



National EMN-Conference Sweden 2017

In cooperation with the Swedish Migration Studies
Delegation (Delmi)

“Family reunification in Sweden and Europe – state of play and lessons for the future”

Stockholm, 12 May 2017

In 2016-2017, the EMN carried out a study on “Family Reunification of Third-country Nationals in the EU: National Practices”. This comparative study looks into the legal framework, policies and practices in the EU Member States and Norway in the light of the EU Directive 2003/86/EC on family reunification.

Persons who have come to Sweden on grounds of family reunification have for a long time constituted a major category of migrants. National public and policy debates have, however, more often centered on asylum seekers. Meanwhile, several recent and ongoing developments have contributed to increased public attention regarding the conditions for family reunification and their consequences.

These developments make a conference on family reunification both timely and topical. The objective of the conference is to discuss recent policy developments and present a broad picture covering both the national situation with regard to family reunification in Sweden and – for comparison – a European perspective. The conference is aimed at practitioners, decision makers, researchers and other stakeholders engaged in migration and family reunification.

Date and time: 12 May 2017, 09:00-15:30

Venue: World Trade Center Stockholm, Klarabergsviadukten 70, Stockholm City Centre

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 hanna.pettersson@migrationsverket.se on **10 April 2017** at the latest. Please state your **name, organization, 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

Welcome!

Programme, 12 May 2017

Moderators: Andres Delgado and Bernd Parusel, Swedish Migration Agency

09:00 - 09:30 **Arrival and registration of participants**

09:30 - 11:00 **Welcome and introduction to the Conference**

Veronika Lindstrand Kant, Swedish Migration Agency

Kristof Tamas, Swedish Migration Studies Delegation

Family reunification in the European and Nordic perspective

EU law and policy on protection and family reunification

Cecilia Wikström, Member of the European Parliament

Results from the 2016 EMN study "Family reunification of third country nationals in the EU"

Nataliya Nikolova, EMN Service Provider ICF

Questions and answers

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 - 12:45 **EMN country case studies on family reunification in Europe**

Country case studies on family reunification in the Netherlands, Sweden and Croatia

Laura Seiffert, Ministry of Security and Justice, Netherlands

Jonas Hols, Swedish Migration Agency

Nermina Komaric, IOM Zagreb Office, Croatia

Questions and answers

12:45 - 13:45 **Lunch**

13:45 - 15:20 **Family reunification - practical experiences**

The perspective of applicants and family members

Bo Johansson, Swedish Refugee Advice Centre (Sweref)

Restoring Family Links

Nina Piquer, Swedish Red Cross

The role of Swedish missions abroad in the processing of applications for family reunification – challenges and good practices

Peter Holgersson, Swedish Migration Agency

The AMIF funded project "Analyse correctly – improved quality in assessing applications for family reunification" - objectives, working methods and expected results

Lena M Eriksson and Peter Holgersson, Swedish Migration Agency

Questions and answers

15:20 - 15:30 **Final reflections and closing**

Jonas Hols and Bernd Parusel, Swedish Migration Agency

15:30 **Farewell coffee**



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:

EMN Sweden: www.emnsweden.se

EMN Europe: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/networks/european_migration_network/index_en.htm



About Delmi

The Migration Studies Delegation (Delmi) is a committee formed in November 2013 through a decision by the Swedish Government. Delmi initiates studies and provides research results in the field of migration as a basis for future migration policy decisions and to contribute to the public debate on migration. Delmi employs a principle of dual independence, both in relation to the government and the researchers it commissions to carry out studies.

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