

EMN ASYLUM AND MIGRATION GLOSSARY

Whether you are already working in the field, a newcomer or simply interested in asylum and migration, the European Migration Network (EMN) Glossary is an essential resource.

The EMN Asylum and Migration Glossary offers an EU-wide multidisciplinary vocabulary of approximately 500 terms and concepts, with terms translated into a number of languages. A consultative approach is used to keep the EMN Glossary up-to-date and relevant. The EMN Glossary is developed by a dedicated working group which collaborates with the European Commission, EASO, FRA, FRONTEX, the Council of the EU, the Court of Justice of the EU and international organisations, such as UNHCR and IOM.



BETTER COMPARABILITY OF TERMS

The purpose of the EMN Glossary is to provide EU harmonised terminology on migration and asylum to ensure comparability and common understanding of concepts. It intends to make communication easier for policy-makers, practitioners, media and people interested in the topic of migration.

CLEAR METHODOLOGY AND SOURCES

There are many possible sources to define migration and asylum terms. To address this, the EMN Glossary has established a clear hierarchy of sources. Definitions from the EU acquis are prioritised but other relevant sources from other contexts are also used. Sources are clearly indicated.

PUTTING TERMS IN CONTEXT

Many migration and asylum terms have synonyms or other related terms. The EMN Glossary acknowledges this by focusing on a preferred term for the definition and linking to related terms. The EMN Glossary also provides notes to reflect the understanding of terms in different contexts and disciplines.

USER FRIENDLY/EASILY ACCESSIBLE

The EMN Glossary is available to users as an [interactive online glossary](#) accessible from the EMN central and national websites, as a printed edition, as well as a mobile application for download by [Android](#) and [iOS users](#).

GLOSSARY APP

The EMN Glossary App allows for convenient access to the terms translated into a number of languages. Definitions can be browsed in English, Finnish, German, Italian and Latvian. The App provides alphabetical search, browse functions for the terms as well as the visual navigation of the relationships between terms.

The European Migration Network (EMN) is a Europe-wide network consisting of National Contact Points (NCPs) in the Member States and Norway, providing information on migration and asylum. The EMN was officially set up in 2008 by the European Commission on behalf of the European Council in order to satisfy the need for a regular exchange of reliable information on migration and asylum related issues on a European level.

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