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EU COURT: REQUIREMENTS CIVIC INTEGRATION ABROAD TO BE ADJUSTED

The EU Court has ruled that there are insufficient possibilities to respond to the specific individual circumstances of migrants who aim to pass the civic integration exam abroad. The exam must be conducive to integration and may not be an obstacle to entering.

Moreover, the examination is now too expensive, which makes it unattainable.

Read [here](#)

1. BASIC RIGHTS

Ministry of Social Affairs & Employment: undocumented pupils to have work placements in more school types

The minister had already allowed undocumented pupils in the school-based pathway (bol) to have work placements. Now, several school types are added: apprenticeship programmes, learning/work programmes and the entry programmes at the vmbo as well as the course completion profile labour market and further education of the special purpose secondary education. Read [here](#) (in Dutch only).

Ministry of Social Affairs & Employment: safe reporting in case of domestic violence

In response to recommendations of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, the state secretary has announced that in 2015, safe reporting is to be introduced in all municipalities in the Netherlands. Women who are victims of domestic violence can have an independent permit if return were to constitute a risk. With honour-based violence this is nearly always the case. Read [here](#) (question 19, Dutch only)

2. ADMISSION POLICY

Court: revoking asylum residence permit after 12 years only allowed since 2013 - not for older cases

This case concerns a Syrian family who were give asylum as Iraqis in 1995 and who were naturalised afterwards. Their permits have been revoked in view of incorrect information, and partly in view of a criminal record and residence abroad. According to the court, with cases predating 2013 revoking permits after twelve years is not allowed, and a criminal record is only relevant if there is a present and serious threat to public order. Residence abroad during two years, however, constitutes grounds for revoking the permit. Among other sources, read [here](#) (in Dutch only).

Council of State: questionnaire needed to assess credibility homosexuality

The Council of State decides that the government is to develop a guideline to assess the credibility of homosexual asylum seeker. A similar guideline is already in place for concerted asylum seekers. Read [here](#) (in Dutch only).

Court: residence permit Turkish partner not to be revoked retroactively

This case concerns a Turkish woman who has got a residence with her partner. As a result of the Association Agreement with Turkey, since 1980, no new restrictions may be imposed on migrants. The court assumes that revoking permits retroactively was not possibly in 1980. Read [here](#) (in Dutch only).

State secretary Security & Justice: employers of au pairs to allow checks

In future, the state secretary has employers of au-pairs sign a statement, allowing checks on exploitation. Many au pairs do heavier work and work more hours than the au-pair rules allow. Read [here](#) (in Dutch only).

3. CHECK AND RETURN

Council of State: negotiations with Morocco resumed, detention possible once again

According to the Council of State, there is once again scope for deportation to Morocco, as presentations to the embassy have been resumed. Nobody has actually been deported to Morocco so far. Read [here](#) (in Dutch only).

4. ACTIVITIES

Theme night LHBT migrants in the asylum procedure, 29 July 19.00 hrs Amsterdam

On 29 July, ASKV organises a theme night on homosexual asylum seekers. Read [here](#) (Dutch only)

EMN report labour market shortages and migration

The EMN has performed a study of the admission of migrant workers in the Netherlands and other EU countries. The Netherlands knows full well which migrant workers it needs, but does not gear its admission policy towards that goal. In practice, only highly trained migrants are deemed worth inviting.

The full (Dutch-language) report can be read [here](#).

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (the Dutch acronym for 'Landelijk Ogedocumenteerden Steunpunt') has been the knowledge centre for people and organizations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. LOS Foundation devotes itself to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.