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Focus On

EMN Ireland Conference 'Challenges in Protection'

Date: Monday, 17 December 2012

Time: 8:45 – 13:00

Venue: The Convention Centre Dublin

The Irish National Contact Point of the European Migration Network, EMN Ireland, is holding a half-day conference on the topic of Challenges in Protection on the morning of 17 December 2012. The Conference will include expert European and Irish perspectives on the Common European Asylum System, protection and human trafficking, and protection and reception systems. [See full programme and registration details.](#)

Census 2011

Census 2011 figures show:

- The number of non-Irish nationals living in Ireland increased by 143 per cent between 2002 and 2011.
- In April 2011, there were 544,357 non-Irish nationals (12 per cent of the resident population) from 199 different nations living in Ireland.
- Polish nationals were the largest nationality grouping. This group showed a 93.7% increase from 63,276 persons in 2006 to 122,585 in 2011.
- UK nationals were the second largest group with 112,259 living in Ireland in 2011.

Analysis of detailed nationality groups by socio economic class, economic status, religion and ethnic group is available at <http://www.emn.ie/emn/statistics>. [Read more](#)

Policy and Law Update

EU developments with regard to action against trafficking in human beings

- Adoption of conclusions on the new EU strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings 2012 -2016 (11780/12) took place at the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting at the end of October 2012.
- The Committee of the Regions Draft Opinion on "The EU strategy towards the eradication of trafficking in human beings 2012-2016".

During 2013, the EMN will conduct a study on the "identification of trafficking victims in asylum/migration/return procedures". [Read more](#)

Several important outcomes relevant to European migration and asylum policy from Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting. The recent October Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting resulted in several other important outcomes including:

- A political agreement on the reception conditions directives;
- Endorsement of a proposed Regional Protection Programme for Syria;
- Adoption of first biannual revision of the 'EU Action on Migratory Pressures – A Strategic Response';
- No decision was reached on accession of Romania and Bulgaria to Schengen. [Read more](#)

High Court concludes migrant workers without work permits unable to avail of employment legislation (Hussein v The Labour Court & Anor). [Read more](#)

Publications and Research

EMN Informs

EMN Informs are European-level policy briefs which summarise key findings and messages of information gathered and analysed by the EMN. See recent [EMN Informs](#) on Developments in Legal Migration and Mobility in 2011; EU Developments in International Protection and Asylum 2011; Maximising the Development Impact of Migration and Mobility in 2011 and Responding to Migratory Pressures in 2011.

More EMN Informs are available in our [publications database](#).

Latest EMN Ireland Publications

Immigration of International Students to the EU: Ireland.

This study provides an overview of the immigration policies that are being implemented regarding international students. This publication of this report follows a period of significant policy activity around the provision of education to international students in Ireland, with developments in relation to immigration, monitoring and inspections of education providers, to a restructuring of bodies and their functions, and the work entitlements of international students. [Read more](#)



Misuse of the Right to Family Reunification: Ireland.

EMN focussed study looks at two instances of misuse of the right to family reunification in Ireland, namely marriages of convenience and false declarations of parenthood. [Read more](#)



The Organisation of Migration and Asylum Policies 2012: Ireland.

This study provides an overview of immigration and asylum-related policy in Ireland: how it is formed, its substance and how it is implemented. [Read more](#)



Latest EMN Synthesis Reports

Misuse of the Right to Family Reunification: Marriages of convenience and false declarations of parenthood: EMN Synthesis Report.

This synthesis study aims to identify the scale and scope of two types of misuse in the EU: marriages of convenience and false declarations of parenthood. Evidence is provided, to the extent possible and including available statistics, of these types of misuse and how members states have addressed them. [Read more](#)



Practical Measures to Reduce Irregular Migration: EMN Synthesis Report.

The overall purpose of this study is to provide an overview of existing approaches, mechanisms and measures to reduce irregular migration in the EU. [Read more](#)



Visa Policy as Migration Channel: EMN Synthesis Report

The aim of this study is to analyse a possible nexus between visa policy and migration management, examining the effects of visa policy on the management of migration, both in terms of facilitating legal migration and preventing irregular migration. The study covers the period from 2004 up to 2011 with statistics provided to the end of 2010. [Read more](#)



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Other News

EMN Bulletin: EU-wide overview of latest developments in migration policy plus statistics.

This bulletin contains EU, national and related developments in migration policy, as well as an overview of key statistics, plus related EMN outputs and developments that have occurred. [Read more](#)

More EU / International developments

EU statistics

- New figures from Eurostat show that [EU27 Member States granted citizenship to approximately 810,000 persons in 2010](#). Ireland granted citizenship to 6,400 in 2010, which represents an increase of 42 per cent on 2009 figures (4,500). During 2010, the largest groups that acquired Irish citizenship were citizens of Nigeria, Philippines and India.
- Eurostat's [EU in the world 2013](#) provides a snapshot of official world statistics including details on population and asylum applications.
- Recent [Eurostat release on asylum applicants and first instance decisions on asylum applications](#): second quarter 2012 shows that nearly 70 000 persons sought asylum in the EU-27 in Q2 2012, 10 per cent less compared to same quarter of 2011.

EU News

- Conclusions of the [European Council and representatives of Governments of Member States on the participation and social inclusion of young people](#) with emphasis on those with a migrant background.
- European Parliament committee on [Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs state that the protection of the lives of migrants and refugees should be a key aim of the EU's new "Eurosur" border surveillance system](#).
- European Parliament issue report on the [situation of fundamental rights in the European Union \(2010 - 2011\)](#).
- New European Commission [Communication on the implementation and development of the common visa policy to spur growth in the EU \[COM\(2012\) 649\]](#) could help growth in the EU by facilitating travel opportunities for third country nationals wishing to visit the EU.
- Commissioner Andor, European Commissioner responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, speaks on [Improving access to labour market information for migrants & employers at IOM LINET labour market conference](#).

European Case Law

- European Court of Justice judgment ([C-40/11](#)) finds that a third-country national who resides legally in the Member State of origin of his daughter and his spouse, while they have moved to another Member State, cannot rely on their EU citizenship in order to base his right of residence on EU law.

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