



EMN Ad-Hoc Query on Service design/innovation/design thinking best practices within immigration services in Europe

Requested by Rafael BÄRLUND on 24th January 2018

Miscellaneous

Responses from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Sweden, United Kingdom, Norway (22 in total)

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Background information:

In 2017 the Finnish Immigration Service launched a new team focused on design and innovation: Inland.

Inland is a design and innovation lab inside the Finnish Immigration Service, created to co-design services that support immigrants and their communities. Inland works under a co-design framework, collaborating with different units, migrants and their communities to provide bold ideas and human centered solutions. Inland aims to promote an organizational change in the immigration services unit and kick start cross-public-agency projects that will have a positive social impact. Inland's manifesto reads: we put people first, we make real things, we experiment, and we are bold and visionary. More information can be found in our website: <http://inland.studio>.



Our goal is to share best practices, knowledge, and potentially collaborate across other designers/innovators in government, specific to migration/immigration issues.

We are looking to find other teams/individuals/designers like us in migration-specific organizations in government.

Questions






1. Does your organization have specific design and innovation individual roles or team(s) that are focused on any of the following practices: service design, innovation, design thinking, prototyping, experimentation, co-design?
2. If yes, can you provide contact information for those individuals/teams?: a) Name of the team/role b) Name and title of a contact person in the team/role c) Email d) Website e) Any other channels they use frequently?





Responses







	Country	Wider Dissemination	Response
	Austria	No	
	Belgium	Yes	1. In 2017, the Federal Public Service (FPS) Home Affairs has launched an innovation process/project. Staff members from the FPS Home Affairs, including the Immigration Office and the Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons, have started to organize





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	Croatia	Yes	<p>1. No.</p> <p>2. N/A</p>
	Czech Republic	Yes	<p>1. NO</p> <p>2. See above</p>
	Estonia	Yes	<p>1. No, there is no special design and innovation team, however there is close co-operation with immigration experts on ad hoc basis.</p> <p>2. N/A</p>
	Finland	Yes	<p>1. Yes</p> <p>2. a) Inland b) Ms. Mariana Salgado, Design and Research Lead c) mariana.salgado@migri.fi d) http://inland.studio e) Twitter, LinkedIn</p>
	France	Yes	<p>1. non</p> <p>2. n/a</p>

	Germany	Yes	<p>1. Yes. Our IT-Lab "IT-Labor" covers for 100 % the tasks of "Inland".</p> <p>2. Contact: Andreas Fulde , e-mail: Andreas.Fulde@bamf.bund.de Remark: an Information Exchange between "Inland" and our "IT-Labor " is already existing !</p>
	Hungary	Yes	<p>1. No, there is no such a role or team in Hungary.</p> <p>2. -</p>
	Ireland	No	
	Italy	Yes	<p>1. No, we do not have specific design and innovation individual roles or teams focused on the above-mentioned practices. However, co-design represents our ordinary organisational approach for the designing of policies, solutions and practices, in the field of immigration and beyond. Specifically, as regards Italian Ministry of Interior, within each service channel devoted to migration, co-design modalities are usually activated, involving the various stakeholders at all levels of government (central, regional, local). For example, Italy's approach to foreign citizens integration is based on multi-level governance, with multiple subjects involved in the implementation of the measures adopted. Precisely, to this end, a National Coordination Mechanism on Immigration (Tavolo di Coordinamento Nazionale), chaired by the Ministry of Interior, Department for Civil Liberties and Immigration has been established, involving several international, national, regional and local entities, including: the Ministry for the Interior, the Ministry for Employment, Welfare and Social Policies, the Regional Governments, the Union of the Italian Provinces (UPI), the National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI), The National Anti-Racial Discrimination Office of the Department for Equal Opportunities within the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, the National Commission for the right of asylum, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM). Such National Coordination Mechanism avails itself of a specific technical working group, coordinated by the Central Directorate for Immigration and Asylum Policies, which actually developed and coordinated the elaboration of the National Integration Plan, with the full collaboration of all members of the National Coordination</p>

			<p>Mechanism. Moreover, in order to give continuity to the joint work undertaken for the elaboration of the above-mentioned Plan, a National Integration Council (Tavolo Integrazione) has been established to coordinate the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the interventions proposed. We remain available for further information and examples.</p> <p>2. n.a.</p>
	Latvia	Yes	<p>1. Yes.</p> <p>2. a) Development and Project Division of the Development and International Cooperation Department of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs b) Mr. Vilmars Mangalis, Head of the Division c) vilmars.mangalis@pmlp.gov.lv, projects@pmlp.gov.lv</p>
	Lithuania	Yes	<p>1. No, Lithuania does not have such teams.</p> <p>2. N/a</p>
	Luxembourg	Yes	<p>1. No.</p> <p>2. N/A.</p>
	Malta	Yes	<p>1. We have no such team.</p> <p>2. N/A</p>
	Netherlands	No	
	Poland	Yes	<p>1. No</p>

			2. N/a
	Portugal	Yes	<p>1. In view of the issue, what seems most similar in Portugal is the Migration Observatory created in 2002, as part of the High Commission for Migration with the motto "to know more to act better, "assuming the role of "share best practices, knowledge, and potentially collaborate across other designers/innovators in government, specific to migration/immigration issues."</p> <p>2. Observatório das Migrações ACM - Alto Comissariado para as Migrações Rua Álvaro Coutinho, 14 1150-025 LISBOA Tel. 21 810 61 70 - Fax. 21 810 61 17 E-mail: om@acm.gov.pt www.om.acm.gov.pt</p>
	Slovak Republic	Yes	<p>1. No.</p> <p>2. N/A</p>
	Sweden	Yes	<p>1. Service design is the responsibility of Applicant Services within the Department of Quality within the Swedish Migration Agency. The focus is on the service given to an applicant from the Swedish Migration Agency.</p> <p>2. Since the whole Department of Quality, together with other central functions of the Swedish Migration Agency, will be reorganised from the 1 April 2018 we cannot provide this information at this point of time.</p>
	United Kingdom	Yes	<p>1. Although the UK does not have a specific team for this, every department in the Home Office is dedicated to innovation and developing better ways of working.</p> <p>2. N/A</p>
	Norway	Yes	<p>1. 1. UDI has in fact used service design (tjenestedesign) as a method in several projects these past years and we have also conducted surveys of our users in different projects. UDI does not have a</p>

			<p>separate team that works solely with design but rather takes advantage of expertise within our organization depending on what is needed in a given project. The unit for Strategy and Development (SUE) provides coordination and advice regarding testing of users as well as for service design projects and we have been responsible for several projects within our organization these past years.</p> <p>2. a) N/A b) Henriette Vigtel Senior Advisor Division for Analysis and Development Norwegian Directorate of Immigration +47 917 284 48 hvi@udi.no Ms. Vigtel led a design project last year that published a report in Norwegian: https://www.udi.no/aktuelt/sluttrapport-fra-prosjektet-for-en-brukerrettet-familieinnvandringsprosess/</p>
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