

Tackling the migration challenge: €11 million for five new research topics

Research to policy The importance of knowledge and data



The record influx of more than 1 million migrants and asylum seekers in 2015 has pushed migration to the top of political agendas in Europe. Faced with a challenge of such magnitude, Europe urgently needs new research-derived insights that can help shape coordinated migration policies and guide legislative measures.

*The EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7) has funded a large number of projects exploring different aspects of migration and migration flows. **(See example of TEMPER project)***

While these projects have yielded important insights into the root causes of migration and the cultural, historical and social barriers to integration, new research data is needed that helps to move European countries away from today's chiefly reactive attitude to a more anticipatory and better coordinated long-term approach to migration. This is crucial, not only for solving the immediate problems of sheltering asylum seekers and refugees, but to facilitate their rapid and lasting integration into the host countries' society and labour markets.

Horizon 2020 response to the migration challenge

The revised 2017 Horizon 2020 Work Programme sees the inclusion of **five new topics on migration**. Applications to the new calls will be reviewed by independent experts and funding will be awarded to the best projects on the basis of excellence and expected impact. The research actions will focus on:

Current European and cross-national comparative research and research actions on migration

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The aim is to provide a joint platform for research communities to map and review the findings from migration-related research currently conducted in the EU. It will chiefly focus on research exploring the interplay between various

migration drivers, the impact of policies on migration flows, and the exploitation of vulnerable migrants on migration routes. The aim is to create an interactive database in order to make research results more comparable across borders and ensure that they feed into policy recommendations needed to address the migration challenge.

► **Budget: €2 million**

Migration and asylum systems

Call identifier: ENG-GLOBALLY-10-2017

Researchers will assess and compare national asylum systems and policies, including their implementation in situations of particular pressure, with a view to investigating how much and what kind of legislative and institutional harmonisation is required and acceptable. The interplay between asylum systems and Schengen will be considered, and future scenarios will be outlined.

► **Budget: €2 million**

Research social platform on migration and asylum

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The platform will bring together researchers and a broad range of stakeholders – including international and non-governmental organisations, cities, social partners, and local, regional and European authorities – to take stock of best practices in the management of migration and integration in the EU. The ultimate goal is to ensure the best possible reception, protection and successful inclusion of migrants and refugees in their new local environments, with special attention given to the vulnerability of women and minors.

► **Budget: €2 million**

Research on employability, skills and labour market integration of migrants

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Research will examine the particular challenges and opportunities experienced by migrants having arrived in the EU since 2014, including asylum seekers and refugees, in European job markets, especially as regards assessment and recognition of their skills and qualifications. Research will include assessing policies for facilitating an effective labour market access and the social impacts of labour market exclusion, as well as providing policy recommendations on these issues.

► **Budget: €2.5 million**

The significance of cultural and core values for the migration challenge

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Research will explore the impact of cultural and core values on the migration challenge in Europe. This includes studying how such values are reflected in political and public discourses, and the way they are translated into integration policies and initiatives. Research will also seek to establish whether, and to what extent, these values are shared in Europe and the way they are justified on political, cultural, or religious grounds. Special attention will be given to the gender aspect.

► **Budget: €2.5 million**

TEMPORARY VS. PERMANENT MIGRATION (FP7, grant agreement no 613468)

The overall objective of the **TEMPER project** is to provide a comprehensive assessment of recent initiatives to promote temporary and circular migration, as an alternative to more traditional forms of permanent migration. Preliminary findings indicate that such initiatives are often hampered by a limited understanding of the reasons why some migrants spontaneously return to their home countries or circulate between their home place and Europe, while others do not. To overcome this knowledge gap, the TEMPER project is looking to provide data in three main areas:

1. interview migrants who recently opted for temporary or circular migration to identify the main drivers for their decisions;
2. explore and explain the role that different programmes, and immigration policies at large, have played in shaping those individual decisions and;
3. assess the benefits and drawbacks of different types of temporary, permanent and circular mobility for migrant and non-migrant workers, their families and their employers.

The work in TEMPER covers a number of countries of origin, including Romania, Ukraine, Argentina, Senegal, Morocco and Lebanon. The countries of destination under analysis are: France, Italy, Spain and UK.

TEMPER receives €2 467 861 in EU contribution. The four-year project will end in February 2018.

More information:



Participant Portal
<http://europa.eu/!FW34jB>



Social Sciences and Humanities
<http://europa.eu/!xQ38xp>



The Migration Research Platform
<http://europa.eu/!wd93kx>



Societal Challenge: Europe in a changing world: inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies
<http://europa.eu/!CW89HC>