



Ad-Hoc Query on the development of a national network

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1. Background Information

The French NCP is currently in the process of organizing its first national meeting to develop its national network. In that context, it would be very interesting to learn how your national network is constituted.



The Council Decision of 14 May 2008 establishing the European Migration Network mentions that “each National Contact Point should establish a national migration network, composed of organizations and individuals active in the area of migration and asylum, and including, for example, universities, research organizations and researchers, governmental and non-governmental organizations and international organizations, in order to enable all relevant stakeholders to be heard.”

In that perspective, we would like to ask the following questions:

- Is your national network made up of public administrations, NGOs, associations, universities, and/or researchers? Do you collaborate with other entities?
- Could you send us the list of the main entities you are working with? Are you satisfied with the current composition of your national network or do you think you should privilege certain entities more than others?







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2. Responses¹

	Austria	Yes	<p>The Austrian National Network is composed of different stakeholders active in the field of asylum and migration issues in Austria (NGOs, associations, universities as well as researchers). You can find a list of all contacts at our national website: http://www.emn.at/module-Content-main-idc-2.phtml</p> <p>However please notice that we are currently also revising and enlarging the network especially to new institutions, NGOs and researchers.</p>
	Belgium	Yes	<p>Notre réseau consiste surtout des autres administrations et des chercheurs/universités et moins des ONG. On n'a pas vraiment une liste officielle des membres nationaux.</p> <p><u>Administrations:</u> surtout des administrations qui sont aussi partiellement responsable pour le domaine de migration/asile: Affaires Etrangères (visa; ambassadeur pour la migration); Police (trafic; retour; immigration illégale;...) Justice (nationalité; mineurs non-accompagnés; etc.), Travail (permis de travail), Intégration Sociale,... ça dépend bien-sûr aussi des études /ad hoc queries: par exemple on a fait une étude en 2006 sur la "Migration in the health sector": alors on a aussi contacté SPF Santé Public. Cela dépend des programmes de travail annuels.</p> <p><u>chercheurs/universités:</u> en Belgique il y a une vingtaine des chercheurs (venant d'une 5 universités/institutions: par exemple: http://www.cedem.ulg.ac.be/ ; http://www.ulb.ac.be/socio/germe/index.htm) qui travaillent plus ou moins temps plein sur migration/intégration et avec qui nous avons de temps en temps contact (avec les uns plus que les autres bien-sûr). Une bonne méthode pour développer est de sous-traiter des études/travail.</p> <p><u>ONG:</u> On travaille avec quelques ONG dans le cadre du EMN (conférences; ad hoc queries; newsletter; diffusion des études) mais pas très profondément.</p> <p>Quelques autres organismes parfois: syndicats; associations des employeurs.</p> <p>Organismes internationaux: IOM; European Policy Center; Centre for European Policy Studies, etc.</p> <p>Le PCN belge a la chance que c'est composé de différents institutions (Office des Etrangers; Commissariat-général pour les réfugiés; Centre pour l'égalité des chances et Direction statistique de la SPF Economie) et ça facilite clairement le networking.</p>

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	Bulgaria	Yes	
	Cyprus	Yes	
	Czech Republic	Yes	<p>A présent, notre réseau national se compose des membres de l'administration publique (y compris la police et la service statistique) et des universitaires. Nous y avons de plus l'institut de la recherche en affaires sociales et du travail et l'Institut des informations sur l'éducation, ce qui sont des organisations établies par des ministères, et puis encore l'OIM. Nous allons approcher des ONG dans la seconde moitié de 2010.</p> <p>Toutefois, nous regardons les gens de la recherche scientifique les plus importants partenaires et nous voulons se concentrer vers la collaboration avec eux afin d'avoir et faire accès aux issues de la recherche. Nous sommes en train de développer la site-internet du PNC tchèque qui donnera cet accès et nous organisons une publication des essais sur la recherche en migrations par plusieurs membres du réseau national.</p>
	Denmark	Yes	
	Estonia	Yes	<p>On behalf of Estonian NCP I may say that we are under public administration - The Estonian Public Service Academy is a state institution, providing professional education for civil servants belonging in the area of government under the Estonian Ministry of the Interior. In our NCP there is 3 full-time workers. At the moment we are establishing our webpage and we have very widespread collaboration with our national network – Estonian Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Police- and Border guard Board, IOM and many NGO-s. Par exemple for working out the glossary terms we establish last year working group which consists of governmental institutions and also of Estonian Language Institute.</p> <p>With main cooperation institutions we have also the cooperation agreements.</p> <p>The main NGOs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IOM - The Integration and Migration Foundation Our People (MISA) http://www.meis.ee/first-page ; - Centre Johannes Mihkelson (refugee project) and - Estonian Institute for Human Rights http://www.eihr.ee/Eng/IndexEng.html .
	Finland	Yes	<p>The EMN National Network in Finland consists of both organisational entity / institutetional members and individual researchers cum students.</p> <p>We advertise the membership on our national web-pages (please click below for the summary pages in English, the main bulk of the material is in Finnish and Swedish, which are the two official languages of Finland).</p> <p>http://www.emn.fi/in_english</p>





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			<p>The development of the national network is one of my responsibilities as the co-ordinator of the FI EM NCP. I promote the network by making visits to universities (went to the two northernmost universities in Finland last week, the University of Oulu and the University of Lapland), and by inviting different institutions to visit us. Another way of garnering new members is in the course of our everyday work of writing the thematic studies and trying to find out who would be the best person to answer a particular ad hoc-question. As we contact these people and organisations, we at the same time introduce what we do and invite them to become EMN national network members.</p> <p>We currently have 13 organisations on our roster. They represent governmental and municipal actors, research institutions, international organisations, religious denominations, NGO's and news media. So far, as far as getting help from the national network members in completing the EMN work programme (for example information received to cover certain specifications in the EMN studies and information needed to respond to ad hoc-questions) we have had most co-operation with government entities.</p> <p>The list is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ETMU ry: ETMU Registered Society The Society for the Study of Ethnic Relations and International Migration. This is the main (and only) network of researchers in this field in Finland http://www.etmu.fi/index_eng.html 2. Espoon kaupunki: Henkilöstökeskus - Espoo municipality Personnel Department (One of the two satellite town next to Helsinki, which is the capital city). Espoo has a sizeable immigrant population, like Helsinki 3. Helsingin kaupunki - Maahanmuutto-osasto Helsinki municipality Immigration Unit http://www.hel.fi/wps/portal/Henkilostokeskus_en/Maahanmuutto_en?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/heke/en/Immigration 4. HEUNI UN-sponsored European Institute of Criminal Policy http://www.emn.fi/kansallinen_verkosto/organisaatiot 5. IOM Helsinki office 6. Familia club Society for Multicultural affairs & MONIHELI project (an Umbrella organisation for 26 Immigrant societies in Finland) http://www.familiaclub.fi/moniheli_homepage.html 7. Rajavartiolaitos The Finnish Border Guard 8. Siirtolaisuusinstituutti Institute of Migration, (The main research insitute in Migration matters in Finland) http://www.migrationinstitute.fi/index_e.php
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			<p>9. Suomen Vapakirkko The Evangelical Free Church of Finland (A protestant Christian denomination working outside the State Church. The oldest non-state protestant denomination established officially in Finland after the Act on the Freedom of Religion was passed in 1923. Social concerns are central to their agenda. http://www.svk.fi/index.php?sid=25</p> <p>10. Terveysten ja hyvinvoinnin laitos National Institute for Health and Welfare Currently running a large-scale long term national level research project on immigrant health. http://www.stakes.fi/EN/index.htm</p> <p>11. Tilastokeskus Statistics Finland (The official national data provider for EUROSTAT, our main co-operating partner for statistical info) http://www.stat.fi/index_sv.html</p> <p>12. Warsan Somai Media Finland registered society (Somali immigrants news media) (Somali and Finnish language written materials, electronic news and radio broadcasts) http://radiowarsan.com/web/</p> <p>13. Yhteiset lapsemme ry All Our Children Registered Society</p> <p>All Our Children ry is a child welfare organization founded in Helsinki in the spring of 1988. The organization acts on a humanitarian basis, accepting different social, political and religious views and operates in the spirit of the UN Declaration and Convention on Rights of the Child.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminars and Research • International Adoption: Advice and Support • Family meetings and Club Activities • Sponsorship Programmes, Cooperation in the Adjacent Areas and Development Cooperation • Foster care • Information and Publications <p>http://www.yhteisetlapsemme.fi/english.html</p> <p>We also encourage individual researchers to join, as often though them we get information from important national and multinational</p>
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			<p>prjects dealing with migration issues (either EU-funded or with other funding sources) and they can be extremely useful sources for gathering information needed for the EMN thematic study reports. Currently we have 32 researchers / students in our register. We can utilise Universtiy placement students as free labour for 2 - 3 month stints, and we have started a policy that we take students who have joined our network. If you click the list below, you see that like with the Organisational members, by clicking on the name on the right hand column the special research interests of the person can be seen. The persons can update their own info by forwarding it to us. This is a way for the reserachers to network and find out who may have information on a certain topic regarding migration issues, which they have need to find out more for some reason. Some of the researches are attached to different universities in Finland, for example Dr Marianne Teräs from Helsinki University, representing different interests, such as integration, multiculturalism, international refugee issues, etc. or to a government department, such as the Education dept for example as is the case with Mr Mikko Cortes-Telles</p> <p>http://www.emn.fi/kansallinen_verkosto/tutkijat</p> <p>THE PROCEDURE FOR JOINING:</p> <p>One can join the network by filling out an electronic form on our website. The info about joining the national network and the form itself are available also in English, as there are for example foreign researchers residing in Finland with no, or only limited ability, in Finnish, who may be interested in joining our network, and indeed this has already happened. Only once so far have we turned down an applicant. He was not living in Finland and his interests were not with migration issues at all. It was someone who was trying to sell products via Internet.</p> <p>http://www.emn.fi/in_english/sign_up_as_a_member</p> <p>Just to end with the note that the national WebPages have been instrumental in getting our national network started up. This way they can feel they can also gain something from participating in our work.</p>
	France	Yes	The French NCP is currently in the process of building up its national network. One of the main actions will be to organize its first national meeting.
	Germany	Yes	Germany is developing the national network according to a concept on which the Federal Office agreed with the network partners in 2009. Currently we have 28 network partners - mainly from universities and institutes but also for example members from federal offices or ministries, UNHCR and IOM (please see the list of the German network partners under http://www.bamf.de/cln_170/nn_435052/SubSites/EMN/EN/Netzwerke/DeutschePartner/deutschepartner-node.html?_nnn=true)
	Greece	Yes	
	Hungary	Yes	The Hungarian national network is very colourful as it is made up of public administrations (ministries, Office of Immigration and Nationality, Police, Central Statistical Office), NGOs, associations, universities, and researchers as well. Among the members there are









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			<p>also independent experts not representing any organisation or body. When setting up our national network it was our priority to involve as many type of actors, stakeholders working in the field of migration and asylum as possible. We are very happy with this diverse composition and we are still aiming at enlarging our national network. Of course, when answering ad hoc queries or elaborating a study we have to turn to the authority/organisation responsible for the information in concern. Otherwise we do not privilege certain entities more than others in the national network.</p> <p>The institutional members of our national network are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Police Headquarters - UNHCR - Artemisszió Fund - Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour - Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Office of Immigration and Nationality - Hungarian Interchurch Aid - Office of the Minorities Ombudsman - IOM - Parliamentary Commissioners' Office - Menedék Association - Hungarian Helsinki Committee - Eötvös Loránd Science University - Society Research Institute - Central Stitistical Office - Demographic Research Institute - Ministry of Local Government - KOPINT-TÁRKI Ltd. - Ministry of Education and Culture - Eötvös Loránd Science University, Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences - Subjective Values Fund - Terre des hommes - Child Relief - National Bureau of Investigation
	Ireland	Yes	<p>Regarding the Irish national network, we have developed a two-strand approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A National Network Consultation Group which consists of key high-level policymakers, I/NGOs and the ESRI. This





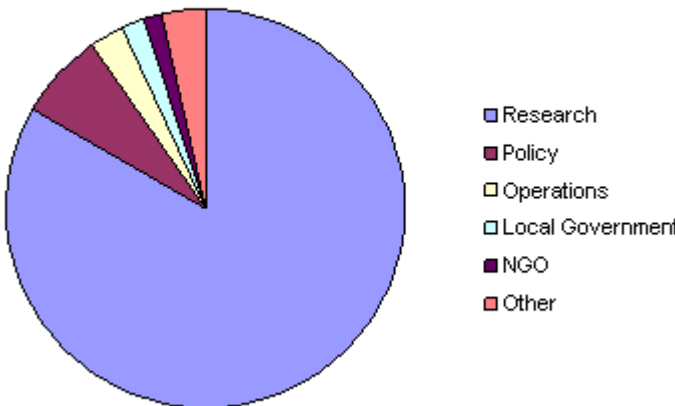
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			<p>Consultation Group aims to meet twice a year to discuss activities (planned and recent) within the EMN as well as roundtable input from stakeholders. Also included in these meetings are presentations regarding pertinent, related research activities within the ESRI. Within this Group, we have representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Immigration Policy, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform</i> - <i>Asylum Policy, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform</i> - <i>Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) (invited; police department responsible for immigration matters)</i> - <i>Anti-Human Trafficking Unit, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform</i> - <i>Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner (ORAC)</i> - <i>Refugee Appeals Tribunal (RAT)</i> - <i>Reception and Integration Agency (RIA) (invited)</i> - <i>Employment Permits Section, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE)</i> - <i>Office of the Minister for Integration</i> - <i>HSE, Social Work Team for Separated Children Seeking Asylum</i> - <i>Central Statistics Office</i> - <i>Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI)</i> - <i>Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (MRCI)</i> - <i>Irish Refugee Council</i> - <i>United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</i> - <i>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i> <p>2. The second strand involves extending the national network to include wider policymakers, INGOs and researchers/academics. We aim to achieve this during 2010 by holding a larger research event later in the year which will have a capacity of approximately 100 persons and be on a migration theme. Invited speakers will include those from a research/university and policymaking background.</p>
	Italy	Yes	
	Latvia	Yes	<p>The national network of the Latvian NCP consists of following stake holders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State institutions - partners who are very useful for the development of reports and studies as they poses the official information and data; - Higher education establishments - who participate in our events with presentations on their studies in the field of migration and asylum; - Libraries and other institutions who work with information distribution to general public, and help us to distribute our reports and studies; - Riga office of the IOM - who has helped us in the development of some studies. <p>Our network is quite small we have 14 partners, but we are very careful about the enlargement of the network as it takes quite a lot of work to maintain good relationships with all the partners.</p>

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	Lithuania	Yes	
	Luxembourg	Yes	<p>Voici la liste des membres de notre réseau national :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Université du Luxembourg (la coordinatrice du réseau (avec 3 collaboratrices scientifiques) + un professeur en tant que legal adviser + un professeur en tant senior migration expert) - Office luxembourgeois de l'accueil et de l'intégration (Ministère de la Famille et de l'intégration) - Direction de l'Immigration (Ministère des Affaires étrangères) - SeSoPI-Centre Intercommunautaire - Service central de la statistique et des études économiques (STATEC) - Centre d'Etudes de Populations, de Pauvreté et de Politiques Socio-économiques (CEPS/INSTEAD).
	Malta	Yes	
	Netherlands	Yes	
	Poland	Yes	
	Portugal	Yes	<p>In Portugal the national network is formally and essentially composed by public entities. Nevertheless when necessary the PT EMN NCP establishes contacts and informal communication with other entities.</p> <p>These public entities which compose our national network represents a large universe of competences, namely social security, employment and vocational training, labour conditions, health care, taxes, consular affairs, amongst others.</p>
	Romania	Yes	
	Slovak Republic	Yes	<p>The Slovak National Contact Point is composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IOM International Organization for Migration (coordinator) - Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic (Migration Office, Bureau of Border and Aliens Police, Section for legislation and external relations) - Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family - Statistical Office of the SR <p>The representatives of these institutions build within their institutions their networks who are also part of the National Migration Network. Other representatives of the National Migration Network come from other state and governmental institutions (e.g. Offices of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Government Office, etc.), local government and cities, think tanks, NGOs, international organisations,</p>

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	Slovenia	Yes	
	Spain	Yes	
	Sweden	Yes	
	United Kingdom	Yes	<p>The UK national network consists of academic researchers, non government organisations (NGOs), as well as researchers from other government departments, with an expertise or interest in immigration asylum, and integration. At present we have over 100 members and are continually making efforts to build on this. The chart below shows the make up of the network by type of organisation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UK national network by type of organisation</p>  <p>The majority of the UK network is made up of academic researchers; our plans to increase the size of the network include extending coverage to organisations that are under represented by our current membership, in particular by increasing the representation of NGOs, think tanks, and local government authorities. This year we aim to build on established relationships within the UK Border Agency and</p>

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