

# European Migration Network

National Contact Point Finland



# HISTORY AND OBJECTIVES

- Joint EU-wide monitoring mechanism for migration issues
  - Suggested by the Commission in 1994 and 1997
  - Pilot Phase 2003 – 2007
  - Council Decision 2008/381/EC 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008

EMN provides up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information to support EU policy making on migration and asylum

- Dissemination of EMN products through a public website  
<http://emn.sarenet.es/html/index.htm>
- EMN National Contact point (NCP) in each EU member state
  - Denmark as an observer member only
  - Norway co-opted with national funding in 2010
  - placed either in the Ministry responsible for migration issues, govt. dept, research centre or within local IOM office
  - The FI EMN's NCP operates within the Finnish Immigration Service

# Finnish Immigration Service

## Units, Sections and the Areas of Responsibility

**Director General**

Management Support

| Immigration                             | Asylum                     | Reception | Nationality                | Customer Service       | Administration       | Legal Service and Country Information | e-Services        | Communications |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Legal and Support Services and students | Legal and Support Services |           | Legal and Support Services | Customer Service Point | Personnel Management | Legal Service                         | Technical Support |                |
| Europe and CIS countries                | Dublin Section             |           | Section 1                  | Telephone Service      | Financial Management | Country Information                   | Statistics        |                |
| Asia                                    | Helsinki 1 Section         |           | Section 2                  |                        | Document Management  | European Migration Network            | UMA               |                |
| Africa, America and Oceania             | Helsinki 2 Section         |           |                            |                        |                      |                                       | Helpdesk          |                |
| Permits for employed persons            | Helsinki 3 Section         |           |                            |                        |                      |                                       |                   |                |
| the Middle East and North Africa        | Helsinki 4 Section         |           |                            |                        |                      |                                       |                   |                |
|   | Kainuu Section             |           |                            |                        |                      |                                       |                   |                |
|   | Saimaa Section             |           |                            |                        |                      |                                       |                   |                |
|   | Oulu Section               |           |                            |                        |                      |                                       |                   |                |

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# EMN STRUCTURE and WORKING METHOD

- European Commission provides the annual EMN work programme and co-ordinates the work of EMN NCP's
- EMN Steering Group meets biannually
- Regular EMN NCP meetings and workshops in Brussels (6-7 per year)
- Annual EMN conference to disseminate main products of the year
- Cluster meetings between various EMN NCP's
- Co-operation encouraged with other EU actors and international bodies
  - to avoid overlap and obtain synergy advantage

# MAIN PRODUCTS: EMN STUDIES

- **EMN Desk-top studies**

**Bring together, analyse and make accessible already available information**

- **Annual Immigration and Asylum Policy reports**

- § Provides an overall insight into the most significant political discussions, legal developments, enforcement policies and administrative practices in the participating Member States within the field of migration and asylum.

- **Annual Report on Migration and International Protection Statistics**

- § the national statistical data are analysed by the EMN NCPs in the context of legal and policy developments within the reference period.

- **Thematic studies relevant to EU-policy-makers**

- § EMN NCPs , National network members and COM suggest topics

- § EMN Steering Group and COM choose 2 – 3 each year

# WORKING METHOD FOR EMN STUDIES

- Commission with the service provider (GHK-COWI) produces the study specifications with EMN NCPs feedback
- National reports with common specifications conducted first
  - may also be published in the national language locally
- Synthesis Report produced by GHK-COWI academic experts provides then an overview of national findings within an EU perspective.

**EMN Annual Policy report used in monitoring the implementation of the *European Pact on Immigration and Asylum* and the *Stockholm Programme***

# OTHER PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Ad hoc queries
  - Question & answer network to provide information in a relatively short time on a wide range of specific asylum- and migration-related issues of relevance to policy development both in an EMN NCPs' Member State and/or by the Commission.
- EMN Glossary and Thesaurus
  - Provides common definitions and understanding of terms in the field of asylum and migration which are then used, for example, in the formulation of queries and undertaking of studies according to common specifications by the EMN NCPs. The glossary is also used to develop further the EMN Thesaurus, the purpose of which is to permit the structured searching of documents within the EMN's Information Exchange System.
  - First printed in 2010, electronic version with continual up-date  
<http://emn.sarenet.es/Downloads/prepareShowFiles.do;jsessionid=5F8419C514B499D5C7678A9751C323E5?directoryID=117>

# NATIONAL NETWORK

- **NATIONAL NETWORK**

- An informal body of experts on asylum, immigration and Integration to assist in the EMN NCP's work programme
  - § national and local authorities, research community, educational institutions, NGO sector
- Networking opportunity with other experts both nationally and Internationally to get assistance in one's own tasks and to disseminate information. Main tools:
  - § EMN National Web page <http://www.emn.fi>
  - § Monthly newsletters
- Annual EMN National Network Seminar
  - § Disseminating information on EMN products and activities
  - § catering for the interests of national actors in the field of migration
    - Key note address on relevant topic with national interest
    - Presenting the work of different national actors in the field of migration

## EMN Thematic studies 2011

- ***Visa Policy as Migration Channel***
- ***Practical responses to irregular immigration in the EU Member States***



*Thank you*

