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EMN Hungary National Conference

“Different Regional Solutions to the Challenges of Temporary Protection”

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Ministry of Interior of Hungary, Budapest (Hungary)

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1. RATIONALE AND AIMS

The EMN National Conference aims to inform and advance current policy dialogue on managing the evolution of temporary protection and related migration frameworks in the EU, especially in Central Europe with a practical focus on operational implementation, legal transitions to other statuses, and dignified return pathways. Bringing together EU and national policymakers, agencies, and expert organisations, the event seeks to connect high-level policy developments with on-the-ground practice for tangible results.

Specifically, the conference will:

- Provide food for thought through evidence-based perspectives on potential transition scenarios from the EU temporary protection regime, highlighting legal, operational, socio-economic, and fundamental rights considerations.
- Share good practices from Central and Eastern Europe, identifying replicable approaches, common bottlenecks, and opportunities for cross-border cooperation and procedural convergence.
- Encourage pragmatic solutions for policy and practice, including safeguards for protection continuity, support for sustainable integration or voluntary return, and cooperation modalities among Member States, EU agencies, and international partners.
- Foster networking among EMN NCPs, EU institutions, national authorities, and expert organisations to sustain follow-up, peer exchange, and potential pilot initiatives after the event.

2. DRAFT AGENDA

Date: 15 December 2025	
09:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:40	Opening speech Official opening of the conference Ms. Adrienn Kisné Szabó, Head of Department for European Home Affairs Cooperation, Ministry of Interior, Hungary
9:40 – 10:00	Keynote speech Mr. Norbert Pál, Government Commissioner for Persons Fleeing the Russian-Ukrainian War to Hungary
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 11:15	Setting the scene Mr. Viktor Marsai, director, Migration Research Institute, Hungary
11:15 – 12:30	Thematic panel 1 – Outlook for the possible transition from the EU temporary protection regime The aim of this panel is to discuss the considerations for transitioning from the current EU temporary protection regime, assessing both the legal and operational implications for Member States, and the impact on displaced persons and host communities. Particular attention will be given to the challenges of ensuring protection continuity, sustainable integration, and voluntary return opportunities in line with international standards. In this panel, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UNHCR Representation for Central Europe and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) will be invited to share their analysis, evidence, and recommendations on how such a transition could be managed effectively, drawing from diverse regional and institutional perspectives. - Ms. Nicole Epting, Representative for Central and South-East Europe, United Nations High commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) - Ms. Ammarah Mubarak, Senior Regional Humanitarian Response and Recovery Specialist, IOM's Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia - Mr. Martin Wagner, Senior Policy Advisor Asylum, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	Thematic panel 2 – Regional practices: challenges and good practices The aim of this panel is to exchange knowledge and experiences on regional practices within Central Europe, focusing on both challenges and successful approaches in managing protection, migration transitions, and returns. The discussion will explore how different

	national contexts address operational obstacles, foster cooperation among neighbouring countries, and implement innovative or effective solutions that could be replicated across the region. Special attention will be given to strengthening cross-border collaboration, harmonising procedures, and sharing lessons learned. In this panel, experts from Central European countries will present their country-specific experiences, identify key pressure points, and share examples of good practices that have yielded measurable results. Practical recommendations emerging from these insights may inform broader regional or EU-level policy dialogue. ▪ Mr. Lukáš Knapek, Client Centre for Providing Information to Foreigners, Department for Asylum and Migration Policy, Ministry of Interior of Czechia ▪ Mr. Andrei Neacșu, Head of the International Protection Unit within Asylum and Integration Directorate – General Inspectorate for Immigration, Romania ▪ Mr. András Mágó Pol. Lt. Col, Asylum Director, National Directorate-General of Aliens Policing ▪ Expert (tbc)
15:15 – 15:30	Wrap up

3. TARGET AUDIENCES

- EMN NCPs, EMN Steering Board Members
- EU and national policy makers
- EU agencies
- ICMPD, UNHCR, IOM

4. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The event is taking place in person. Online participation will not be possible.

- **Venue:** Ministry of Interior of Hungary
- **Language:** English
- **Contact:** emh@bm.gov.hu

To attend in person, please register **here** until **5 December 2025**.

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A confirmation will be sent within a week after your registration.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Please note that participants are requested to make their own travel and hotel arrangements.

The organisers recommend the following hotels for accommodation:

- Hotel Castle Garden
- ibis Budapest Castle Hill
- Carlton Hotel Buda Castle

In the proximity of the venue:

- Matthias Church
- Fisherman's Bastion
- Hungarian National Gallery
- Castle Hill Funicular (upper station)
- Tóth Árpád Promenade

Transport:

The Castle District is easily accessible by public transport (bus lines 16, 16A, and 216), taxi, or on foot from central locations in Buda.