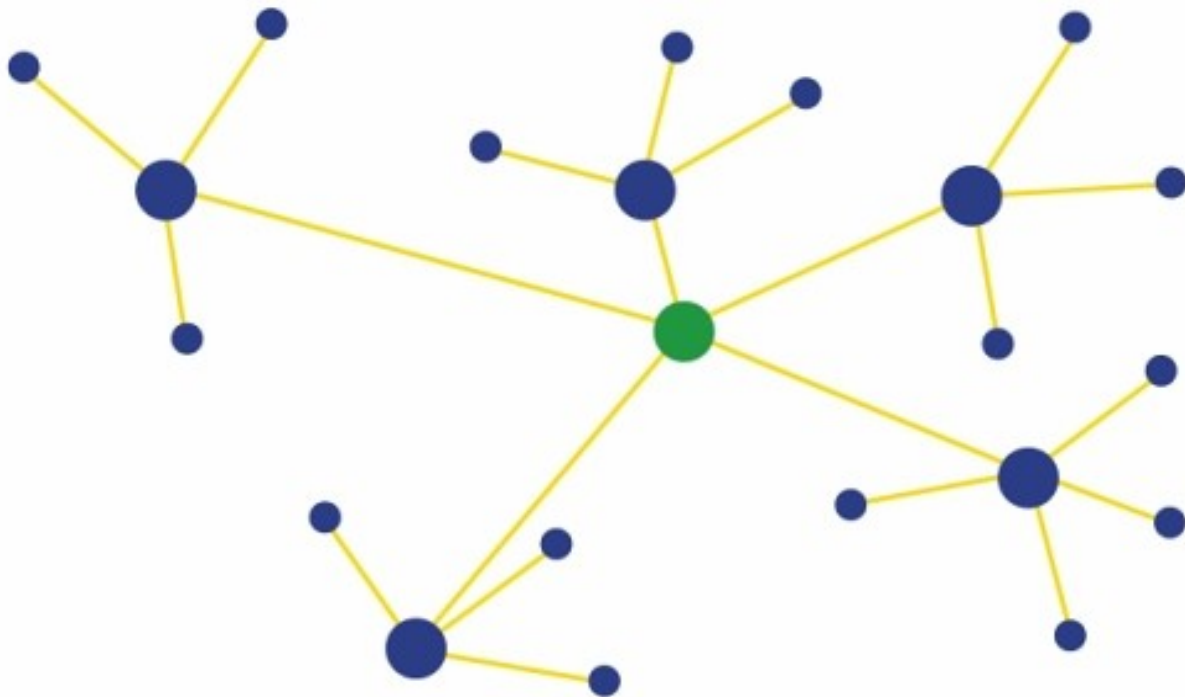


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# The European Migration Network (EMN)

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EMN Thematic Workshop and Final  
Conference  
10-12 June, Ragusa, Italy

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# EU Instruments on Migration & Asylum

- EURO STAT
- FRA – Fundamental Rights Agency
- National Contact Points (NCPs) on Integration
- CIA – Committee on Immigration and Asylum
- Contact Groups on implementation of Directives
- CIREFI – Centre for Information, Discussions and Exchange on the Crossing of Frontiers and Immigration
- EURASIL
- European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
- Frontex
- ICONet
- MIM – Mutual Information Mechanism
- Other EU actors (IMISCOE, CLANDESTINO, PROMINSTAT, THESIM, GDISC, Budapest Process, IGC, European Migration Policy Center, ODYSSEUS etc.)
- **European Migration Network (EMN)**

# Why the EMN? - Policy Background

- Need to exchange information on all aspects of migration identified in initial development of common EU Asylum & Migration Policy (Laeken 1999).
- Establishment of an EMN and the possibility of setting up a permanent structure in the future was welcomed by European Council (June 2003).
- Hague Programme has reinforced the need for the collection, provision, exchange and efficient use of up-to-date information and data on all relevant migratory developments.

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# Why the EMN? - Information Gaps

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- No single reference point to access information;
- Insufficient comparable and up-to-date information and analysis;
- Lack of up-to-date and comparable statistical data and analysis thereof;
- Lack of knowledge of practice in other Member States.

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# EM N Development

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- COM (1994) 23 on Immigration and Asylum, suggestion for mechanism to monitor migration flows on EU-wide basis.
- Feasibility Study (1996, Europ. Migr. Observ.)
- Pilot Project ('02), Preparatory Action ('03-'06)
- 2007 to May 2008: Interim phase (no funding)
- 10th August 2007: EMN legal base proposal (COM (2007) 466)
- 14th May 2008: Council Decision 2008/381/EC

# Objective of the EMN (Article 1)

- Meet information needs thru' provision of up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information, with a view to supporting policymaking in the EU ;
- Provide this information also to general public.

*Increasing emphasis, even before legal base adoption, on undertaking activities of relevance to meeting these objectives*

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# Tasks (Article 2)

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- Collect/exchange information and undertake analysis of this, providing it in a readily-accessible format;
- Contribute to development (with other EU bodies) of indicators and criteria to improve consistency of information, as well help development of Community activities in migratory statistics;
- Periodic reports on migration and asylum situation in EU and the Member States (Article 9);

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# Tasks ctd (Article 2)

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- Create and maintain internet-based information exchange system for access to relevant documents (Article 8);
- Through this, and also dissemination of outputs, raise awareness of EMN, including to wider public;
- Co-ordinate and co-operate with other relevant European and international bodies (Article 10).
- EMN must ensure its activities are consistent and co-ordinated with other relevant EU instruments.



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## Composition

- National Contact Points (Article 5), designated by MS, at least 3 experts (does not have to be government Ministry).
- All Member States (except DK) have to nominate an EMN NCP.
- Commission (Article 6)
  - co-ordinates work of Network, incl. that it reflects political priorities of Community;
  - assisted by a Service Provider in organisation of the work of the EMN (Article 6(3));
  - adopts annual Work Programme;
  - awards Operating Grants to EMN NCPs.

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# W o r k P r o g r a m m e 2 0 0 9

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- Annual Statistics Report 2007
- EM N Glossary & Thesaurus
- Annual Policy Report 2008
- 3 EM N Studies:
  - *UAM*
  - *AVR*
  - *Asylum*
- 3 National Meetings (N C P A T ): U A M , A V R , Joint Meeting
- EM N Meetings
- Twinning Meetings (L U , C Z )
- Ad Hoc Queries
- Networking (Visits to provinces, Presentations, W ebsite etc.)

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# Composition of NCP Austria

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- **3 Staff members + 1 Coordinator** embedded at IOM Vienna
- **1 National Steering Committee:** 11 representatives from
  - **public institutions** (*Ministry of the Interior/Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection/ Austrian Integration Fund/ Statistics Austria*)
  - **research institutions** (*University of Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Krems*)
  - **social partners** (*trade unions, employers/ employees representatives*)
  - **International Organisations** *ICMPD Austria*
- **Participation in the IOM's existing network – National EMN Network**

# Thank you!

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