

# Integration of Migrant Women in the EU and Norway: Policies and Measures

### Common Template for EMN study 2021

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#### 1 BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE FOR THE STUDY

This study focuses on the integration of migrant women in the main sectorial areas covered by the EU Action plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027<sup>1</sup> including education and training, employment and skills, health and housing as the base for societal integration. While the term 'integration' is contested<sup>2</sup> and other terms such as 'inclusion' are increasingly preferred in policy, in this study the term 'integration' is used deliberately to refer to integration and inclusion policies and measures addressing migrant women.

In the EU, women account for almost half of the migrants from third countries (10.6 million or 49% of the migrant stock on 1 January 2020).<sup>3</sup>

Women, like men, migrate to Europe for a variety of reasons.<sup>4</sup> Women may arrive as family migrants, labour migrants, students, asylum applicants or belonging to another group of migrants. This is reflected

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> European Commission, 'Integration of migrant women – A key challenge with limited policy resources', 2018, https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/feature/integration-of-migrant-women, last accessed on 9 July 2021.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> European Commission, 'EU Action plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027', COM(2020) 758 final, <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/?action=media.download&uuid=CDFE0088-C151-66D5-846F7C422DE2A423">https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/?action=media.download&uuid=CDFE0088-C151-66D5-846F7C422DE2A423</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Schinkel, W. 'Against 'immigrant integration: For an end to neocolonial knowledge production', 2018, CMS, 6(31).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Eurostat, 'Population on 1 January by age group, sex and citizenship', 2021, <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-datasets/-/migr-pop1ctz">https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-datasets/-/migr-pop1ctz</a>, last accessed on 21 July 2021 (without EL, HR, MT and PL).

in the diversity of legal statuses and rights among migrant women. Migrant women's integration challenges differ depending on their resident status or reason for migration.<sup>5</sup>

Recent studies show that migrant women face a so-called "double disadvantage", due to the intersection of being a woman and being a migrant.<sup>7</sup> For example, migrant women in the EU generally have a higher unemployment rate than both non-migrant women and migrant men. For those women with young children, the employment rate is significantly lower for migrant than non-migrant women.<sup>8</sup> Moreover, refugee women are worse off when it comes to education or employment compared to other migrant women, pointing to a "triple disadvantage".<sup>9</sup>

In addition, migrant women have been disproportionally impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, e.g. through job loss, additional care and housework, domestic work or increased exposure when providing front-line services.<sup>10</sup>

On the other hand, there are also unique integration opportunities. Migrant women are – for example – equally likely to be as highly educated as non-migrant women and are more likely to be highly educated than migrant men.<sup>11</sup>

The above elements shows the importance of a gendered approach in migrant integration policies and measures. <sup>12</sup> However, a 2017 study by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) found little evidence of a gendered approach in national action plans and integration strategies. <sup>13</sup> The European Court of Auditors in its 2018 report identified a lack of policies for addressing the specific integration challenges of migrant women. <sup>14</sup> Furthermore, a recent study published by the European Network of Migrant Women in 2020 identified shortcomings in addressing the needs of migrant women in Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) projects implemented through direct management, noting that: 'Although gender mainstreaming is briefly referred to in the majority of the calls, there seems to be a lack of clarity what this term implies in practical terms. The specific vulnerabilities and needs of women and girls are also largely overlooked'. <sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> European Economic and Social Committee, 'Opinion on Inclusion of migrant women in the labour market', 2015, p.5, <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/librarydoc/inclusion-of-migrant-women-in-the-labour-market?lang=en">https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/librarydoc/inclusion-of-migrant-women-in-the-labour-market?lang=en</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021; FRA, 'Second European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey – Migrant women – selected findings', 2019, p. 9–11, <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\_uploads/fra-2019-eu-midis-ii-migrant-women\_en.pdf">https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\_uploads/fra-2019-eu-midis-ii-migrant-women\_en.pdf</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), 'Gender and Migration', 2020, p. 4, https://eige.europa.eu/publications/gender-and-migration, last accessed on 9 July 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> European Commission – Joint Research Centre, 'Gaps in the EU Labour Market Participation Rates: an intersectional assessment of the role of gender and migrant status', 2020, <a href="https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC121425">https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC121425</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> OECD, 'How to strengthen the integration of migrant women?', 2020, Migration Policy Debate No. 25, pp. 4 and 6, <a href="https://www.oecd.org/migration/mig/migration-policy-debates-25.pdf">https://www.oecd.org/migration/mig/migration-policy-debates-25.pdf</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> OECD, 'Triple Disadvantage? A first overview of the integration of refugee women', 2018, pp. 16 and 19, <a href="https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/employment/triple-disadvantage-3f3a9612-en;jsessionid=QdS1wA6MXnTSSOMYsBcF9L0j.ip-10-240-5-190">https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/employment/triple-disadvantage-3f3a9612-en;jsessionid=QdS1wA6MXnTSSOMYsBcF9L0j.ip-10-240-5-190</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> IOM, 'COVID-19 and women migrant workers: Impacts and Implications', 2020, <a href="https://publications.iom.int/books/covid-19-and-women-migrant-workers-impacts-and-implications">https://publications.iom.int/books/covid-19-and-women-migrant-workers-impacts-and-implications</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> OECD, 'How to strengthen the integration of migrant women?', 2020, Migration Policy Debate No. 25, p. 4, <a href="https://www.oecd.org/migration/mig/migration-policy-debates-25.pdf">https://www.oecd.org/migration/mig/migration-policy-debates-25.pdf</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> OECD, 'How to strengthen the integration of migrant women?', 2020, Migration Policy Debate No. 25, p. 6, https://www.oecd.org/migration/mig/migration-policy-debates-25.pdf, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) 'Together in the EU - Promoting the participation of migrants and their descendants', 2017, p. 7, <a href="https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\_uploads/fra-2017-together-in-the-eu\_en.pdf">https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\_uploads/fra-2017-together-in-the-eu\_en.pdf</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> European Court of Auditors, 'The integration of migrants from outside the EU, Briefing Paper', 2018, p. 23, <a href="https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/Briefing\_paper\_Integration\_migrants/Briefing\_paper\_Integration\_migrants\_EN.pdf">https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/Briefing\_paper\_Integration\_migrants/Briefing\_paper\_Integration\_migrants\_EN.pdf</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> European Network of Migrant Women, 'Follow the €€€ for Women and Girls', 2020, <a href="http://www.migrantwomennetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/Follow-the-Money-for-Women-2020-AMIF.pdf">http://www.migrantwomennetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/Follow-the-Money-for-Women-2020-AMIF.pdf</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

In its 2016 Action Plan on the Integration of Third-Country Nationals, the European Commission made a commitment to engage in a dialogue with Member States to ensure that concerns related to the gender dimension and the situation of migrant women are taken into account in planned policies and funding initiatives. The assessment of the action plan, however, noted that it only recognised to a limited extent the specific needs of certain categories and the possible intersections between the migrant status and other segments of discrimination including gender. The action plan is a segment of the action plan in the possible intersections between the migrant status and other segments of discrimination including gender.

In its Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021–2027, presented in November 2020, the European Commission proposed targeted integration support that takes into account individual characteristics that may present specific challenges such as gender through gender-specific processes that complement the mainstreamed approach. At the same time, the importance of a gender-sensitive response to different policy areas has been emphasised by the EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020–2025, which emphasised also the dual approach of targeted measures to achieve gender equality, combined with strengthened gender mainstreaming. Therefore, the 2021 EMN study on the 'Integration of Migrant Women in the EU: Policies and Measures' conducts a stock-taking exercise on where EMN Member States currently stand in terms of gender-sensitive integration policies and measures targeting migrant women.

#### 2 STUDY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the 2021 EMN study on the 'Integration of Migrant Women in the EU: Policies and Measures' is to understand if and to what extent Member States and Norway consider the distinct situation of migrant women in their integration policies and measures. The aim is to provide information that will support policymakers developing integration policies and measures that better support migrant women in their integration process, taking their respective backgrounds into account. An overview will be provided of research and statistics available at the national level on the integration opportunities and challenges of migrant women.

The study's main objectives are:

- To map current national integration policies in the EU Member States and Norway that specifically target women;
- To provide examples of good practices and lessons learnt from EU Member States and Norway on integration measures for migrant women at the national but also regional or local level;
- To provide an overview of special policies or measures that have been developed to counteract negative consequences of COVID-19 for migrant women's integration.

The study targets policymakers interested in addressing the specific situation of migrant women in their integration policy as well as researchers, who may use the findings as a starting point for more in-depth research of the integration of migrant women, such as at the local and regional level. Also, the study is of interest to the general public, raising awareness on gender-specific integration issues.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> European Commission, 'Action Plan on the integration of third-country nationals', 2016, <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/default/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/proposal-implementation-package/docs/20160607/communication action plan integration third-country nationals en.pdf, last accessed on 9 July 2021.</a>
 <sup>17</sup> European Commission, 'Assessment Of The 2016 Commission Action Plan on the Integration of Third-Country Nationals', SWD(2020) 290 final, <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/default/files/pdf/20201124">https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/default/files/pdf/20201124</a> swd-2020-758-commission-staffworking-document.pdf, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> European Commission, 'EU Action plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027', COM(2020) 758 final, pp. 6-7, https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/?action=media.download&uuid=CDFE0088-C151-66D5-846F7C422DE2A423, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> European Commission, '<u>A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025</u>', COM(2020) 152 final, <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0152&from=EN">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0152&from=EN</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

#### 3 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

This study defines a *migrant woman* as a third-country national female <u>migrant</u> (i.e. a regularly residing female migrant aged 18 and above) for the purpose of policy analysis; and as a female <u>third-country national</u> for the purpose of data analysis. However, the study also analyses those policies and measures that are not exclusively targeting third-country nationals, but which include them as part of a wider target group (e.g. women in general; or migrant women in general which may also include EU citizens with migrant background). EU Member States and Norway are encouraged to include information on such policies and measures, focusing on their relevance for the study's target group.

The policies and measures outlined in this study will be structured along specific categories of migrant women (for example low-/highly-skilled labour migrants, students, family migrants, asylum seekers) as far as possible.

Integration policies refer to targeted integration strategies and action plans but also broader policy instruments relevant to the integration of migrant women such as sector specific governmental programmes (health, education, employment, housing, etc.). Measures include systematic initiatives (multi-year / long term), projects (ad-hoc) and legislative (structural) measures that are used to implement the integration policies (including those funded by governments but implemented by NGOs on behalf of the governments).

Even though local communities are the places where integration happens and therefore regional and local authorities have their own integration policies and measures, the focus of this study is the national level for the simple reason that researching regional and local level policies and measures would require considerably more time and resources than available for an EMN study. However, questions on good practices have been incorporated to this study to allow for the provision of examples from the regional and local level.

Integration policies and measures will be categorised along the focus areas of labour market, entrepreneurship, education and vocational training, language training, housing, health and civic integration, and will open the door for Member States to report on any other areas that are significant.

The reporting period for this study ranges from 2016 to 2021, depending on the area of analysis (i.e. data, policies, measures):

- Data: 2016–2020, to capture trends over the past 5 years.
- Policies: 2021 and upcoming policy developments (i.e. the policies currently in place as well as planned developments).
- Measures: 2016–2021 in order to allow the inclusion of measures that might have already been evaluated.

#### 4 EU LEGAL AND POLICY CONTEXT

Although migrant integration policies are a national competence of EU Member States, European institutions have the mandate to 'provide incentives and support for the action of Member States with a view to promoting the integration of third-country nationals' since the signature of the <a href="Treaty of Lisbon in 2007">Treaty of Lisbon in 2007</a>. The EU has periodically set priorities and goals to drive EU policies, legislative proposals and funding opportunities on integration since the 1999 <a href="Treaty of Amsterdam">Treaty of Amsterdam</a>, that led to the 2004 <a href="Common Basic Principles for Immigrant Integration Policy">Common Basic Principles for Immigrant Integration Policy</a>. These have guided and continue to guide most EU actions in the area of integration. The <a href="Common Agenda for Integration">Common Agenda for Integration</a>, presented by the Commission in 2005 and in effect until 2010, provided the framework for the implementation of the EU integration policy and contained a series of supportive EU mechanisms and instruments to promote integration and facilitate exchanges between integration actors. In 2009 the <a href="European Website on Integration">European Website on Integration</a> was launched to provide a platform for good practices and news on integration in the EU. In July 2011, the <a href="European Agenda for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals">European Agenda for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals</a> was adopted. It covered the period 2011-2015, focused on increasing the economic, social, cultural and political participation of migrants and on fighting discrimination, with an emphasis on local actions. This was followed by the 2016 <a href="Action Plan on">Action Plan on</a>

the Integration of Third-Country Nationals. This was a goal-setting document published by the European Commission, providing a comprehensive framework to support Member States' efforts in developing and strengthening their integration policies and describing concrete measures the Commission was to implement in this regard. In 2017, the Skills Profile Tool was launched to map skills of third-country nationals to be used by national authorities when planning integration. Building on the 2016 Action Plan, the European Commission revealed its new Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion (2021-2027) in November 2020, proposing concrete actions, giving guidance, and delineating funding for initiatives meant to bring inclusion for all.

Other relevant policy instruments include:

- The <u>EU Anti-racism Action Plan 2020–2025</u>, which was published by the European Commission on 18 September 2020 to step up action against racism in the European Union. As the action plan points out, racism can be combined with discrimination and hatred on other grounds, including gender.
- The <u>Pact on Migration and Asylum</u>, that was poposed by the European Commission on 23 Septemer 2020. With the Pact, the Commission is proposing a fresh start on migration, bringing together policy in the areas of migration, asylum, integration and border management. In the area of integration, the Pact supports effective integration policies with a focus on local communities and early access to integration services for children and vulnerable groups.
- The <u>EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020–2025</u>, which sets the key objective of achieving gender balance in decision-making and in politics for example. The Strategy pursues a dual approach of gender mainstreaming combined with targeted actions intersectionality is a horizontal principle for its implementation.
- The furthercoming <u>Recommendation on Migrant and Refugee Women and Girls</u> which is currently being tasked to Drafting Committee on Migrant Women (GEC-MIG), a subordinate body to the Gender Equality Commission (GEC) of the Council of Europe.

#### 5 PRIMARY QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE STUDY

The study seeks to address four primary questions:

- What does the available data /research tell us about the migration channels, the level of integration of migrant women in the EU Member States and Norway, and their integration challenges and opportunities?
- To what extent are migrant women specifically addressed in national integration policies (e.g. strategies, action plans and government programmes)?
- To what extent are there targeted integration measures available in the EU Member States and Norway, specifically addressing migrant women at the national but also regional or local level, and what has been identified as a good practice in this area?
- Have special integration policies or measures been developed to counteract the negative consequences of COVID-19 for migrant women's integration, and if yes, what do these policies or measures look like?

#### **6 RELEVANT SOURCES AND LITERATURE**

#### EMN Studies, Informs and Ad-Hoc Queries

- EMN Study (2019): Labour market integration of third-country nationals in EU Member States.
- EMN study (2015): <u>The Integration of Beneficiaries of International/Humanitarian Protection into the Labour Market: Policies and Good Practices.</u>
- EMN & OECD Inform (2020): <u>Inform # 1 EU and OECD member states responses to managing residence permits and migrant unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic.</u>
- EMN Ad Hoc Query (2020.74): <u>Measures regarding civic integration Part 2</u>.
- EMN Ad Hoc Query (2020.73): Integration measures regarding language courses Part 1.

- EMN Ad Hoc Query (2019.67): <u>Lines of intervention for the effective integration of persons entitled to international protection</u>.
- EMN Ad Hoc Query (2019.15): <u>Early language support</u>.
- EMN Ad Hoc Query (2018.1331): <u>Support measures to facilitate the labour market entry of family members.</u>
- EMN Ad-Hoc Query (2017.1168): <u>Integration measures regarding language courses and civic integration Part 2</u>.
- EMN Ad-Hoc Query (2017.1167): <u>Integration measures regarding language courses and civic integration Part 1</u>.
- EMN Ad-Hoc Query (2016.1097): <u>Content of integration programmes for applicants for/beneficiaries</u> of international protection.
- EMN Ad-Hoc Query (2015.683): Monitoring report on integration.
- EMN Ad-Hoc Query (2013. 497): <u>Immigrant Integration Plans</u>.

#### Other relevant sources

- European Commission (2021): <u>European Website on Integration Integration Practices</u>.
- European Commission (2020): <u>A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025</u>, COM(2020) 152 final.
- European Commission (2020): <u>Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, Action plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021–2027, COM(2020) 758 final.</u>
- European Commission (2018): <u>Integration of migrant women A key challenge with limited policy</u> resources.
- European Commission Joint Research Centre (2020): <u>Gaps in the EU Labour Market Participation</u>
  Rates: an intersectional assessment of the role of gender and migrant status.
- European Court of Auditors (2018): The integration of migrants from outside the EU, Briefing Paper.
- European Eco-nomic and Social Committee (2015): <u>Opinion on Inclusion of migrant women in the</u> labour market.
- European Institute for Gender Equality (2020): Gender and Migration.
- European Institute for Gender Equality: Migration.
- European Network of Migrant Women: <u>www.migrantwomennetwork.org</u>.
- European Network of Migrant Women (2020): Follow the €€€ for Women and Girls.
- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (2019): <u>Second European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey Migrant women selected findings.</u>
- Eurostat (2021): Migrant integration statistics. 2020 edition.
- International Organization for Migration (2020): <u>COVID-19 and women migrant workers: Impacts and Implications</u>.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (2020): <u>How to strengthen the integration of migrant women?</u> Migration Policy Debate No. 25.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (2018): <u>Triple Disadvantage? A first overview of the integration of refugee women</u>.

#### 7 AVAILABLE STATISTICS

Eurostat, First permits by reason, age, sex and citizenship, [migr\_resfas].

Eurostat, First permits issued for other reasons by reason, length of validity and citizenship, [migr\_resoth].

Eurostat, Population on 1 January by age group, sex and citizenship, [migr\_pop1ctz].

Eurostat, Unemployment rates by sex, age and citizenship (%), [Ifsa\_urgan].

Eurostat, Activity rates by sex, age and citizenship (%), [Ifsq\_argan].

Eurostat, Self-employment by sex, age and citizenship (1,000). [lfsa esgan].

Eurostat, Population by educational attainment level, sex, age and citizenship (%), [edat lfs 9911]. Eurostat, Overcrowding rate by age, sex and broad group of citizenship, [ilc lvho15].

Eurostat, Self-reported unmet needs for medical examination by sex, age, main reason declared and groups of country of citizenship, [hlth silc 30].

#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following key terms are used in the Common Template. The definitions are taken from the EMN Glossary Version 6.0<sup>20</sup> unless specified otherwise in footnotes.

Dual approach to gender equality: complementarity between gender mainstreaming and specific gender equality policies and measures, including positive measures.<sup>21</sup>

Gender: The socially constructed attributes, roles, activities, responsibilities and needs predominantly connected to being male or female in given societies or communities at a given time.

**Gender mainstreaming**: Systematic consideration of the differences between the conditions, situations and needs of women and men in all policies and actions.<sup>22</sup>

Gender-sensitive: Policies and programmes that take into account the particularities pertaining to the lives of both women and men, while aiming to eliminate inequalities and promote gender equality, including an equal distribution of resources, therefore addressing and taking into account the gender dimension.<sup>23</sup>

Integration: In the EU context, a dynamic, two-way process of mutual accommodation by all immigrants and residents of EU Member States.

Integration indicators: Benchmarks used to measure the integration of migrants in specific policy areas, such as employment, education, social inclusion and active citizenship.

Intersectionality: Analytical tool for studying, understanding and responding to the ways in which sex and gender intersect with other personal characteristics/identities, and how these intersections contribute to unique experiences of discrimination.<sup>24</sup>

Migrant: In the EU/EFTA context, a person who [...]: (i) establishes their usual residence in the territory of an EU/EFTA Member State for a period that is, or is expected to be, of at least 12 months, having previously been usually resident in another EU/EFTA Member State or a third country.

**Third-country national**: Any person who is not a citizen of the European Union within the meaning of Art. 20(1) of TFEU and who is not a person enjoying the European Union right to free movement, as defined in Art. 2(5) of the Regulation (EU) 2016/399 (Schengen Borders Code).

#### **ADVISORY GROUP** 9

An 'Advisory Group' (AG) has been established within the context of this study for the purpose of (i) developing the (common) specifications for the study, (ii) providing support to EMN NCPs during the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> EMN Glossary, https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/networks/european\_migration\_network/glossary\_en, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> EIGE, 'Glossary & Thesaurus - dual approach to gender equality', https://eige.europa.eu/thesaurus/terms/1092, last accessed on 9 July 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> EIGE, 'Glossary & Thesaurus - gender mainstreaming', https://eige.europa.eu/thesaurus/terms/1185, last accessed on 9 July

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> EIGE, 'Glossary & Thesaurus - gender sensitive', https://eige.europa.eu/thesaurus/terms/1211, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> EIGE, 'Glossary & Thesaurus – intersectionality', <a href="https://eige.europa.eu/thesaurus/terms/1263">https://eige.europa.eu/thesaurus/terms/1263</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

development of the national contributions to the study, as well as (iii) providing support to draft the study. The members of the AG for the study include:

- COM
- ICF/ EMN Service Provider
- AT NCP (lead)
- CY NCP
- DE NCP
- ES NCP
- FI NCP
- FR NCP
- HU NCP
- IE NCP
- LT NCP
- LU NCP
- SE NCP

A core AG, consisting of max 6 NCPs, COM and the Service Provider has been established to follow the development of the common template very closely and provide dedicated input and support.

- COM
- ICF/ EMN Service Provider
- AT NCP
- DE NCP
- ES NCP

Other relevant partners:

The following third parties are contributing to this study:

- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- European Integration Network (EIN)

#### 10 METHODOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

As with all EMN studies, the national reports should be primarily based on secondary sources. These may be supplemented by expert interviews. The identification of an integration measure as a "good practice" will utilise the European Website on Integration guidance that a good practice is defined as a measure that is "effective, efficient, sustainable and/or transferable, and that reliably lead[s] to a desired result". Furthermore, for the purpose of this study, an integration measure can additionally be considered "good" if it applies the concepts of gender-sensitivity or intersectionality. The selection of the measure should be made by an expert working in the field (e.g. policy maker; service provider; civil society organisation; migrant organisations) or based on studies or evaluations. <sup>26</sup>

#### 11 TIMETABLE

The following tentative timetable has been proposed for the study going forward:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> European Commission, 'European Website on Integration – What are 'good practices'?', 2014, <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/index.cfm?action=furl.go&go=/what-are-good-practices">https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/index.cfm?action=furl.go&go=/what-are-good-practices</a>, last accessed on 9 July 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> A good starting point for researching "good practices" could be the <u>collection of good practices by the European Commission</u> as well as the Commission's article on <u>Integration of migrant women – A key challenge with limited policy resources</u>.

Date	Action		
Study specifications			
4 May 2021	Circulation of the <b>first draft</b> to the AG		
6 May 2021	First AG meeting		
14 May2021	Circulation of the <b>second draft</b> to the AG (one-week deadline for review)		
21 May 2021	Second AG meeting		
1 June 2021	Circulation of the <b>third draft</b> to the core AG (three days for review)		
11 June 2021	Circulation of the <b>final draft</b> to NCPs (two weeks deadline for review)		
22 July 2021	Launch of the study		
	National reports		
25 Nov 2021	Submission of national reports by EMN NCPs		
	Drafting of study		
9 Dec 2021	Draft of the study to COM and AG members (one-week deadline for review)		
16 Dec 2021	Deadline for comments		
7 Jan 2022	Circulation of the <b>first draft</b> to all NCPs (two-weeks deadline for review)		
21 Jan 2022	Deadline for comments		
4 Feb 2022	Circulation of the <b>second draft</b> to COM and all NCPs (two-weeks deadline for review)		
18 Feb 2022	Deadline for comments		
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#### 12 TEMPLATE FOR NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### Common Template of EMN Study 2021

# Integration of Migrant Women in the EU and Norway: Policies and Measures

National Contribution from Slovenia\*27

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#### Top-line factsheet [max. 1 page]

Since 2017 integration policies have been transferred from Ministry of the Interior to the Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for the Support and Integration of Migrants (UOIM). Although national integration policies do not differentiate between genders, women are still considered to be part of vulnerable group in several instances. Within this context, women who are victims of violent criminal acts are addressed with special care.

One of the key elements of integration policy is Initial Integration of Immigrants programme, which is a state-approved educational programme for adult immigrants to learn Slovenian. Programme also includes content related to life and work in the Republic of Slovenia.

Currently there are no plans to implement specific integration activities for women, however several programmes of non-governmental organisations tend to assist migrant women by organising informal meetings.

#### Section 1: Integration of migrant women - data and debates

The study will start by providing some background information on the immigration channels of migrant women in the EU Member States and Norway as well as key integration indicators in order to understand the current situation and which integration opportunities and challenges are affecting migrant women in the EU Member States and Norway.

Q1 Please analyse the data on first residence titles issued by reason in 2016-2020 in your country as extracted from Eurostat and included in the statistical Annex (see Annex 1.1) and describe the main forms of immigration used by third-country migrant women compared to third-country migrant men. What are the top 3 countries of citizenship in the period of 2016-2020? Did any significant changes occur in 2020 that might be related to COVID-19?

#### Please describe.

According to Eurostat data, covering the period 2016-2019 there were three main forms of immigration used by third-country nationals i.e. Family reasons, education reasons and remunerated activities. Data shows that highest number of women immigrate due to family reasons. On average 68% of immigrants that immigrated because of family reasons, between 2016 and 2019, were female.

Second main immigration form are education reasons, where average percent of migrant women is the same as men.

Remunerated activities (6%) represent an immigration form with lowest number of women immigrants.

Top three countries of citizenship are Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Kosovo. In 2020 we can see overall decrease of immigration. We believe that the latter is related to COVID-19 pandemic and its implications (fewer work opportunities, travel restrictions, lower income).

Q2 Please analyse the data on population in 2016–2020 as extracted from Eurostat and included in the statistical Annex (see Annex 1.2) and describe the share of third-country national migrant women among the total population compared to third-country national migrant men. Please include any evidence for changes related to COVID-19 if available.

Please describe.

Data shows the population of third-country nationals increased in Slovenia between 2016 and 2020 from 90.169 (4,3% of Slovenian population) to 134.828 (6,4%). Furthermore, data shows that the average percentage of migrant women between 2016 and 2020 was 33%.

Q3 Please analyse the data on labour market, entrepreneurship, education, housing and health indicators in 2016-2020 as extracted from Eurostat and included in the statistical Annex (see Annex 1.3) and describe the main findings with specific focus on third-country national migrant women compared to third-country national migrant men and non-migrant women. Did any significant changes occur in 2020 that might be related to COVID-19?

Please describe.

According to Eurostat data, average unemployment rate of migrant women was 18,4% between 2016 and 2020, which is approximately four times more than the unemployment rate of migrant men in the same period. Additionally, data shows that migrant men have an average activity rate of 92,3% in comparison to migrant women where an average activity rate was 63,6%. Gap between migrant men and migrant women can be also seen in the educational attainment level. On average 33,4% of migrant women had an education attainment which was lower than primary, primary and lower secondary education between 2016–2020. On the other hand, migrant men on average 18,8% attained education which was lower than primary, primary and lower secondary education. There are less discrepancies in higher educational attainment i.e. upper secondary and post-secondary non-tertiary education.

Q4 What are the key opportunities and challenges for migrant women's integration as identified in national statistical sources (e.g. integration monitors, census, administrative data) or available research (e.g. surveys among migrant women)?

For each challenge please:

- a) describe for whom it is a challenge,
- b) indicate why it is mentioned as a challenge, and
- c) indicate the source / evidence for the challenge.

Since there are no national statistical sources which would have data on migrant women we cannot present any data.

Q5 Are more disaggregated data or research available at national level (compared to what is available through Eurostat), e.g. by resident status/reason for migration, by number of children in households or by first/second generation of migrants?

Please briefly describe the main findings.

No, there is no disaggregated data or research available at national level.

## Q6 What are the main public and policy debates regarding migrant women's integration (opportunities and challenges)?

Please describe.

Debates addressing integration of migrant women with international protection emphasize that they tend to focus on language learning, teaching children and helping them in schools, especially in time of lockdowns and home distance learning.

#### Section 2: National integration policies in the Member State

This part of the study describes the Member State's organisational approach towards integration policy and analyses how migrant women are addressed in national integration policies.

Q7 Please describe your country's overall organisational approach with regard to integration policy: who are the competent authorities for integration policy? Is integration policy a national, regional, local or shared competency and which responsibilities come with that competency?

Please describe.

The transformation process of integration policies from Ministry of the Interior to the Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for the Support and Integration of Migrants (UOIM) is in its making since 2017 with establishment of the Office and it continues in 2021 with the amended Foreigner's Act. Since 2017 The Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for the Care and Integration of Migrants is responsible for the implementation of integration of persons with recognized international protection. From 2021 on it is also responsible for the implementation of integration of third country nationals. The competences of the UOIM in all areas mentioned above is national.

#### Q8 Is the integration of migrant women a policy priority in your country?

Please elaborate according to whom/what source.

No, integration of migrant women is not a policy priority in Republic of Slovenia.

## Q9 Is gender mainstreamed in national integration policies? Is this approach also complemented by gender specific policies (dual approach to gender equality)?

Please describe.

Gender is not mainstreamed in national integration policy and it is not complemented by gender specific policies, however Republic of Slovenia considers women to be a part of vulnerable group and therefore in need for special consideration in regard to women being victims of violent criminal acts either in country of origin or on migrant route. Slovenia provides measurements for victim protection as written in Strategy of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in the field of migration

## Q10 Are migrant women specifically addressed in national integration policies (e.g. strategies, action plans, government programmes)?

Please tick the appropriate box in the table below and – according to your answer – continue with the indicated questions.

Table 1: Policies addressing migrant women

Yes	No <sup>28</sup>	n/a (no national
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> If women are not specifically mentioned but if the policy implies women. (e.g. as parents), that should be reported as "yes". But if the policy is not specific to women but addresses everyone (men, women, boys, girls) this should not be reported and the answer should be "no".

			integration policy available)
Third-country nationals	Migrants in general (that might also include EU citizens with migrant background and third- country nationals)		
		No.	
Please continue with Q1	1	Please continue with Q10a	Please continue with Q10b & Q11

a) If migrant women are not specifically addressed in national integration policies, what is the reason

or underlying approach (e.g. mainstreaming approach)?

Please describe.

- In Slovenia all fundamental rights and liberties are guaranteed to everyone, regardless of sex. Access to free learning programmes has a fundamental role in integration processes.
- b) If no national integration policy is available in your country, are migrant women specifically addressed in national policies across different sectors relevant to integration?

Please briefly describe. Please note that a detailed description is asked for in Q11.

Q11 How are migrant women addressed with regard to the following sectors: labour market, entrepreneurship, education and vocational training, language training, housing, health, civic integration, other?

As emphasized in our previous answers free access to language learning programmes has an important role in integration process. Since September 2012 programes are active on the basis of a single publicly – funded and validated program -The Initial Integration of Immigrants, which introduces participants to Slovenian society by teaching them Slovenian language.

Please fill out the tables for each focus area by answering the questions included in the tables for each policy (i.e. integration policy or – if not available – sector specific policy). Please add columns, as necessary. Please include information such as the competent authority, the aim of the policy, and the target group.

Table 2: Labour market integration

Labour market	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
How are migrant women addressed with regard to labour market integration?	Please describe	
	All migrant women have their own employment advisor. Together they prepare an employment plan, with detailed activities and goals.	
Are migrant women specifically targeted or are they addressed as	☐ Specifically third-country national migrant women targeted	
part of a wider group?	□ Third-country national migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of migrants (including also EU citizens with migrant backgriound)	
	☑ Migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of women	
Are specific categories of migrant	⊠ Yes	Women seeking
women targeted (for example low-/highly-skilled labour migrants, students, family migrants, asylum seekers, etc.)?	If Yes, please indicate the category(ies) and describe how their specific backgrounds and needs are addressed?  ☐ No	international protection are identified as a vulnerable group on entry into the country. PATS programs are there for Preventing trafficking in human beings, sexual and gender-based violence, where women and minors are treated with greater concern among asylum seekers.
At what stage of the integration	Please describe	
process does the policy start (e.g. recently arrived or no differentiation)?	Upon arrival in Slovenia.	

Table 3: Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
How are migrant women addressed with regard to entrepreneurship?	Please describe  Migrant women are not specifically addressed.	

Entrepreneurship	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
Are migrant women specifically targeted or are they addressed as part of a wider group?	☐ Specifically third-country national migrant women targeted ☐ Third-country national migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of migrants (including also EU citizens with migrant backgriound)	
	☐ Migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of women	
Are specific categories of migrant women targeted (for example low-/highly-skilled labour migrants, students, family migrants, asylum seekers, etc.)?	☐ Yes  If Yes, please indicate the category(ies) and describe how their specific backgrounds and needs are addressed?  ☒ No	
At what stage of the integration process does the policy start (e.g. recently arrived or no differentiation)?	Please describe	

Table 4: Education and vocational training

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
How are migrant women addressed with regard to education and vocational training?	<i>Please describe</i> No data availiable.	
Are migrant women specifically targeted or are they addressed as part of a wider group?	☐ Specifically third-country national migrant women targeted ☐ Third-country national migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of migrants (including also EU citizens with migrant backgriound) ☐ Migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of women	
Are specific categories of migrant women targeted (for example low-/highly-skilled labour migrants, students, family migrants, asylum seekers, etc.)?	☐ Yes  If Yes, please indicate the category(ies) and describe how their specific backgrounds and needs are addressed? ☐ No	

At what stage of the integration	Please describe	
process does the policy start		
(e.g. recently arrived or no		
differentiation)?		

Table 5: Language Training

LANGUAGE TRAINING	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
How are migrant women addressed with regard to language training?	Please describe  All third-country nationals residing in the Republic of Slovenia have access to language learning programme.	Persons with international protection have 300 hour Slovenian language course. They can have additional 100 hours if they visit classes on regular basis. They also have access to these programmes through active employment policies.
Are migrant women specifically targeted or are they addressed as part of a wider group?	<ul> <li>□ Specifically third-country national migrant women targeted</li> <li>☑ Third-country national migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of migrants (including also EU citizens with migrant backgriound)</li> <li>□ Migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of women</li> </ul>	
Are specific categories of migrant women targeted (for example low-/highly-skilled labour migrants, students, family migrants, asylum seekers, etc.)?	<ul> <li>✓ Yes</li> <li>If Yes, please indicate the category(ies) and describe how their specific backgrounds and needs are addressed?</li> <li>☐ No</li> </ul>	All asylum seekers have access to language classes since the beginning of asylum seeking process.
At what stage of the integration process does the policy start (e.g. recently arrived or no differentiation)?	All third-country nationals have immediate access to language programmes.	

Table 6: Housing

HOUSING	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
How are migrant women	Please describe	
addressed with regard to housing?	Persons with international protection have the right for housing in the first 18 months since the grant started. If they visit language course more then 80 % of the time, they can prolong this right for another 18 months. UOIM grants them a cash allowance for living at a private address. In the first year they have also the right but not obligation to live in the Integration house. NGO Društvo Odnos is helping them to find accommodation.	
Are migrant women specifically targeted or are	☐ Specifically third-country national migrant women targeted	
they addressed as part of a wider group?	☑ Third-country national migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of migrants (including also EU citizens with migrant backgriound)	
	☐ Migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of women	
Are specific categories of	⊠ Yes	All asylum seekers
migrant women targeted (for example low-/highly-skilled labour migrants, students, family migrants, asylum	If Yes, please indicate the category(ies) and describe how their specific backgrounds and needs are addressed?	have the right to stay in the Asylum home.
seekers, etc.)?	□ No	
At what stage of the	Please describe	
integration process does the policy start (e.g. recently arrived or no differentiation)?	Housing starts 14 days after garanting the status of a person with international protection.	

Table 7: Health

HEALTH	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
How are migrant women addressed with regard to health (including mental health)?	Please describe	

HEALTH	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
Are migrant women specifically targeted or are they addressed as part of a wider group?	□ Specifically third-country national migrant women targeted □ Third-country national migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of migrants (including also EU citizens with migrant backgriound) □ Migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of women	Asylum seekers have emergency healthcare services. They also have access to psychiatrist and mental health institutions.  Persons with international protection have the same rights as citizens. While they have cash allowance for living at a private address or if they have money for social help they have full insurance, after this period they need to have additional health insurance as all citizens.
Are specific categories of migrant women targeted (for example low-/highly-skilled labour migrants, students, family migrants, asylum seekers, etc.)?	<ul> <li>☐ Yes</li> <li>If Yes, please indicate the category(ies) and describe how their specific backgrounds and needs are addressed?</li> <li>☒ No</li> </ul>	Please describe
At what stage of the integration process does the policy start (e.g. recently arrived or no differentiation)?	Upon arrival in Slovenia.	

Table 8: Civic integration<sup>29</sup>

CIVIC INTEGRATION	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
How are migrant women addressed with regard to civic integration?	Please describe  Civic Integration is part of language programme (Initial Integration of Immigrants). The programme is available for all third-country nationals residing in Slovenia	

 $^{\rm 29}$  For example validation of skills, civic courses, political participation or other.

CIVIC INTEGRATION	Name of integration policy or sector specific policy	Please add columns as necessary
	(including persons with international protection).	
Are migrant women specifically targeted or are they addressed as part of a wider group?	□ Specifically third-country national migrant women targeted □ Third-country national migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of migrants (including also EU citizens with migrant backgriound) □ Migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of women	
Are specific categories of migrant women targeted (for example low-/highly-skilled labour migrants, students, family migrants, asylum seekers, etc.)?	<ul> <li>☐ Yes</li> <li>If Yes, please indicate the category(ies) and describe how their specific backgrounds and needs are addressed?</li> <li>☒ No</li> </ul>	
At what stage of the integration process does the policy start (e.g. recently arrived or no differentiation)?	Please describe Upon arrival in Slovenia.	

Table 9: Other<sup>30</sup>

**OTHER** Name of integration policy or sector Please add specific policy columns as necessary NGO - Slovenian Please describe How are migrant women addressed with regard to other Philanthropy Non-governmental organisations organize areas? helping migrant several programmes, which stimulate social women through activation of migrants. organising informal groups for woman. NGO - ODNOS Association, in partnership with the OLOOP Institute, has been implementing a three-year social activation programme since 23.9.2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> For example anti-discrimination measures, measures agains racism, hate speech and violence against women, measures to enhance exchanges with the majority population, measures focusing on specific groups e.g.parents/families, or other.

Are migrant women specifically targeted or are they addressed as part of a wider group?	<ul> <li>☑ Specifically third-country national migrant women targeted</li> <li>☐ Third-country national migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of migrants (including also EU citizens with migrant backgriound)</li> <li>☐ Migrant women addressed as part of a wider group of women</li> </ul>	
Are specific categories of migrant women targeted (for example low-/highly-skilled labour migrants, students, family migrants, asylum seekers, etc.)?	<ul><li>☑ Yes</li><li>If Yes, please indicate the category(ies) and describe how their specific backgrounds and needs are addressed?</li><li>☐ No</li></ul>	
At what stage of the integration process does the policy start (e.g. recently arrived or no differentiation)?	Please describe When they enter Slovenia.	

#### Section 3: Integration measures in the Member State

This part of the study looks at available funding and provides examples of integration measures targeting migrant women that have been identified as a good practice.

Q12 Is national funding available in your Member State for measures to support the integration of migrant women? Do structural funds / EU programmes fund integration measures targeting or addressing migrant women and if yes, to what extent (as a share of total funding)?

There is no national funding available specially for integration of the migrant women. Migrant women are part of wider group of asylum seekers, third country nationals.

Also programs that were funding through AMIF integrational measures were not specially targeting women. They were always part as wider group and involved in different projects (language courses, intercultural dialogue...).

Q13 What integration measures (systematic initiatives, projects or legislative measures) are available in the Member State that specifically address migrant women and have been identified as "good practice"? Please provide, if possible, up to three examples from the period 2016-2020 and note why the example was selected.

There are no good practices.

For methodological guidance on identifying "good practices" please refer so Section 10 (Methodological onsiderations) of the Common Template.

Note: A mapping of all reported integration measures will be provided in an annex. The study will include an analysis of the reported measures, including examples.

Please fill out Table 10 below describing the first good practice measure, and copy Table 10 to fill out to describe up to three further measures from the period 2016-2020.

#### Table 10

Measure 1	
a) Overview	
Name	Please insert name of the measure here.
Type	□ Systematic initiatives (multi-year / long term)
	□ Projects (ad-hoc)
	□ Legislative (structural) measure
Area	□ Labour market
	□ Entrepreneurship
	$\square$ Education and vocational training
	□ Language training
	□ Housing
	□ Health
	□ Civic integration
	□ Other <i>(please specify)</i>
Access	□ Third-country nationals
	$\square$ Migrants in general (not only third-country nationals, but also EU nationals)

Target group	☐ Tailor-made measure (only migrant women). <i>Please specify the category if possible.</i>	
	☐ Mainstream measure (migrant women are taken into account while the measure has a wider target group). <i>Please describe how migrant women are specifically targeted in the measure.</i>	
Stage of the integration process (e.g. recently arrived or no differentiation)	Please describe	
Coverage	□ National	
	□ Regional	
	□ Local	
Link	Please provide hyperlink to source/project here, if available.	
Source and justification	Please indicate the source/who proposed the practice as good and explain why the measure is considered a "good practice" (see Section 10 Methodological Considerations).	
b) Description		
i) What is the addressed?	objective of the measure and underlying integration opportunity/challenge to be	
Please describe.		
ii) When was the measure introduced and what was/is its duration? Is/was it a pilot measure? Is funding provided to ensure sustainability?  Please describe.		
iii) How and by whom (agency, government institution, NGOs, private sector, etc.) is/was the measure implemented?		
Please describe.		
iv) How/by whom is/was the measure funded?  Please describe.		
v) What strategies have been adopted to reach migrant women?  Please describe.		

vi) Are evaluations of the measure available? If yes, did the measure meet the anticipated objectives in relation to migrant women? What are the main outcomes?

Please describe.

vii) Where there any obstacles during implementation and if yes, how were they overcome (i.e. what are the lessons learnt)?

Please describe.

#### Section 4: Responses to COVID-19

This part of the study focuses on changes in integration policies or measures for migrant women in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q14 Were integration policies or measures developed to counteract the negative consequences of COVID-19 specifically for migrant women's integration?

a) Integration (or sector specific) policies

Please describe the key features of the policy(ies), for the areas / sectors set out in Q11 (i.e labour market, education and vocational training, entrepreneurship, language training, etc.)

No, there were no specific meausures implemented for integration of migrant women. Integration activities were moved online.

#### b) Integration measures

Please describe the key features of the measure(s).

See answer on previous question.

#### Section 5: Plans and future outlook

This part of the study will provide information on policies and measures planned in the EU Member States and Norway. This is particularly relevant for those countries that identified specific challenges for migrant women's integration as identified in Eurostat and in national statistical sources (Q3 and Q4), or where migrant women were particularly affected by the impact of COVID-19.

Q15 Please provide information on planned policy developments as well as plans to introduce new measures, also in light of the impact of COVID-19:

a) Does your Member State plan to develop new or revise existing national integration <u>policies</u> that address challenges faced by migrant women?

Please describe and explain the reasons / drivers, and the new development.

There are currently no activities planned.

b) Does your Member State plan to develop any new integration <u>measures</u> that address challenges faced by migrant women?

Please describe and explain the reasons / drivers and the new development.

There are currently no activities planned.

#### **Section 6: Conclusions**

This part of the study compiles the main findings from sections 1-5.

Q16 Please synthesise the findings of your national report by drawing conclusions from your responses to Q1-Q15:

a) What are the main integration opportunities and challenges for migrant women identified in your country (Section 1)?

Please describe.

Currently there are no integration activities in place that would specifically target migrant women. There are several challenges, however the area is not researched well enough on national level.

b) What are the key characteristics of the national integration policies (Section 2) and measures (Section 3) presented in terms of categories, focus area, stage of the integration process, etc.?

Please describe.

Regardless of gender all third – country nationals are included in all integration programmes, activities. Women applying for international protection receive special care.

c) How do special integration policies or measures developed to counteract the negative consequences of COVID-19 (Section 4) differ from those previously in place (Sections 2 and 3)?

Please describe.

During COVID-19 pandemic all integration activities were moved online. Adopted measures improved the use of information communication technology.

d) How do planned new integration policies and measures (Section 5) link to the main opportunities and challenges identified (Section 1 / Q16a) and/or responses to COVID-19 (Section 4)?

Please describe.

Not applicable.

#### **Annex: Eurostat statistics**

Eurostat Data for each EU Member State and Norway will be extracted centrally by the Service Provider and an Excel-Sheet prepared for each country and shared with the NCPs.

The Statistical Annex consists of the following:

- **Annex 1.1:** Eurostat data on first residence titles issued to third-country nationals disaggregated by sex and reason [migr resfas] and first permits issued for other reasons by reason, length of validity and citizenship, [migr resoth].
- **Annex 1.2**: Eurostat data on population disaggregated by sex and age group [migr\_pop1ctz].
- Annex 1.3: Eurostat data on labour market, entrepreneurship, education, housing and health indicators disaggregated by country of citizenship and sex [<a href="lfsa">lfsa</a> urgan], [<a href="lfsa">lfsa</a> argan], [<a href="lfsa">lfsa</a> esgan]. [<a href="ledat lfs">lfsa</a> esgan]. [<a href="ledat lfs">lfsa</a> esgan]. [<a href="ledat lfs">lfsa</a> esgan].