



## 8<sup>th</sup> national conference of the French EMN National Contact Point

### Integration of refugees into the labour market in France and the EU

Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Maison du Barreau, Paris

## Background

Given the increasing number of asylum seekers in the EU, the issue of the **integration of refugees** represents a major challenge for the Member States. However, at the national and European levels, policies to integrate **the refugees** are often incorporated into broader policies to integrate migrants.

The EMN focused study, achieved in January 2016, aims to examine the integration of beneficiaries of international protection (refugees and subsidiary protection beneficiaries) from the point of view of **access to and participation in the labour market**. In addition to the legal and policy framework relating to access to employment, the study looks **at specific support measures targeting this group**, which can facilitate access to the labour market, such as language courses, orientation courses, education, recognition of qualifications, accommodation and social benefits.

The aim of the conference organized by the French National Contact Point of the European Migration Network is to discuss the issue of **the integration of refugees into the labour market**. Some aspects of the EMN study will be developed while also providing a **European comparative perspective**.

## Targeted audience

This meeting will bring together a broad audience at the national and European levels, particularly representatives of ministries and administrations, Member States, European institutions and International Organisations, as well as experts, researchers and members of NGOs.

In order to facilitate discussion, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French and in English.



## Programme

- 8:30-9:00 **Registration and coffee**
- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome and opening remarks**  
Pierre-Antoine MOLINA, Director General for Foreigners in France, Ministry of the Interior
- 9:15-9:30 **Integration of refugees into the labour market in France: policies and good practices**  
Christelle CAPORALI-PETIT, Policy Officer within the EMN French NCP
- 9:30-10:00 **Overview of the situation in Norway and Sweden**  
- Ida HJELDE, Senior Policy Analyst and Project Manager, Directorate of Integration and Diversity (IMDi), Norway  
- Bernd PARUSEL, Expert, Swedish Migration Agency
- 10:00-10:30 **Integration of refugees in OECD countries: main challenges and good practices**  
Anne-Sophie SCHMIDT, Policy Analyst, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
- 10:30-11:00 **Questions and answers discussion**
- 11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30-13:00 **Roundtable: Labour market access to refugees in France**  
**Moderator:** Marie-Hélène AMIEL, Head of Department of Statistics, Studies and Documentation, Ministry of the Interior  
**Speakers:**
- Raphaël SODINI, Head of Asylum Directorate, Directorate General for Foreigners in France, Ministry of the Interior
  - Didier LESCHI, Director General of the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII)
  - Ralf GRUENERT, UNHCR Representative in France
  - Jean-François PLOQUIN, Director General of Forum Réfugiés-Cosi
- 13:00-14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30-17:00 **Cluster Meeting (same location)**

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