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Main developments, challenges, and opportunities

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Online

RATIONALE AND AIMS

The EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum 2022 (ARM) highlights the most significant legislative and policy developments introduced by [EMN Member and Observer Countries](#)¹ during 2022. The report² provides an overview of key developments and cross-cutting themes in all areas of migration and asylum, set in the context of statistics developed by Eurostat. A more detailed Statistical Annex prepared by Eurostat is published alongside the Annual Report.

The Russian war against Ukraine, which began on 24 February 2022, has led to millions of displaced persons fleeing to the EU and neighbouring countries. This was met with an unprecedented and unified response by the European Union and the international community. In response to this crisis, the Temporary Protection Directive was activated on 4 March 2022, one week after the Russian invasion. This measure provided immediate protection and a harmonized set of rights. Today, over four million registrations for temporary protection are recorded in the EU and Schengen Associated Countries, of which more than 3 million registrations in the first half of 2022. While not bound by the Directive, the ARM also shows the contribution of EMN Observer Countries in supporting persons fleeing Ukraine.

This new challenge sits alongside existing ones related to demography, labour market, or the impact of migration on Member States' societies. The year 2022 witnessed a notable increase in asylum applications (ca. 966 000 asylum applications, up by around 50% from 2021 and the most since 2016) and irregular border crossings (around 330 000 IBC, +64% from 2022) which placed pressure on the asylum systems and reception capacities of both Member States and Norway.

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² The EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum 2022 was prepared on the basis of annual National Reports on Migration and Asylum from 29 Member and Observer Countries.
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Attracting and retaining qualified workers remains a priority for the EMN Member and Observer Countries. During 2022 further labour shortages and bottlenecks were identified, and there was a continued emphasis among Member States on implementing reforms to better attract skilled individuals and manage legal migration. Similarly, Georgia has designed a new development strategy to enhance the country's development *inter alia* by facilitating labour migration and strengthening its diaspora abroad.

As the impact of COVID-19 receded in 2022 it allowed for the lifting of travel restrictions and the resumption of return-related activities.

In this context, the event will discuss the factors which drove legal and policy developments in 2022, placing them within broader policy efforts to improve migration management. The event will present the main findings of the ARM, alongside a contextualising statistical overview. It will also provide the opportunity to reflect on a key theme emerging from its findings – the need to attract talent and skilled workers to the EU and the role of partnerships and Team Europe initiatives with non-EU countries.

The event will be hosted online through Zoom, and available to a broad range of audiences, including EU and national policy makers, EU agencies, experts and practitioners, academia, civil society, and NGOs, as well as the general public.

If you would like to join, we kindly invite you to register [here](#).

For any questions regarding the event, please contact the EMN Service Provider at emn@icf.com

AGENDA

06 July 2023	
09:30-09:40 CEST	<p>Welcome and introduction Event moderator: <i>Rafael Bärlund, Head of EMN Finland</i></p>
09:40 – 09:50 CEST	<p>Keynote speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Martin Taschner - Head of Unit, Migration Management Preparedness, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</i>
09:50 – 10:35 CEST	<p>Session 1 - EMN Annual Report on Migration and Asylum (ARM) 2022 – <i>This panel officially launches the 2022 EMN Annual Report on Asylum and Migration and its statistical annex. The session presents key trends concerning policy and legal changes identified in the report.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Rafael Bärlund, Head of EMN Finland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official European statistics - EU trends and statistics in 2022 – <i>Ani Todorova, Head of Unit, Population and Migration, Eurostat, European Commission</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy developments in EMN Member and Observer Countries in 2022 – Anne Sheridan, Senior Policy Officer, EMN Ireland and Hans Lemmens, National Coordinator, EMN the Netherlands <p>Questions and Answers</p>
<p>10:35-11:15 CEST</p>	<p>Session 2 – Legal migration <i>This session will focus on some of the topics related to legal migration, covered in the ARM 2022.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Rafael Bärlund, Head of EMN Finland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A new generation of Skills Mobility Partnerships in Belgium: Entrepreneurial and Displaced Talent Mobility – <i>Christophe Van Hemelryck, Policy Officer, EMN Belgium</i> ▪ Tackling Germany’s shortage of skilled workers: Migration and Mobility Partnerships with non-EU countries – <i>Manfred Kohlmeier, National Coordinator, EMN Germany</i> ▪ Migration in the state’s development agenda – <i>George Jashi, National Coordinator, EMN Georgia</i> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
<p>11:15 - 11:20 CEST</p>	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Magnus Ovilius, Chair of the EMN and Head of Sector Forecasting, Preparedness and Policy Monitoring, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</i>