



## National EMN Conference Sweden 2019

# “Attracting and Welcoming International Students”

Stockholm, 8 May 2019

**What makes a country an attractive destination for international students?** This is the central question we aim to address at this event. The conference, which is closely linked to a recent EMN study on international students, will highlight policies and practices of attracting and welcoming students from non-EU countries. To what extent and how international students are encouraged to remain will also be discussed. While the focus of the conference is on the national and local level in Sweden, the event will also include a comparative European perspective, and we aim to look into laws and policies, administrative practices regarding residence permits, as well as scholarships and exchange programmes, among other issues, including international students’ experiences in Sweden.

**Date and time:** Wednesday, 8 May 2019, 08:30 – 16:00

**Venue:** Radisson Blu Royal Viking Hotel, Vasagatan 1, Stockholm City

The Conference will be held in English. Participation including lunch and coffee breaks is free of charge.

The number of available places is limited, please register by sending an email to [nathalie.blad@migrationsverket.se](mailto:nathalie.blad@migrationsverket.se) on **5 April 2019** at the latest. Places will be allocated on a ‘first come, first served’ basis. In the email, please state your **name, organisation, country, email address** and whether you have any special **dietary requirements**.

If you have any questions, please contact the Swedish EMN team at [emn@migrationsverket.se](mailto:emn@migrationsverket.se)

**Welcome!**

# Preliminary programme, 8 May 2019

**Moderators:** Marie Bengtsson and Bernd Parusel, Swedish Migration Agency

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| <b>08:30 - 09:30</b> | <b>Arrival and registration of participants, coffee</b>   |   |
| <b>09:30 - 11:00</b> | <b>Welcome</b>  | <b>Susanne Jerkenhag</b> , Head of Section,<br>Swedish Migration Agency   |
|                      | <b>Introduction to the Conference:</b> Sweden<br>as a destination for international students                            | <b>Lars Westbratt</b> , State Secretary to the<br>Minister for Justice and Migration, Swedish<br>Government   |
|                      | <b>Panel I: Attracting and retaining international students in Sweden</b>   |   |
|                      | Policies to attract and retain international<br>students – insights from a new EMN study                                | <b>Bernd Parusel</b> , Swedish Migration<br>Agency  |
|                      | Scholarships for international students   | <b>Johanna Jeppsson</b> , Swedish Institute   |
|                      | Academic mobility and Swedish scholarships:<br>A study on alumni of the Swedish Institute's<br>Visby Programme          | <b>Andreas Åkerlund</b> , Associate<br>Professor, Södertörn University  |
|                      | <i>Questions and answers</i>  |   |
| <b>11:00 – 11:30</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |   |
| <b>11:30 – 12:30</b> | <b>Panel II: A comparative EMN perspective - Attraction and retention strategies<br/>in Germany and the Netherlands</b> |   |
|                      | Case study <b>Germany</b>   | <b>Paula Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik</b> , University of Geneva   |
|                      | Case study <b>Netherlands</b>   | <b>Hanna van der Linden</b> , Immigration and<br>Naturalization Service, Netherlands  |
|                      | <i>Interactive discussion (30 minutes): What can Sweden, Germany and the Netherlands<br/>learn from each other?</i>     |   |
| <b>12:30 – 13:30</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |   |
| <b>13:30 – 14:30</b> | <b>Panel III: Attracting and welcoming international students – the role of higher<br/>education institutions</b>       |   |
|                      | Attracting international students -<br>Linköping University   | <b>Johanna Gistvik</b> , International Office,<br>Linköping University  |
|                      | Attracting and retaining international<br>students at Halmstad University   | <b>Ulf Ivarsson</b> , Chancellery, Halmstad<br>University   |
|                      | International students at Lund University   | <b>Mikael Sundström</b> ,<br>Faculty of Social Sciences, Lund University  |
|                      | <i>Questions and answers</i>  |   |
| <b>14:30 – 15:00</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |   |
| <b>15:00 – 16:00</b> | <b>Panel IV: The experience of<br/>international students in Sweden</b>   | <b>Essam Sharaf</b> , Karolinska Institutet<br><b>Anna Youngquist</b> , KTH Royal Institute of<br>Technology  |
|                      |   | <b>Katren Rogers</b> , Lund university<br><b>Angélica Jiménez Méndez</b> , Stockholm<br>School of Economics<br><b>Nijat Eldarov</b> , Lund university |
|                      | <b>Summary and Outlook</b>  |   |

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## About the EMN

The European Migration Network (EMN) is an EU funded network, set up with the aim of providing up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum for Institutions of the European Union, plus authorities and institutions of the Member States of the EU, in order to inform policymaking. The EMN also serves to provide the wider public with such information. The EMN was established by the European Council Decision 2008/381/EC adopted on 14 May 2008. For further information:

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