

EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK CONTACT POINT LUXEMBOURG

CONFERENCE – 24 OCTOBER 2017

**‘Moving policy forward, keeping research relevant –
strengthening the research-policy dialogue in the fields of
migration and integration’**

DRAFT AGENDA

In the light of the growing importance of the topics of migration and integration in public discourse on a local, national and international level and the increasing politicisation and mediatisation of the debate, policy-makers are evermore called to formulate an adequate response to challenges posed by the movement of people.

In its 10th annual conference, the Luxembourg National Contact Point of the European Migration Network brings together researchers and policy-makers to reflect on the role research has in providing knowledge that supports stakeholders in their task of formulating effective and coherent migration and integration policies and programmes.

Following a keynote speech, a first panel will discuss the role of evidence in policy-making in today’s migratory context, the challenges that are set to researchers and policy-makers in dialogue and the ways in which these can be overcome.

A second panel will discuss the role of evidence in decision-making for integration in the context of Luxembourg, considering the challenges and successes of collaboration between those who provide evidence and those who design policies.

09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 - 10.00	Welcome speech Georg Mein, Faculty of Languages and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education, University of Luxembourg (confirmed)
10.00 - 10.45	Keynote speech: Peter Scholten, Erasmus University Rotterdam (confirmed)
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 13.00	<p>Panel 1: Keeping research relevant for migration policy</p> <p>Questions for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role of policy-(ir)relevant research in decision-making? What shape does the interaction between researchers and decision-makers take? • What is the impact of the question of policy-relevance on the design of research? • What are the challenges to the production and use of quantitative and/or qualitative research that will support informed decision-making? • In what ways can the use of research findings in decision-making be promoted? • Has the increased mediatisation and politicisation of the topic of migration changed the dialogue between researchers and policy-makers? • How do you ensure the adaptability of research to the current context and the changing needs of decision-makers? <p>Chair: Peter Scholten, Erasmus University Rotterdam (confirmed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alessandra Zampieri, European Commission, Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography (confirmed) ➤ Pawel Busiakiewicz, European Commission, DG Home, Knowledge Hub for Migration

	<p>and Security (confirmed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Simon McMahon, Coventry University (confirmed) ➤ Representative of the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 - 16.00	<p>Panel 2: Linking research and policy – enhancing planning for integration in Luxembourg</p> <p>Questions for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the dialogue between knowledge-production and policy-making in the field of integration structured in Luxembourg? How is evidence communicated and how is it used in this field? What are the challenges/lessons learned? • What gaps in data do you identify with regard to effective integration decision-making? What steps have you taken / will you take to remedy these gaps? • How has the recent inflow of migrants had an impact on the way you request / gather / consume knowledge regarding integration? • How could the dialogue between researchers and policy-makers regarding integration in Luxembourg be strengthened? What institutional and/or organisational changes would be needed? <p>Moderator : tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serge Allegrezza, STATEC (confirmed) ➤ Frédéric Mertz, CEFIS (confirmed) ➤ Laura Zuccoli, ASTI (confirmed) ➤ Aline Muller, LISER (confirmed) ➤ Gilles Baum, Luxembourg Parliament (to be confirmed)
16.00-16.30	Goodbye Coffee

English and French translation will be provided.

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