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**DECISION FOR A NON – SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION
OF THE 2014 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE
EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK**

Whereas:

- The Annual Work Programme for the European Migration Network (EMN) was adopted by Commission Decision C(2014)3584 on 5 June 2014.
- The total amount allocated for procurement contracts is of 100.000,00 EUR, an additional amount of 42.000,00 EUR is needed for a specific contract to cover the support, maintenance and development of the EMN website. All grants for 2014 have been committed and 619.043,40 EUR remains unused. Therefore, in order to optimise the budget available of this global commitment, we would need to transfer 42.000,00 EUR from grant to procurement.
- Following this modification, the amount of 6.058.000,00 EUR should be foreseen for the funding of the EMN grants and 142.000,00 EUR should be foreseen for procurement. Due to this change, Annex I – European Migration Network Annual Work Programme 2014 should be modified accordingly.

I hereby decide the following:

Annex I - European Migration Network Annual Work Programme 2014 to Commission Decision C(2014)3584 is hereby replaced by the attached Annex I.

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Annex I: European Migration Network Annual Work Programme 2014 - modified
Annex I to the Commission Decision C(2014)3584 (version 03/12/2014)

ANNEX I

European Migration Network Annual Work Programme 2014

1. Introduction: Priorities of Action

The European Migration Network (EMN) established by Council Decision 2008/381/EC, is an EU/Commission funded network whose purpose is to provide up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum for the institutions of the European Union (EU) as well as its Member States, plus Norway, in order to inform policymaking. It is made up of National Contact Points (EMN NCPs) and the European Commission.

The EMN Work Programme for 2014 will develop further the approach of previous years which has aimed to raise the profile of the EMN and to improve its capacity for producing information in more flexible and timely ways to meet the needs of policymakers. Significant developments in 2014 include the inclusion of the EMN NCP in **Croatia** into the EMN for the first full year, and the absorption by the EMN of the **EU Voluntary Return Network (VREN)**. Greater efforts will be made in 2014 to **better disseminate EMN outputs**.

The main objectives for 2014 are for the EMN to continue to better inform EU and national policymakers, notably by:

- providing up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information, of relevance to policy makers; and
- increasing the EMN's responsiveness to the needs of policymakers addressing both immediate and longer-term requirements.

To achieve these objectives, the following specific priorities for 2014 shall be:

- **Respond to information needs of policymakers**, through the **timely provision of relevant information** in an **appropriate, concise format**;
- Encourage **greater use of the EMN as a platform for raising awareness and sharing knowledge of policy developments** across the EU;
- To **review the success of the new outputs/formats/structures** introduced since 2012;
- Further develop **networking at the national and European level**, recognising the cross-cutting nature of migration and asylum with other policy areas. Efforts will also be made to assimilate Croatia as a full member of the EMN.
- **Improve comparability** (where deemed relevant and possible) of statistics and other information at EU-level, including continued cooperation with Eurostat and the on-going development of the **EMN Glossary and Thesaurus**.
- Capitalise fully on the re-designed **public EMN website** and **Information Exchange System** to better facilitate information provision, for policymakers and other practitioners in particular, as well as the wider public, and internally for EMN members;
- **Increase further the visibility** of the EMN through targeted communication and dissemination of its outputs in appropriate formats.

The EMN, in the implementation of these priorities, shall take further steps to enhance cooperation with, and avoid duplicating the work of, existing EU instruments or structures whose purpose is to

collect and exchange information in the areas of migration and asylum and to demonstrate added value in comparison with them, in particular through the quality of its outputs and their EU-wide coverage, with a strong focus on analysis, links with the academic community, and the public availability of its outputs.

2. Activities to be implemented by the EMN

2.1 Ad-Hoc Queries, Reports, Studies and other Outputs¹

To improve the relevance of the EMN to policymaking, emphasis shall continue to be placed on improving the format and flexibility of information provided, building on the experience of the EMN Work Programme 2013. This will include responding fast and effectively to short-term needs, improving the timeliness of the activities undertaken and working with policymakers at an early stage of planning to ensure outputs are drafted in a format which is policy relevant and readily accessible. The EMN shall also maintain a longer-term, strategic perspective. In order to promote comparability, the multilingual EMN **Glossary and Thesaurus** shall be maintained and terms will be shared with relevant EU level institutions as well as national experts.

The EMN shall thus research, compile and analyse information in one of the following manners, the choice depending on the topic addressed and needs of the target audience:

- Making **more use** of the **information** contained in **ad-hoc queries, studies and reports** and extracting or mining information on a specific theme, as well as from other relevant entities (e.g. Eurofound, GDISC, ICMPD, IGC, ILO, IOM, MPC, OECD, UN).
- Launching **Ad-Hoc Queries** to gather information of topical relevance;
- **Annual Policy Reports** informing EU policymakers, using accessible formats, on the most significant political and legislative (including EU) developments, as well as public debates in the area of migration and asylum, and including relevant **statistics**; the National Policy Reports also serve national policymaker needs.
- **Studies**, consisting of National Reports prepared according to common specifications plus a concise, succinct Synthesis Report, to address either short-term policy needs or a topic of longer-term relevance;
- Maintaining succinct **EMN Country Factsheets**, presenting up-to-date information on policy developments in migration and international protection in (Member) States, including latest statistics, based on the EMN Annual Policy Report, and updated on an annual basis;
- **EMN Informs** specifically targeted for policymakers in order to inform them in a concise manner of the main outcomes of a particular EMN activity, for example, an EMN Study or Report, and including from mining of information already held by the EMN;
- A regular **EMN Bulletin**, highlighting recent EU and national developments and latest statistics.

2.1.1 Ad-Hoc Queries²

Ad-Hoc Queries are a very effective means to quickly gather comparative information in order to meet current needs and are an important activity. Queries shall be launched, responded to and subsequent compilations disseminated. Ad-Hoc Queries may also be used to obtain (updated) information, including statistics, on a particular topic or aspect of a previous EMN study in order to support a topical policy initiative.

¹ Definitions of the various products are provided in Appendix 1.

² See Appendix 1 for the various outputs referred to resulting from the Ad-Hoc Query process.

As part of the mining of information, emphasis shall continue to be placed in 2014 on making more use of the extensive information obtained via Ad-Hoc Queries. In this respect, the Commission and its Service Provider will review previous **compilations** in order to extract information already obtained in relation to a study topic or on a particular topical theme.

The EMN will aim to develop concise, succinct **summaries** of EMN Ad-Hoc Queries on issues considered of particular topical policy relevance according to the following guidelines: a) for all Ad-Hoc Queries launched by the Commission or which the Commission considers of particular policy relevance; and b) when an EMN NCP(s) specifically requests this to the Commission. The summaries shall be provided to the EMN NCPs for verification before distribution outside of the EMN, including those that may be used for wider dissemination. In some cases, where relevant and useful to policymakers, summaries will be developed as EMN Informs by the EMN Service Provider.

Additionally, an EMN NCP shall be requested to provide, at the same time as sending a compilation, an **overview** of the main outcomes of the Ad-Hoc Query they have launched, for the benefit of other EMN members and/or the entity initially requesting the information only (where not provided under the circumstances set out above).

2.1.2 Annual Policy Reporting

EMN Annual Policy Reports serve to provide an overall insight into the most significant political and legislative (including EU) developments, as well as public debates, in the area of migration and asylum. A synthesis of Annual Policy Report National Reports 2013 (Part 1) and a Statistical Annex of key asylum and migration statistics shall be completed in early 2014 in order to serve as a timely contribution to the Commission's 5th Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum (2013). Coherence of the EMN's report with EASO's annual report shall be ensured, in order to avoid duplication. The Annual Policy Report National Report (Part 2) will focus on national developments in Member States and will be submitted in quarter 1 of 2014. A series of EMN Informs focusing on key policy themes such as Legal Migration and Irregular Migration, shall be produced as succinct summaries providing a synthesis of the most significant developments in 2013, based on the information gathered in Parts 1 and 2 of the National Reports.

2.1.3 EMN Country Factsheets

Based on information gathered during the Annual Policy Reporting process, succinct **EMN Country Factsheets** will be updated in 2014 by the EMN Service Provider. The Factsheets, one per (Member) State, will present up-to-date information on policy developments in migration and international protection in (Member) States, including latest relevant, and to the extent possible, comparable Eurostat statistics, supplemented by national statistics, presented in tables and diagrams.

2.1.4 EMN Studies³

EMN shall undertake up to four focussed studies listed below:

1. *"Business-related immigration in the EU, challenges faced and new solutions"*
2. *"Policies on unaccompanied minors – update of an EU comparative study produced in 2009"*
3. *"Detention and alternatives to detention"*

³ This Section is currently based on the EMN undertaking one main plus up to three focussed studies in any one calendar year. This may be modified following discussions at the 61st EMN NCP meeting, also in relation to the possibility of developing in future a Multi-Annual EMN Work Programme.

4. *"Good practices in the return and reintegration of irregular migrants: Member States' entry-bans, policy and use of readmission agreements between Member States and Third countries"*

To enable the EMN to better respond to identified information needs in light of topical policy developments during 2014, the Steering Board may decide, by written procedure, on an alternative topic for a study. Alternatively, the Steering Board may agree on updating or extending a previous EMN study instead, in order to provide updated information of topical relevance to policymakers, where a need is clearly identified. A new study or update to a previous EMN study may replace one or more of the four topics listed above, to be decided by the Steering Board.

Studies from 2013 shall be completed as required, and an update, if necessary, of the National Reports for the Study on Organisation of Asylum and Migration Policies in the EU Member States, may be done in order to maintain an up-to-date reference. This may also include updating the short, three-page *Organograms of Asylum and Migration Policies* produced on the basis of a National Report in each Member State and Norway.

Topics will be prepared by the Commission and EMN NCPS for proposals for EMN Studies in 2015-2016.

2.1.5 EMN Informs

EMN Informs provide succinct key findings and messages to policymakers on a specific topic based on the results of information gathered and analysed by the EMN, for example, from Reports and Studies, or from Ad-Hoc Queries. Up to 12 EMN Informs will be developed in 2014 by the EMN Service Provider.

2.1.6 EMN Glossary and Thesaurus

The EMN Glossary improves comparability by enabling a common understanding and use of terms and definitions relating to asylum and migration. The Glossary draws on a variety of sources, primarily those given in the EU asylum and immigration acquis, and makes these available in the majority of Member State languages. A new version of the EMN Glossary (Version 3) will be developed by May 2014.

2.1.7 EMN Bulletin

Topical information required by and of relevance to (senior) policymakers, highlighting recent EU and National developments, outputs and activities of the EMN. Relevant information extracted from the EMN's existing knowledge plus (latest) published statistics, primarily from Eurostat, shall continue to be produced as an EMN Bulletin. Up to four editions shall be produced and circulated publically also to a wide audience.

2.1.8 EMN Status Report 2013

The EMN Steering Board shall provide a succinct status report to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions concerning the on-going activities of the EMN. The 2013 report shall outline the key findings of the studies completed in 2013, and the main impacts of the EMN, in particular, in informing policymaking at national and EU levels.

2.1.9 Voluntary Return Expert Group

The EMN Network will absorb the EU Voluntary Return Network (VREN). The EMN National Networks will be extended to include the voluntary return experts to be appointed by the MS. They would attend the existing EMN NCP meetings as experts. The EMN Ad-Hoc Query facility would

as well be extended to collect information on how Member States deal with specific aspects of voluntary return, for example. The EMN's Service Provider shall, under the management of the Commission, support the joining of the networks and on-going implementation by preparing VREN-related issues and administrative follow-up. Where deemed relevant, the EMN NCP meetings would also be used to involve and ensure the participation of expertise in the return field. This will improve the cost-efficiency ratio of both networks and increase EMN relevance in the area of irregular migration. Based on the experience to date and in light of the other existing networks and the informal discussions which have taken place with certain Member States, the following scope, objectives and structure of a successful network on voluntary return at the level of the EU has emerged.

For each aspect of the voluntary return, the EMN network should provide its members with a clear overview of the situation in the other Member States. This overview should serve as a basis to exchange best practices. Meetings should provide for the opportunity to discuss future AVR programs and to identify synergies. It should also be the opportunity to better coordinate the actions of Member States in third countries.

The voluntary return expertise would meet regularly on average four times per year in conjunction with the EMN NCP meetings. In preparation of the meetings, the EMN Service Provider should conduct a study on the practices in the different Member States and circulate comparative tables and draft proposals of best practices; actions that Member States could implement at national level or in cooperation between several MS could also be agreed.

The resources to finance this new development of the EMN would be taken into account within the available annual EMN budget for 2014 and onwards. In practice, the Member States would be able to integrate this new activity under their national annual EMN grant requests. Each Member State is free to decide how much it wants to invest in this cooperation.

Voluntary return issues require two levels of participation:

(i) Member State officials who design (assisted) voluntary return programs and organise calls for proposals/tenders. To this end, the EMN National Networks should include people in charge of voluntary return network activities in the Member State who could attend as experts in the context of the existing EMN NCP meetings.

(ii) Individuals from NGOs and international organisations, countries of origin or officials implementing AVR programs could be invited as experts to meetings depending on the subject matter.

The main topics to be discussed are outlined in a dedicated annual Activity Program on Voluntary Return. The work already achieved by the VREN network will serve as a starting point.

2.2 Other Policy Support Actions

2.2.1 EU Immigration Portal

The EMN shall continue to provide national level updates as required to some of the content of the EU Immigration Portal, specifically the 'country information sheet' and the document entitled 'What do I need before leaving?'

2.2.2 Provision of complementary information to support EU initiatives

The EMN may provide the information obtained from the activities identified in Section 3.1 to support and inform other specific EU initiatives and actions. This may include, but not be limited to, EU actions on Integration; liaising with the European Support Office (EASO) on specific topics, for example, unaccompanied minors; Commission Expert Groups; and the EU Response to Migratory Pressures – A Strategic Response.

2.2.3 Co-operation with Commission appointed contractors/collaborators

Where deemed relevant and justifiable, the EMN may co-operate with and support the work of external contractors or Service Providers acting on behalf of the Commission or EU Agencies for a specific project.

2.3 Networking

Effective networking is an essential component required for the functioning of the EMN, and the EMN will expand its networking activities in 2014 to further establish its role within the architecture of existing European organisations and institutions with a complementary scope. The EMN undertakes networking effectively with the European Parliament, EASO, Frontex and FRA. In addition in 2014, additional efforts shall be made to increase networking with other relevant EU entities, plus academia, civil society and think tanks. The aim is to continue to make the EMN better known to stakeholders and to encourage complementarity in activities and outputs, avoiding also any duplication.

2.3.1 Networking amongst EMN NCPs

To facilitate the implementation of this Work Programme and in accordance with Articles 7 and 8 of Decision 2008/381/EC, the exchange of information amongst EMN NCPs shall be undertaken through specific meetings and via a re-developed Information Exchange System. The EMN should encourage more debate between EMN NCPs during meetings which would become more policy exchange oriented as a new focus. EMN NCPs will be encouraged to organise ‘cluster meetings’ to facilitate discussions amongst clusters of EMN NCPs on a particular topic or issue. Emphasis will be given to support Croatia establishing an EMN NCP. In advance of each EMN NCP meeting, those EMN NCPs in receipt of an EMN grant shall submit a Work Progress Report, according to a standard format, detailing their progress and impacts in the preceding period, and highlighting any changes, problems or issues.

2.3.2 Networking at the national level

In accordance with Article 5(5d) of Decision 2008/381/EC, national networks with an appropriate balance of members representing all relevant stakeholders, including national policymakers, shall be developed and maintained. National network members may contribute, even on an ad-hoc basis, to relevant activities in order to extend the scope of information sources available to the EMN. National networks will be encouraged to play an important role in information dissemination, including a greater emphasis on communicating to the wider public and national media, and involving a wider range of entities relevant in migration and international protection debates, for example, employer representatives. This would require the role of the EMN NCPs to be enhanced further so that they are each able to act as a national hub for information gathering and analysis, and dissemination. Efforts will be made to provide greater operational support for this activity in 2014.

2.3.3 Networking with relevant EU and non-EU entities

Priority will be given in 2014 to develop consistency and co-ordination with relevant EU instruments and structures in the area of migration and asylum, as well as with other relevant international organisations. This shall include in particular continued working with the European Parliament, Eurostat; EU agencies, such as FRA, Frontex, and EASO and the National Contact

Points on Integration. These entities may attend Steering Board and EMN NCP meetings and may provide specific inputs into EMN Reports, Studies and other EMN outputs, for example, joining the advisory group for a particular study. Norway, through a dedicated working arrangement, shall continue to be an active participant in the EMN.

Priorities in 2014 will include strengthening links with other relevant EU and non-EU entities, plus academia, civil society and think tanks, including MPC (Migration Policy Centre), IOM (International Organization for Migration) plus EU entities such as GDISC (General Directors' Immigration Services Conference), IGC (Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration and Asylum), EUROFOUND, and relevant international entities, including OECD, UN and ILO. It shall be the role of the EMN Steering Board to identify any other strategic co-operative relationships with other (non-EU) European organisations, institutions and networks pursuing similar objectives.

2.4 EMN Communication and Dissemination

Effective targeting of the information produced by the EMN through its communication and dissemination activities is an essential element for the EMN to achieve its objectives, in particular informing policymakers. It is therefore important to focus on the timely publication and strategically advantageous distribution of the EMN's outputs at the European, international, and national levels. This shall be on the basis of the EMN Communication and Dissemination Strategy and compliant also with the Commission's Visual Identity and EMN Design Guide, as well, for national products, that of an EMN NCP's legal entity. New measures will be considered in 2014 in relation to the provision of information to the wider public, including efforts to capitalise on the potential of social media tools. EMN outputs should therefore only be provided to NCPs in a commonly agreed digital format with further distribution/printing of such material transferred to the individual EMN Member State.

2.4.1 EMN and National Websites

The public EMN Website (now accessed through the DG HOME website) shall continue to be maintained, along with the (password-protected) Information Exchange System for EMN NCPs, in order to serve as an up-to-date point-of-reference for policymakers in particular, plus other practitioners, whereby they can easily access information to support their needs. Other target audiences include EMN NCPs, EU agencies and other institutional referrers, and the wider public interested in finding up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information about migration and asylum in the EU. The EMN website will complement and be coherent with other relevant EU websites, such as the EU Immigration Portal, the European Website on Integration and the EU anti-trafficking website. Efforts will continue to monitor and analyse website access by users.

EMN NCPs shall maintain complementary national websites providing targeted information tailored to their national audiences, which may include a repository of national case law, legislation and non-EMN publications. National websites should also take account of the information needs of the wider public. Whilst the specific design of a national website shall be the responsibility of an individual EMN NCP, it shall nevertheless make clear that they are part of the EMN. A greater emphasis will be placed on monitoring website usage also at National levels.

As a complement to the EMN and National websites, and in order to reach out to a wider audience, the EMN Wikipedia page shall be maintained, in a range of Member State languages.

2.4.2 EMN Conference 2014

Two annual EMN Conferences should be organised in 2014 linked to the Greek and Italian Presidencies of the Council of the EU. The form, responsible organisers and thematic approaches, as well as participants, shall be determined by the EMN during 2014.

2.4.3 (Inter)National Events

EMN NCPs may participate in other (inter)national workshops/seminars/conferences not organised by the EMN, but only when the event occurs within an EU Member State or Norway and when an EMN NCP's participation involves the presentation of an EMN Study(ies) or concerns a topic of relevance to the activities of the EMN. Participation at an event outside the EU or Norway may be possible following prior approval by the Commission, again subject to the presentation of an EMN Study(ies) or where the event concerns a topic of relevance to the activities of the EMN and if this is consistent with the approach for networking with other entities (see section 3.3.3).

2.5 Co-ordination of EMN NCP activities

Necessary efforts to co-ordinate the activities given above, as well as for the management of a grant shall be undertaken. The EMN Handbook, which serves as reference document for the *modus operandi* of the EMN, shall be maintained, with efforts made to increase its accessibility. The Guide for Applicants 2014 will be reviewed to include more details on sound and efficient financial management.

An application for EMN NCP 2014 action grants may be submitted after the Commission decision on the EMN 2014 Annual Work Programme serving as financing decision is adopted and published under one general suspensive condition:

- the basic act establishing the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) is adopted by the legislative authority without substantial modifications;

3. Budgetary Provisions in 2014

The total budget foreseen for the implementation of EMN activities in 2014 is **EUR6 200 000**.

3.1 Grants for EMN NCPs

The total EU contribution foreseen for 2014 for the support of EMN NCPs is **EUR6 058 000**. The Commission shall implement the EU financial support in accordance with the Regulation (EU EURATOM) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the EU.

Grants shall be awarded without a call for proposals pursuant to Article 190(1)(d) RAP to the below listed EMN NCPs on the basis of individual grant applications. In accordance with Article 22 4(a) of the basic act establishing AMIF and amending Article 4(5a) of the EMN Council Decision, the indicative amount of the EU contribution for each EMN NCP is as given in the following Table.

	Member State	EU contribution (in EUR)
1	Austria	340.000
2	Belgium	226.000
3	Bulgaria	55.000
4	Croatia	60.000
5	Cyprus	48.000
6	Czech Republic	87.000
7	Estonia	158.000
8	Finland	382.000
9	France	300.000
10	Germany	430.000
11	Greece	93.000
12	Hungary	76.000
13	Ireland	382.000
14	Italy	344.000
15	Latvia	98.000
16	Lithuania	164.000
17	Luxembourg	469.000
18	Malta	56.000
19	Netherlands	500.000
20	Poland	95.000
21	Portugal	195.000
22	Romania	50.000
23	Slovak Republic	185.000
24	Slovenia	40.000
25	Spain	345.000
26	Sweden	452.000
27	United Kingdom	470.000
	TOTAL	6.100.000

The actual EU contribution to an EMN NCP will be determined on the basis of the grant application submitted by the EMN NCP. The maximum EU co-financing is set at 80% of the Total Eligible Cost. Grants shall be covered by a written grant agreement. The period of eligibility for costs incurred for the implementation of actions of the NCPs supported through grants awarded in 2014

may be from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2014 (Article 22.3 of the basic act establishing AMIF).

The award criteria will be the relevance of the proposal with regards to the objectives, the estimated impact of the proposed activities on the target group and cost effectiveness of the proposed activities.

The maximum EU funding for indirect costs (overheads) is set at a flat-rate of 7% of the Total Direct Eligible Cost.

Each EMN NCP shall submit, within 60 days after the end of the reporting period, a detailed narrative report describing the activities undertaken and their impacts, along with a detailed budget report.

3.2 Procurement

An amount of **EUR 142 000** is allocated for procurement contracts.

Type and object of the contracts

- (a) Hosting, supporting, maintaining, developing and enhancing the EMN website and Information Exchange System.
- (b) Supporting communication and dissemination activities of EMN.

Type of contract: (a) and (b) are specific contracts based on service framework contracts.

Indicative timetable: Q1, Q2 and Q3 2014

Appendix 1:

Definitions of EMN outputs

Ad-Hoc Query

Ad-Hoc Queries are a means by which EMN NCPs and the Commission can collect information from the Member States in a relatively short time on a wide range of asylum- and migration-related issues, e.g. legal migration, irregular migration, borders, return, visas etc. The network produces compilations of the responses to Ad-Hoc Queries, which rapidly assess the perspective of responding Member States in relation to a specific topic.⁴

Ad-Hoc Query Compilation

A summary document containing all Member State responses to an EMN Ad-Hoc Query, quality checked to a high level for consistency and accuracy, prepared by the launching EMN NCP.

Ad-Hoc Query Overview

A short overview of the main findings of an EMN Ad-Hoc Query, prepared by the EMN NCP launching the Study and accompanying the Ad-Hoc Query compilation.

Ad-Hoc Query Summary

A succinct summary of EMN NCP responses to one or more related EMN Ad-Hoc Queries presenting as an accessible narrative, drawing out the key findings and highlighting issues relevant to policymakers, prepared by the EMN Service Provider.

Annual Policy Report

In accordance with Article 9 of Council Decision 2008/381/EC, the EMN Annual Policy Report serves to provide an overall insight into the most significant political and legislative (including EU) developments, as well as public debates in the area of migration and asylum. These reports include, to the extent possible, relevant statistical data (even if tentative) to quantify the explanation of developments and indicate any trends in the reference year. Since 2009, the Annual Policy Report has contributed to the Commission's Annual Reports on Immigration and Asylum, reviewing the progress made in the implementation of asylum and migration policy.

Country Factsheets

Country Factsheets are updated on an annual basis, and provide succinct information on the most significant political and legislative developments in migration and international protection taking place in the Member States and Norway, plus the latest migration and international protection statistics.

Organograms: Organisation of Asylum and Migration Policies

Succinct summaries of the organisation of asylum and migration policies in each Member State and Norway are produced, including an organogram, and are updated to include significant national development, when these take place.

EMN Studies

The EMN produces Studies relevant to policymakers at national and EU levels, to meet both long-term and short-term needs. Study topics are selected from proposals made by individual or groups of EMN NCP(s) and/or the European Commission, based on their relevance to policymaking in the Member States and the Commission and its agencies. Topics may be proposed for in-depth, strategic studies, with long-term relevance (*Main Studies*), or for shorter studies to meet a short-

⁴ EMN Leaflet, March 2013

term information need (*Focussed Studies*). The Steering Board reviews and formally approves the selection of topics within the context of an annual EMN Work Programme⁵.

EMN Inform⁶

EMN Informs provide succinct key findings and messages to policymakers on a specific topic based on the results of information gathered and analysed by the EMN, for example, from Reports and Studies, or from Ad-Hoc Queries.

EMN Bulletin⁷

The EMN Bulletin provide up-to-date, topical information on a regular basis to policymakers and practitioners, to inform them of current and recent developments at EU and Member State level, including, to the extent possible, (latest) published statistics, primarily from Eurostat. The statistics provide a “snapshot” of the migratory situation in the EU and its Member States and are updated in light of any recent published statistics from Eurostat or Member State authorities.

EMN Status Report⁸

In accordance with Article 4(5c) of Council Decision 2008/381/EC, annual EMN Status Reports (subject to the approval of the Steering Board) are drafted to inform the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, of the on-going activities of the EMN and the key findings of its studies. The Status Reports thus cover the main outputs of the EMN in a particular year and further include information on, amongst others, the extent of networking, the activities taken to promote the EMN to a wider audience and information on how the EMN is managed.

⁵ EMN Leaflet, March 2013

⁶ EMN Leaflet, March 2013

⁷ EMN Handbook V2

⁸ EMN Handbook V2