

5th conference

of the National Contact Point Luxembourg
within the European Migration Network (EMN-NCP-LU)

MIGRATION POLICIES AND FAMILY LIVES IN TRANSIT

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th May 2012
At Cercle Cité, Luxembourg-City

National Contact Point Luxembourg

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The European Migration Network, which was established by Council Decision 2008/381/EC of 14 May 2008, has the objective to meet the information needs of Union institutions and of Member States' authorities and institutions by providing up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum, with a view to supporting policymaking in the European Union in these areas.

Set up in November 2008, the National Contact Point Luxembourg consists of experts who bring together their knowledge in the field of migration, particularly on aspects concerning policymaking, law, research and statistics.

Members of the national network:

- University of Luxembourg
- Luxembourg Reception and Integration Agency (OLAI/ Ministry for Family Affairs and Integration)
- Directorate of Immigration (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Centre for Intercultural and Social Studies and Training (CEFIS)
- Centre for Population, Poverty and Public Policy Studies/International Network for Studies in Technology, Environment, Alternatives, Development (CEPS/INSTEAD)
- National Statistical Institute of Luxembourg (STATEC)

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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

The National Contact Point Luxembourg within the European Migration Network (EMN-NCP-LU) is pleased to invite you to its 5th National Conference, which will take place on 15 and 16 May 2012 at "Cercle-Cité" in Luxembourg-City.

These two days of reflection and discussion involve the presence and participation of Nicolas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Employment and Immigration, Christiane Martin, Director of OLAI, Prof. Dr. Rolf Tarrach, President of the University of Luxembourg and Ass.-Prof. Dr. Christel Baltes-Löhr, Coordinator of the European Migration Network as well as high-level academic researchers who will present their views on a myriad of issues relating to family reunification and migration policies.

These contributions of national and international experts shall provide an excellent starting point for the discussion during this event, which aims to be an open and participatory forum encouraging the exchange and development of ideas.

The conference begins on Tuesday 15 May at 8:30am at Cercle-Cité. Registration accompanied by a common breakfast will be possible from 7:30am. On the evening of 15 May, starting at 7pm, all participants are kindly invited to participate to the release screening of the movie "Special Flight" and its subsequent debate. The official conference closes on Wednesday 16 May at 4:30pm and will be followed by an Open space gathering.

In order to register for the conference, please return the attached reply coupon before 11 May 2012 or register online via www.emnluxembourg.lu. Should you have any further questions, please call Anne Koch at +352 46 66 44 94 34.

Thank you in advance for your interest in our upcoming conference. We look forward to welcoming you in Luxembourg.

Yours sincerely,

Christel Baltes-Löhr,
Coordinator of the EMN-NCP-LU

Programme

Tuesday 15th may

7:30–8:30 Breakfast and Registration

8:30–9:00 Welcome

- **Rolf Tarrach**, President of the University of Luxembourg
- **Christiane Martin**, Director of "The Luxembourg Reception and Integration Agency (OLAI), Ministry for Family Affairs and Integration
- **Christel Baltes-Löhr**, Coordinator of the National Contact Point Luxembourg within the European Migration Network (EMN-NCP-LU) and Gender Representative of the University of Luxembourg

Moderation: Adolfo Sommarribas, EMN-NCP-LU

9:00–10:00

Kay Hailbronner, Public, International and European Law, University of Konstanz; Director of the Centre for International and European Law on Immigration and Asylum, Konstanz,

'The international legal framework and family reunification'

10:00–10:45

Torsten Heinemann et al., Faculty of Social Sciences, Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main,

'DNA analysis as a tool in family reunification: A comparison of policies in Austria, Finland and Germany'

10:45–11:00 Coffee Break

Moderation: Marc Hayot, EMN-NCP-LU

11:00–12:30

Lydie Err/Séverine Callens, National Ombudsman, Luxembourg,

'Les dossiers traités à la Médiateure en matière d'immigration et vie de famille'

Marie Anne Rodesch-Hengesbach, National Ombudswoman for the rights of children, Luxembourg,

'Appropriate protection and humanitarian assistance for unaccompanied or accompanied refugee children by his or her parents'

12:30–14:00 Lunch

Moderation: Anne Koch, EMN-NCP-LU

14:00–15:00

Yves Pascouau, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre, Brussels,

'Conditions for family reunification under strain'

15:00–16:00

Catherine Teule, European Association for the Defense of Human Rights, Brussels,

'L'Union européenne saura-t-elle passer d'une politique d'immigration familiale restrictive à la reconnaissance d'un droit véritable à vivre en famille ?'

16:00–16:15 Coffee break

Moderation: Sylvain Besch, EMN-NCP-LU

16:15–17:00

Eckart Müller-Bachmann, Head of the Social Research Unit of Einrichtung des Christlichen Jugenddorfwerks Deutschlands, Eutin and Hamburg,

'The Family as a Unit: Starting Point and System'

17:00–17:30 Summary of the day and concluding debate

19:00–21:30

Release screening of the movie "Special Flight" at Ciné UTOPIA.

The debate will be followed by a cocktail offered by the City of Luxembourg.

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Wed. 16th may

8:30–9:00 Registration

Moderation: Joaquim Monteiro, EMN–NCP–LU

9:00–10:00

Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, Senior Research Fellow,
Centre for International Studies and Research, Paris,
'Le glissement des catégories des migrantes et migrants'

10:00–11:00

Laura Block and Saskia Bonjour, European University
Institute and Leiden University Institute for History,
Florence and Leiden,
*'The restrictive turn in family migration policies in France,
Germany and the Netherlands: a product of Europeanisation?'*

11:00–11:15 Coffee break

Moderation: Ana Rita Campino, EMN–NCP–LU

11:15–12:45

Karolina Lukaszewicz, Centre for Evaluation and Analysis of
Public Policies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow,

'Integration of refugee family members in Polish society'

Elena Tulupova et al., Institute of Public Health and Medical
Law, Charles University, Prague,

*'Health aspects of integration of third-countries nationals in
the Czech Republic in view of qualitative research'*

12:45–14:00 Lunch

Moderation: Christel Baltes-Löhr, EMN–NCP–LU

14:00–15:00

Ágnes Tóttós, Legal expert, Ministry of Interior, Hungary,

*'How free are the Member States to decide on their
national laws concerning family reunification?'*

15:00–16:00

Nicolas Schmit, Minister of Labour, Employment and
Immigration, Luxembourg,

'Perspectives gouvernementales sur le regroupement familial'

16:00–16:30 Final conclusions and debate

16:30– Open space

Networking – exchanges– reflections

Monday 14th may

Place d'Armes, Luxembourg-City

18:00

Meeting Point for early arrivers
and informal gathering

Tuesday 15th may

Ciné Utopia, 16 avenue de Faïencerie, Luxembourg-City

19:00

Screening of the Film 'Special Flight'

Documentary directed by Fernand Melgar
(2011, 100 min, French version w/ English subtitles)

After "La Forteresse", which described the reception conditions of asylum seekers in Switzerland, Fernand Melgar now looks at the end of the migratory path. In the administrative detention facility Frambois, detained men are waiting to be removed from the Swiss territory. Their asylum application has failed and therefore they are summoned to leave the country, after several years of living, working and paying taxes and founding a family in Switzerland. If detention can last up to 18 months, removal orders are carried out imminently. Behind this closed doors, tension grows day by day until the physical removal is carried out. Those who refuse to leave will be handcuffed, bound and put in a plane. In this extreme situation, despair has a name: special flight.

The screening will be followed by a discussion in French and English. The debate will be followed by a cocktail offered by the City of Luxembourg.

Free entry for conference participants.

Venue of the conference:

Cercle Cité, Place d'Armes, Luxembourg-City

Venue of the screening:

Ciné Utopia, 16 avenue de la Faïencerie, Luxembourg-City

Working languages:

French and English

The conference presentations will be mainly in French or English.

Simultaneous interpretation into French respectively English will be available for all events.

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