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12&13 MAY 2020, ZAGREB, CROATIA

Croatian EMN Presidency Conference

“Challenges of Irregular Migration on the Eastern Mediterranean Route”

We are pleased to announce the EMN Conference held in the framework of the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU, entitled **“Challenges of Irregular Migration on the Eastern Mediterranean Route”** that will take place on 12 and 13 May 2020 in Zagreb, Croatia.

The conference will start at 09.00 on 12 May 2020 and is planned to finish around noon the next day (lunch is scheduled from 13.00 to 14.00). The Croatian organisers will host a dinner for all participants in the evening of 12 May. In addition, EMN National Contact Points are also invited to a networking cocktail evening on 11 May 2020.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for in-depth discussions on the challenges on the Eastern Mediterranean Route and try to suggest efficient and human rights compliant solutions for the future. The conference will also place the debate on the Eastern Mediterranean Route within a broader EU context, by discussing the challenges of irregular migration and migrant smuggling in the EU in general. It will have a prominent fundamental right component and will emphasize the obligation of the EU and Member States' authorities to respect fundamental rights of migrants while performing their daily duties connected with the control of the EU external borders. This event will provide a new impetus to finding practical solutions to these challenges by creating an open, friendly and intellectually challenging forum where eminent speakers from EU institutions, Member States and NGOs, as well as independent experts will share their knowledge and experience.

Please save the date in your agenda. A formal invitation with information about the registration to the event and a detailed programme will follow soon.