

Operationalising National Independent Monitoring Mechanisms under the Pact on Migration and Asylum

- Effective monitoring and investigations -

Online meeting on 11 June 2026

10:00 – 13:15h

Microsoft Teams meeting link:

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Background

On 12 June 2026 the legal instruments adopted under the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum will come into operation. By this date, Member States must align national legislation and practices with the new legal framework.

A critical safeguard to protect fundamental rights is the establishment or appointment of Independent Monitoring Mechanisms (IMMs) as required by Article 10 of the [Screening Regulation](#) and by Article 43 (4) of the [Asylum Procedure Regulation](#). IMMs are mandated to monitor the screening and asylum border procedures to ensure compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights and with international law. Member States are obliged to guarantee the IMMs' independence and effectiveness.

IMMs established in Member States must also ensure that substantiated allegations of fundamental rights violations are addressed effectively and without undue delay by competent authorities. IMMs' mandates include triggering and monitoring the progress of investigations into such allegations.

Objectives

The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), the Frontex Fundamental Rights Officer (FRO), the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI), and the Council of Europe support the setup of IMMs through regular engagement with relevant national actors. A first online meeting with all national IMMs which have been or are to be appointed is scheduled on 11 June 2026 to:

- **Assess the state of play** by reviewing progress made to date in the formal designation of IMMs across Member States.
- **Identify challenges and solutions** by discussing the legal (institutional) issues as well as the human and financial resources necessary for IMMs to fulfil their mandates efficiently and independently.
- **Discuss the role of a European IMM platform** by defining the expectations and benefits of a collaborative framework to streamline monitoring standards across Europe and exchange experiences.

Participants: Formally appointed IMMs, actors identified as future IMMs but not formally appointed, ENNHRI members and National Preventive Mechanisms (NPMs) which are not appointed as IMMs will be invited as observers, other actors who carry out monitoring (e.g. EUAA), OHCHR and CPT.

AGENDA

10:00 – 11:00 | Session 1: Opening and state of play

moderated by Aydan Iyigüngör (FRA), Grigoris Tsioukas (Frontex FRO), Edyta Tuta-Lorenz (ENNHRI) and Nikolaos Sitaropoulos (CoE)

- **Welcome and Objectives:** Setting the scene for the 12 June 2026 implementation deadline.
- **Tour de Table:** Status updates from participants on IMM appointments.
 - What are currently the key challenges faced by IMMs?
 - When and how do you intend to kick off the monitoring including first visits?

11:00 – 11:30 | Session 2: Testing of monitoring and training needs

moderated by Grigoris Tsioukas (Frontex FRO)

- **Testing the monitoring:** Lessons learned from Italy, Romania and Portugal.
- **Training:** Share training experiences and assess further needs

11:30 – 12:15 | Session 3: Towards a European Platform of IMMs

moderated by Aydan Iyigüngör (FRA)

- **European IMM platform:** expectations, benefits, and governance.

12:15 – 13:00 | Session 4: EU funding for IMMs

moderated by Edyta Tuta-Lorenz (ENNHRI)

- **Presentation by the European Commission:** Funding possibilities for IMMs under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI) and the Technical Cooperation Instrument (TCI)
- **Discussion:** Experience so far and how can MS/IMMs secure funding for efficient and effective monitoring

13:00 – 13:15 | Session 5: Ways Forward & Closing

moderated by Nikolaos Sitaropoulos (CoE)

- **Roadmap for 2026:** Next steps and upcoming exchange opportunities.