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# Statelessness in the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum: with focus on statelessness as a vulnerability

27 October 2025, 09:00-16:30 CEST

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## BACKGROUND

On 11 June 2024, the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum approved by the European Parliament and Council entered into force and should be implemented by June 2026. It is the first time that in the EU acquis, binding provisions on statelessness have been introduced. The Pact identifies statelessness as a vulnerability, introducing legal requirements to identify and record statelessness. This marks an advancement in the better identification and protection of stateless individuals seeking and receiving protection in the European Union. The Screening Regulation<sup>1</sup> and Asylum Procedures Regulation<sup>2</sup> of the Pact require Member States to assess statelessness indicators during preliminary vulnerability check of migrants and to clearly register them, pending the determination of whether the individual is stateless.

According to the UNHCR there were at least 4.4 million stateless people worldwide at the end of 2024, and the true number is likely to be much higher.<sup>3</sup> Statelessness is a legal anomaly which often prevents people from accessing fundamental civil, political, economic, cultural and social rights. Approximately 10% per cent of all stateless people reported globally are in Europe;<sup>4</sup> among those some are refugees. Even though stateless persons and refugees are two distinct categories in international law, a person can be both: a stateless person and a refugee.

In accordance with the JHA Council Conclusions of 2015, the European Migration Network (EMN) Platform on Statelessness provides a forum for Member States to exchange good practices, challenges and encourages contributions from stakeholders, practitioners, researchers, international and non-governmental organizations.

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<sup>1</sup> Recital 37 and Article 12(3) of the Screening Regulation, URL: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1356/oj/eng>

<sup>2</sup> Article 27(2) of the Asylum Procedures Regulation, URL: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1348/oj/eng>

<sup>3</sup> UNHCR "Global Trends Report 2024", p.57, URL: <https://www.unhcr.org/global-trends-report-2024>

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The event will be hosted both in person and online through Webex, and is open to a broad range of audiences, including EU-level and national policy makers, EU agencies, experts and practitioners, academia, civil society, and NGOs, as well as the public.

**Registration link** for in person and online participation:

<https://forms.office.com/e/e236uTUz0L>

In order to use Webex effectively, kindly ensure you have the latest version of the Webex application, or the latest version of your preferred Web Browser installed on your computer.

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## AGENDA

27 October 2025	
09:00 – 09:30 CEST	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
09:30 – 09:45 CEST	<b>Welcome words</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Prof. Dr. Birte Nienaber</b>, coordinator of EMN Luxembourg</li><li>▪ <b>Anne Sheridan</b>, Policy Officer, Unit C5, DG HOME, European Commission</li><li>▪ <b>Adolfo Sommaribas</b>, Coordinator of the EMN Platform on Statelessness, EMN Luxembourg</li></ul>
09:45 – 11:00 CEST	<b>Panel I: Institutional Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Delphine Drapeau</b>, Legal Officer, Unit C3 - Asylum, DG HOME, European Commission</li><li>▪ <b>Tamas Molnar</b>, Project Officer, Justice, Digital and Migration Unit, Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)</li><li>▪ <b>Katia Porzio</b>, Asylum Process Officer, European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)</li><li>▪ <b>Philippe Krantz</b>, Lawyer, European Committee on Legal Co-operation Secretariat, Division for Legal Co-operation, Council of Europe</li></ul> <p>Moderator: Anne Sheridan, Policy Officer, Unit C5, DG HOME, European Commission</p>
11:00 – 11:20 CEST	<b>Q/A</b>

<b>11:20 – 12:00 CEST</b>	<b>Presentation by a Stateless Community Member</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Hossa Skandary-Macpherson</b>, Equity Lighthouse</li> </ul> <b>Followed by Q/A with the room</b>
<b>12:00 – 13:30 CEST</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>13:30 – 14:30 CEST</b>	<b>Panel II: On-Going Efforts of International and Non-Governmental Organisations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Sam Mosallai</b>, Statelessness Officer, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe</li> <li>▪ <b>Nina Murray</b>, Head of Policy &amp; Advocacy, European Network on Statelessness</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Adolfo Sommarribas, Coordinator of the EMN Platform on Statelessness, EMN Luxembourg</p>
<b>14:30 – 14:50 CEST</b>	<b>Q/A</b>
<b>14:50 – 15:50 CEST</b>	<b>Panel III: Statelessness in the EU: Recent Member State Developments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Julien De Niet</b>, Legal Officer, Nansen, Belgium</li> <li>▪ <b>Catherine Cosgrave</b>, Managing Solicitor, Immigrant Council of Ireland, Independent Law Centre</li> <li>▪ <b>Marion Dubois</b>, Director, Passerell, Luxembourg</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: (TBC)</p>
<b>15:50 – 16:10 CEST</b>	<b>Q/A</b>
<b>16:10 – 16:30 CEST</b>	<b>Closing remarks:</b> <b>Adolfo Sommarribas</b> , Coordinator of the EMN Platform on Statelessness, EMN Luxembourg