EMN NCPs will share their national good practice examples, relevant also under the recent COVID-19 situation.</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hans Lemmens, EMN Netherlands - <i>Presentation of 4 key trends</i></li> <li>• Stefania Nasso, EMN Italy - <i>Presentation of a good practice: tackling social dumping - actions against the “caporalato” system in the agriculture field</i></li> <li>• Marie Bengtsson, EMN Sweden - <i>Presentation of a good practice: digitalised visa and residence permit processing procedures</i></li> </ul> <p>[25 minutes]</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> [10 minutes]</p>
<b>11h40 – 12h10</b>	<p><b>National responses to date during the COVID-19 crisis in the areas of migration and asylum</b></p> <p><i><b>Aims:</b> Present some findings on national responses to COVID-19 in the migration field based on information collected by the EMN and raise awareness of common challenges.</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magnus Ovilius, Head of Agencies and Networks Coordination Sector and Chair of the EMN, DG HOME, European Commission - <i>Short introduction</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adolfo Sommarribas, EMN Luxembourg - <i>Presentation of key findings of national responses to COVID-19 to date based on EMN AHQs</i></li> </ul> <p>[20 minutes]</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b> [10 minutes]</p>
<p><b>12h10 – 12h15</b></p>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p><b>Magnus Ovilius</b>, Head of Agencies and Networks Coordination Sector and Chair of the EMN, DG HOME, European Commission</p>

**Moderator: Rafael Bärlund**, EMN Finland, Communication & Dissemination Working Group co-chair