



## Multistakeholder meeting “Statelessness and children”

6 June 2024

Venue: in person University of Luxembourg, Kirchberg Campus, JFK Building, room Nancy and Metz  
and online (Webex)

If joining online, please be aware: Agenda is prepared on the basis of local time in Luxembourg

### Purpose of the multistakeholder meeting

This meeting, jointly organized by the Council of Europe and the EMN Luxembourg within the framework of the EMN Platform on Statelessness has several aims.

Firstly, this event will serve as an opportunity to share good practices and challenges on following topics:

- Age assessment and best interest of the child;
- Burden of proof: the special case of children;
- Access to nationality for children.

Secondly, the event aims to bring together and provide networking opportunities to wide variety of stakeholders working with issues of nationality and statelessness with specific focus on children.

Participants are invited to exchange views as actively as possible to maximize the sharing of experience and difficulties encountered with regard to the three topics listed above.

Addressing statelessness and access to nationality are among the priorities of [the Council of Europe's Action Plan on Protecting Vulnerable Persons in the Context of Migration and Asylum in Europe \(2021-2025\)](#) and [the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child \(2022-2027\)](#).

Webex webinar access link for attendees

<https://unilu.webex.com/unilu/j.php?MTID=m4b767fc073cf964f4f2a5a342edc681d>

Webinar number: 2794 898 4661

Webinar password:

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Registration template for in person participants <https://emnluxembourg.uni.lu/multistakeholder-meeting-children-and-statelessness-6-june-2024/>

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AGENDA	
<b>9.00 – 9.30</b>	<b>Registration for in person participants</b>
<b>9.30 – 9.45</b>	<b>Welcome words</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prof. Dr. Birte Nienaber, coordinator of the EMN Luxembourg</i></li> <li>• <i>David Best, Secretary General's Special Representative on migration and refugees, Council of Europe</i></li> </ul>
<b>9.45 – 11.00</b>	<b>Institutional panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Delphine Drapeau, Legal Officer, Asylum Unit, DG Home, European Commission (online)</i></li> <li>• <i>Regina Jensdottir, Head of the Children's Rights Division and CoE Coordinator for the Rights of the Child (online)</i></li> <li>• <i>Adolfo Sommaribas, EMN Luxembourg, EMN Platform on Statelessness</i></li> <li>• <i>Nilde Robotti, Vulnerability Officer, European Union Asylum Agency (online)</i></li> <li>• <i>Sam Mosallai, Statelessness Officer, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe</i></li> </ul>
<b>11.00 – 11.20</b>	<b>Q/A</b>
<b>11.20 – 11.35</b>	<i>Sirazul Islam, Community Engagement Coordinator, European Network on Statelessness and representative of the British Rohingya Community</i>
<b>11.35 – 11.50</b>	<b>Q/A</b>
<b>11.50 – 12.20</b>	<b>Coffee break and networking opportunity</b>
<b>12.20 – 13.00</b>	<b>Access to nationality for children</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Armen Ghazaryan, Head of the Migration and Citizenship Service, Armenia (online)</i></li> <li>• <i>Tamta Petviashvili, Deputy Director of Department of Civil Registry, Public Service Development Agency, Ministry of Justice of Georgia (online)</i></li> </ul>
<b>13.00 – 13.15</b>	<b>Q/A</b>
<b>13.15 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14.30 – 15.30</b>	<b>Access to nationality for children</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Frank Wies, Wies&amp;Hertzog, Luxembourg</i></li> <li>• <i>Robin van Oene, Legal Coordinator, ASKV/Refugee Support, the Netherlands</i></li> <li>• <i>Jesús Fernández de Sevilla, Programs Coordinator for Emancipation and Transition to Adulthood, Cepaim Foundation, Spain</i></li> </ul>
<b>15.30 – 15.45</b>	<b>Q/A</b>
<b>15.45 – 16.00</b>	<b>Closing remarks and the way forward</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Adolfo Sommaribas, chair of the EMN Platform on Statelessness</i></li> <li>• <i>Gerald Dunn, Secretary of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), Council of Europe (online)</i></li> </ul>

**Important!** We would like to bring to the attention of all participants (both in person and online)

Colleague of EMN Luxembourg **Nora Trausch** will attend the meeting of “Statelessness and Children”. Nora is doing research in the framework of [the Horizon Europe project INNOVATE - Innovating to Enhance Dialogues on Migration Policies and Practices](#).



As a partner in the project, the University of Luxembourg is responsible for carrying out an in-depth exploration of the European Migration Network (EMN) and for conducting a comprehensive Needs & Interests Assessment (NIA) involving a wide range of EMN members and other stakeholders engaging in the work of the EMN. One particular focus is placed on the EMN Platform on Statelessness (the Platform). As part of INNOVATE project Nora is interested to understand what kind of information and data is provided through the Platform, what kind of information is most valuable to the stakeholders, and how the dissemination of information could potentially be improved.

Following the meeting Nora will reach out to participants (both in person and online participants) to look for an agreement to participate in a loosely guided (semi-structured) interview. The interview will include a series of questions about the evidence or data needs. It will take place in person or online, depending on your location and preference, and will last between 30 and 60 minutes. Participation in the interview is completely voluntary, and can be withdrawn at any time. In addition, participation will remain confidential, and all data collected will be anonymized. In case you consider participating, Nora would send you an Information Sheet, containing detailed information about the INNOVATE project, the interview, the use and protection of your personal data, as well as the confidentiality rules.