

National EMN-Conference 2012

Entry and stay of international students

Stockholm, 18 April 2012

Background

In accordance with the European Migration Network's annual work programme for 2012, the participating states will conduct a study on entry and residence of international students from third countries. The study's objective is to provide a comparative overview of policies and legislation in the EU Member States and Norway concerning international students, and to draw conclusions with a view to assist the further development of existing EU-policy.

National study

Apart from a comprehensive description of the respective legislative and policy framework in the participating countries concerning student migration, the EMN study will include information on measures aimed at facilitating the entry and stay of third country national students and on existing bilateral and multilateral cooperation in terms of student exchange. The study will also present and analyse relevant statistics. One of the main research questions of the study is whether the participating states perceive the entry and stay of third country national students as a temporary form of migration or whether the respective national policy is based on the assumption that a well-functioning system of student admission can serve as a means to attract and maintain a highly qualified workforce. Further to this, the study will attempt to clarify how misuses of the 'student route' for other forms of residence can be prevented and avoided. Another relevant aspect will be to look into the possibilities of third country national students to move from one EU member state on to another, and to identify any obstacles to such intra-European mobility.

National Conference

Given that the EMN study deals with a topic that is both relevant and timely at the EU level but also – under specific aspects such as the introduction of student fees in 2011 – in Sweden, the national EMN contact point organises a network conference about the entry and stay of third country national students. The conference shall contribute to collecting information, experiences and opinions required for the EMN study and provide an opportunity for different actors and researchers from universities, ministries and national authorities, among others, to exchange ideas and information. The Conference will be held on **18 April 2012** at Stockholm City Conference Centre, 'Music Hall' (*Musiksalen*) at *Norra Latin*, Drottninggatan 71b, Stockholm.

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Programme, 18 April 2012

08:45-09:15	Arrival and registration	
	Session I: Introduction and background	
	Welcome and opening remarks	<i>Eva Åkesson, Vice-Chancellor, Uppsala University</i>
	Recent developments within the EMN and presentation of EMN Work Programme 2012	<i>Marie Bengtsson, Swedish Migration Board</i>
09:15 - 10:30	EMN-Study on third country national students: Background, literature review, expected contents and objectives	<i>Emilie Balbirnie, EMN Service Provider (GHK/COWI)</i>
	The EMN-study's possible contribution to EU policy development and the revision of the students directive	<i>Agnieszka Drzewoska, DG Home, European Commission</i>
	<i>Questions and discussion</i>	
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break	
	Session II: Conditions for student migration to Sweden	
	Third country national students in Sweden - statistical overview and rules for entry and stay	<i>Bernd Parusel, Swedish Migration Board</i>
10:45 - 12:15	The introduction of student fees for third country national students – objectives and consequences	<i>Fredrik Andersson, Association of Swedish Higher Education</i>
	How attractive is Sweden as a destination for talent?	<i>Niklas Tranaeus, Swedish Institute</i>
	<i>Questions and discussion</i>	
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch	
	Session III: Research topics and European perspectives	
	Domestic Arenas of Internationalization: Swedish Higher Education and International Students	<i>Mikael Börjesson, Uppsala University</i>
13:15 - 14:30	Third country national students in Germany	<i>Jan Schneider, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (EMN Germany)</i>
	Entry and residence of international students – the Irish case	<i>Philip O'Connell, Economic and Social Research Institute (EMN Ireland)</i>
	<i>Questions and discussion</i>	
14:30 - 14:45	Coffee Break	



Session IV: Conditions for international student mobility

	Student exchange projects and international cooperation on student mobility	<i>Rebecka Herdevall, Swedish International Programme Office for Education and Training</i>
14:45 - 16:00	International student mobility – success factors and challenges from a universities’ perspective	<i>Ingrid Elam, Malmö University Tomas Bengtsson, Jönköping University</i>
	Sweden as a destination for studies – a national union of students’ perspective	<i>Sabine Pettersson, Swedish National Union of Students</i>
	<i>Questions and discussion</i>	

16:00 - 16:10 Short Break

Session V: Student migration in a broader policy context

16:10 - 16:50	The Swedish rules for entry and stay of foreign students within a broader approach to migration and mobility	<i>Sven Bergqvist, Swedish Ministry of Justice</i>
	Student migration and global development – preconditions for circular migration and knowledge transfer	<i>Måns Fellesson, Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Nordic Africa Institute</i>
	<i>Questions and discussion</i>	

16:50 - 17:00 Conclusions and Goodbye

Conference moderator: Johan Rahm, Swedish Migration Board

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.

