



National EMN Seminar Sweden 2019

“Attracting start-ups and innovative entrepreneurs from outside the EU - a key in Sweden’s high skill ecosystems”

Stockholm, 25 November 2019

What makes a country an attractive destination for start-ups and innovative entrepreneurs? This is the central question we aim to address at this event, which is closely linked to a recent EMN study. The seminar aims to serve as a venue for fruitful debate and learning for national stakeholders and participants from other EU countries. It will highlight the different national frameworks/policies for the admission of these migrant businesspersons in Sweden and other EU countries. We will also discuss to what extent and how measures are taken to attract and retain the target group in Sweden and elsewhere in the EU. The seminar will conclude with an interactive panel discussion with participants from the business community, policymaking and the academia.

Date and time: Monday, 25 November 2019, 11:30 – 16:00

Venue: World Trade Center, conference room “Casablanca”,
Klarabergsviadukten 70, Stockholm City

The seminar will be held in English. Participation including lunch and coffee breaks is free of charge.

The number of available places is limited, please register by sending an email to emn@migrationsverket.se on **15 November, 2019** at the latest. Places will be allocated on a ‘first come, first served’ basis. In the email, please state your **name, organisation, country, email address** and whether you have any special **dietary requirements**.

If you have any questions, please contact the Swedish EMN team at emn@migrationsverket.se

Welcome!

Provisional programme, 25 November 2019

Moderators: Marie Bengtsson and Jonas Hols, Swedish Migration Agency

11:30 - 12:45 **Lunch - arrival and registration of participants**

12:45 - 14:00 **Welcome and introduction to the seminar** **(tbc)**

Panel I: A comparative EMN perspective – frameworks and policies for admission, attracting and retention of start-ups

Insights from the 2019 EMN study
Migratory pathways for start-ups and innovative entrepreneurs in the EU

Veronika Vasileva, EMN Service Provider
ICF International

Case Study **Sweden**

Jonas Hols, Swedish Migration Agency

Case Study **Netherlands**

Maren Stegink, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Netherlands

Questions and answers

14:00 – 14:30 **Coffee Break**

14:30 – 16:00 **Panel II: Interactive panel discussion – Lessons learned, way forward – is Sweden attractive (enough)?**

Marie Wall (tbc), Ministry of Enterprise, Swedish Government

Anders Bornefalk, The Confederation of Swedish Enterprise

Jeremie Poirier, Skåne Startups

Lisa Ericsson, KTH Innovation, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Additional panelists to be confirmed

Summary and Outlook

About the EMN

The European Migration Network (EMN) is an EU funded network, set up with the aim of providing up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparable information on migration and asylum for Institutions of the European Union, plus authorities and institutions of the Member States of the EU, in order to inform policymaking. The EMN also serves to provide the wider public with such information. The EMN was established by the European Council Decision 2008/381/EC adopted on 14 May 2008. For further information:

EMN Sweden: www.emnsweden.se

EMN Europe: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/networks/european_migration_network/index_en.htm

