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Focus On

European Court of Justice judgment on rights of EU citizens to regularise the residence of their non-EU spouse. A recent judgment in the case of *McCarthy v Secretary of State for the Home Department (UK)* found that EU citizens, who have never exercised their right of free movement and have always resided in a Member State of which they are a national, cannot invoke Union citizenship to regularise the residence of their non-EU spouse. [Read more](#)

New Annual Monitoring Report on Integration looks at how immigrants are integrating into Irish society. The Annual Monitoring Report on Integration 2010, published by the Integration Centre and the ESRI, brings together a range of indicators to develop a profile of how immigrants are integrating into various aspects of Irish society: employment, education, social inclusion and active citizenship. [Read more](#)

European Commission Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum (2010) COM(2011) 291 released 24th May. The Annual Report, drawing on contributions from EMN National Contact Points, highlights developments during 2010 at EU and national level in asylum, migration and integration. The Report tracks implementation of the European Pact on Immigration and Asylum, as well as relevant components of the Stockholm Programme. [Read more](#)

Department for Justice and Equality to review the rights of non-Irish parents of children with Irish citizenship to live and work in Ireland. Announcement follows European Court of Justice ruling (*Zambrano v Office national de l'emploi in Belgium*) that foreign parents of a child with European citizenship may live in the EU. [Read more](#)

Ireland

Government announce first formal Visa Waiver Programme for Ireland and new arrangements for certain categories of tourists. Announced as part of the Government's Job Initiative, the Visa Waiver Programme will facilitate the entry of certain categories of overseas visitors to Ireland, once they are in possession of a valid visa for the UK. [Read more](#)

Up-to-date chart of institutions responsible for asylum and immigration in Ireland. [View up-to-date chart of institutions](#) in Ireland with responsibility for migration and asylum post election 2011.

EU/International

Publication of European Commission Communication on Migration. The European Commission Communication on Migration (COM(2011) 248) was published on 4 May 2011 and presented to an extraordinary Justice and Home Affairs Council attended by Commissioner Cecilia Malmström on 12 May 2011. [Read more](#)

Eurostat Demography Report shows that in 2010 there were 32.4m foreign nationals living in the EU27 (6.5% of the total population). Of the 32.4m, 12.3m were EU27 nationals living in another Member State and 20.1m were from a non-EU country. Within the EU27, Ireland had the third highest percentage of other EU27 citizens in the population (7.1%). [Read more](#)

Eurostat figures show the number of asylum applicants registered in the EU27 remained stable around 260,000 in 2010. In 2010, 257,800 asylum applicants were registered in the EU27 in comparison to 264,000 asylum applicants in 2009. In Ireland there were 1,940 applicants for asylum in 2010. [Read more](#)

Launch of Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX III) by the British Council and the Migration Policy Group. MIPEX is an interactive tool and reference guide designed to assess and compare integration policy in all European Union Member States plus Norway, Switzerland, Canada and the USA. With an index score of 49, Ireland ranks joint 16th out of 31 countries. [Read more](#)

End of transitional period following 2004 EU enlargement for workers from eight EU Member States. On 1 May 2011, restrictions on the right to work within the EU were removed for workers from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia. Nationals of these countries will now be able to take up employment freely in all Member States, including those where labour market restrictions had been in place until the end of the seven year transitional period. [Read more](#)

Publication of European Commission Communication on EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020. The European Commission Communication on EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 (COM(2011) 173) seeks to provide an opportunity to address the exclusion of Roma in Europe. [Read more](#)

Publication of the Centre for European Policy Studies policy brief on Labour Immigration Policy in the EU: A Renewed Agenda for Europe 2020. This report examines current EU labour immigration policies and discusses the challenges of ensuring a global rights-based approach to migration. [Read more](#)

Publication of European Commission Communication on 2010 Report on the Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. The European Commission Communication on 2010 Report on the

Application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (COM(2011) 160) looks at how the EU institutions, take fundamental rights considerations into account in the inception, conception and development of EU policies. [Read more](#)

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Publications and Research

Latest EMN Reports

Satisfying Labour Demand through Migration by Emma Quinn (ESRI), investigates Ireland's approach to satisfying labour and skills demand through migration in the period 2004 - 2010. [Read more](#)

The Practices in Ireland concerning the granting of non-EU Harmonised Protection Statuses by John Stanley (Independent Consultant), Corona Joyce and Emma Quinn (ESRI), outlines the legal statuses in Ireland in respect of international protection subject to European law, and those that arise solely from Irish domestic law. [Read more](#)

See also the comparative EU Synthesis Report by European Migration Network entitled "[The Different National Practices concerning granting of non-EU Harmonised Protection Statuses: EMN Synthesis Report](#)".

Annual Policy Report 2008: EMN Synthesis Report by European Migration Network, outlines the most significant political and legislative (including EU) developments, as well as public debates in the area of migration and asylum, within the Member States during 2008. [Read more](#)

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Other publications on migration and asylum issues

The Changing Faces of Ireland: Exploring the Lives of Immigrant and Ethnic Minority Children edited by Merike Darmody (ESRI), Naomi Tyrrell (University of Plymouth, UK) and Steve Song (George Fox University, Oregon, USA). [Read more](#)

The Immigrant Earnings Disadvantage across the Earnings and Skills Distributions: The Case of Immigrants from the EU's New Member States by Alan Barrett and Seamus McGuinness (ESRI). [Read more](#)

Forthcoming

Annual Policy Report on Migration and Asylum 2010: Ireland by Corona Joyce (ESRI). The seventh report in this series will be available mid-2011. This policy report will outline the most significant political and legislative (including EU) developments, as well as public debates in the area of migration and asylum in Ireland during 2010.

Satisfying Labour Demand through Migration: EMN Synthesis Report by European Migration Network, aims to explore the national strategies adopted by Member States to address labour market needs and shortages and the extent to which these draw upon migrants. The study will also examine whether the recent economic downturn and recovery have led to any changes to strategies to satisfy labour demand through migration.

Other News and Events

ESRI / EMN Ireland Research Seminar: "[The size of the irregular migrant population – methodological insights from the CLANDESTINO project](#)" by Dita Vogel, formerly from the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI) at 16:00 on Thursday, 30 June 2011 at the Economic and Social Research Institute, [Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2](#). All welcome, no booking necessary. For further information email: emn.ireland@esri.ie

European Institute of Public Administration: "[Free Movement of Persons, Recognition of Qualifications and Social Security Rights](#)" seminar on 23-24 June 2011 in Maastricht.

Labour Migration Academy: "[Enhancing Protection, Promoting Development and Facilitating Governance](#)", takes place from 4-15 July 2011 in Turin, Italy. The Academy reviews and analyses key issues, strategies, policies and tools for governing international labour migration and protection of migrant workers and their families

Odysseus Summer School: "[Immigration and Asylum Policy of the European Union](#)", takes place in Brussels from 4-15 July 2011. The aim of the Summer School is to provide its participants with a comprehensive understanding of the immigration and asylum policy of the European Union

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