

Virtual EMN Annual Conference | Thursday, 29 October 2020

Towards effective asylum and migration management – Innovative approaches and implementation in practice

Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Nuremberg, Germany

Kindly note that all sessions take place in Central European Time (CET)

09:00	<p>Opening and Introduction to the conference</p> <p>Overall Conference Moderators:</p> <p>Veronika Held, Head of the Division Migration Policy, Developments in European Law, European Migration Network (EMN), BAMF</p> <p>Axel Kreienbrink, Head of the Migration, Integration and Asylum Research Centre, BAMF</p>
09:10	<p>Welcome Speech</p> <p>Andrea Schumacher, Vice President, BAMF</p>
09:15	<p>Opening Speech</p> <p>Stephan Mayer, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany</p>
09:20	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>Ylva Johansson, Commissioner for Home Affairs, European Commission</p>
09:40	<p>Panel I</p> <p>Knowledge and Information Management in the Migration Context: Cooperation in Europe and Beyond</p> <p><i>This panel focuses on the framework conditions required to ensure that high-quality migration knowledge is exchanged, harmonised and easily accessible across borders. Innovation and internationalisation are of great importance in this area in order to keep pace with the increased need for reliable and comparable information and knowledge.</i></p> <p>Chair: Katrin Hirseland, Head of Research Department, BAMF</p>

	<p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ward Lutin, Head of Asylum Knowledge Centre, European Asylum Support Office ▪ Dessislava Choumelova, Head of Unit ‘Demography, Migration and Governance’, Joint Research Centre, European Commission ▪ Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, OECD
10:30	<i>coffee break / networking</i>
10:45	<p>Perspectives of European Migration Policy in the view of the German Council Presidency Q&A</p> <p>Ulrich Weinbrenner, Head of Department for Migration, Refugees and Return Policy, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community</p>
11:15	<p>Panel II Faster and more Reliable: Data Management in the Asylum Procedure</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss the importance, challenges and innovations of data management, data quality, interoperability of databases and data protection in the asylum procedure. These are essential components in coordinating the respective procedural steps, creating reliability for all parties and saving resources. This is particularly true in times of crisis and exceptional circumstances, such as the Covid-19 pandemic.</i></p> <p>Chair: Janne Grote, Researcher and Policy Analyst, EMN Germany, BAMF</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Simona Spinelli, Vice Prefect, Ministry of the Interior, Italy ▪ Hanne Beirens, Director, Migration Policy Institute Europe ▪ Roar Iost, Process Adviser, Norwegian Immigration Directorate
12:00	<i>lunch break</i>
13:00	<p>Innovation and Change Processes in Migration Policy on a Global level: Challenges and Opportunities</p> <p>Eva Åkerman Börje, Director a. i., Office of the Director General, International Organization for Migration</p>
13:15	<p>Panel III Community Sponsorship: A New Approach in Humanitarian Admission Programmes</p> <p><i>In this panel, community sponsoring programmes are viewed from different angles. In particular, the focus will be how to make a (still) young and innovative approach like the privately/community financed admission of beneficiaries of international protection crisis-</i></p>

proof in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the panel will discuss specific challenges and innovative approaches with regard to communicating with mentors and refugees.

Chair: N.N.

Discussants:

- **Eibhlin Byrne**, Director, Irish Refugee Protection Programme, Department of Justice and Equality
- **Andrea Schumacher**, Vice-President, BAMF
- **Giulio di Blasi**, Europe Director Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative

14:00	Concluding Remarks Veronika Held and Axel Kreienbrink, BAMF
14:15	Socialising / Networking in Chat Rooms
15:00	End of the event