Research Agenda on Migration
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MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

Explore and demonstrate how research can support policymakers in designing effective and sustainable migration policies fit to meet the challenges of the current crisis and beyond

The complexity of the migration phenomenon gives research a key role in designing a robust migration system
EU-FUNDED RESEARCH ON MIGRATION

DG RTD has taken strategic steps to underline the importance of research on migration supported by EU Framework Programme. This is achieved through

• STOCK-TAKING AND VALORISATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS through policy recommendations, publications, events and a new Migration Research Platform that aim to inform, consult and mobilise a wide range of internal and external stakeholders

• DEVELOPMENT OF A RESEARCH AGENDA on migration to be fed in the revised 2017 Work Programme and in the upcoming 2018-20 Work Programme of Horizon 2020
STOCK-TAKING AND VALORISATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS

1. A research-to-policy "Workshop on Migration: Research & Innovation" was organised by DG RTD with key FP7 projects and representatives of other DGs was held in Brussels in September 2015.

2. The Science4Refugees initiative was launched in October 2015 by DG RTD. It is aimed at connecting refugee scientists and researchers with European universities and research organisations willing to offer internships and jobs.
3. Publication on objectives and results of 55 projects funded by EU under FP7 and Horizon 2020 published in February 2016

"Migration and Mobility: Research & Innovation Projects in support to European Policy"

4. The policy review "Research on Migration: Facing Realities and Maximising Opportunities" was published by DG RTD in February 2015. Stock taking exercise of evidence generated to formulate policy recommendations.
5. International Conference, Organised by DG Research and Innovation "Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research" (DG RTD, Brussels 4-5 February 2016).

A Conference Report including new research needs and recommendations for policy making, was published following the event.
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"Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research"

MIGRATION FLOWS AND DRIVERS

• Develop **methodology** to capture the multiple drivers of migration (climate change, poverty, conflict, other geopolitical shocks) and analyse interrelations between them.

• Better **methods for scenario-mapping** of potential future flows and displacement.

• **Irregular migration trajectories**, including trafficking and smuggling, exploitation, abuses and vulnerabilities with such movement.

• Impact of **return mobilities and social remittances**

• **Diaspora engagement** in development
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ASYLUM

• Better insight into the **drivers of policy-making** and EU cooperation under the Common European Asylum System and of participation in Schengen Agreement
  - **political, social and historical factors** that shape national decision-making
  - **barriers** to developing an EU common system
  - **political, operational and legal complexities** associated with the Schengen agreement

• Collection of data on the **qualifications and human capital of asylum seekers** to support measures tailored for students and skilled refugees
6. Task Force on Migration

• Set up in late February 2016 by the Directorate General for Research & Innovation

• Part of its mandate is to oversee development of a research agenda on migration to be fed into the revised 2017 Work Programme and into the preparation of the 2018-20 Work Programme of Horizon 2020

7. Migration Research Platform

• Information hub on SSH research in Migration & Mobility funded under the Framework Programmes + information on research projects, events and publications, and links to other Commission services and organisations working on Migration & Mobility.

http://bit.ly/1Tnpv9k
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2016-17 Work Programme: 3 topics on migration

1. Intra-EU mobility and its impacts for social and economic systems (REV-INEQUAL-04-2016)

2. The EU and the global challenge of migration (ENG-GLOBALLY-03-2017)

Revision of the WP 2017: 5 NEW topics on migration

Refugee crisis → migration at the top of political agendas in Europe → need for a comprehensive research agenda on migration that can provide a solid evidence base for policymaking

Five new research topics on migration under SC6 for a total budget of €11 million*

1. Migration and asylum systems
2. Employability, skills and labour market integration of migrants
3. The significance of cultural and core values for the migration challenge
4. Platform on current European and cross-national comparative research and research actions on migration
5. Research social platform on migration and asylum

* in addition to a pre-existing 2017 research topic of €5 million

6. The European Union and the global challenge of migration

Information available under the Migration Research Platform, the R&I web hub for migration
HORIZON 2020
2018-20 Work Programme

- The Expert Advisory Group for the Societal Challenge 'Europe in a changing world – Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies' has identified migration as one of three main research areas for 2018-20

- Migration will be an important line of research in the 2018-20 Work Programme for Societal Challenge 6
- The Slovak Presidency Conference 'Social sciences and humanities: a new agenda for Europe's challenges' (Bratislava, 14-16 November 2016) devoted a session to understanding migration and mobility.

- The Maltese Presidency Conference to be held in Malta on 3-4 May 2017. One of the three pillar for the conference will be devoted to Addressing the root causes of Migration.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Useful links

Migration Research Platform
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index.cfm?pg=policies&policyname=migration-mobility

Policy Review "Research on Migration: Facing Realities and Maximising Opportunities"

Publication "Research & Innovation Projects in support to European Policy- Migration and Mobility"

International Conference "Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research"

Workshop on Migration: Research and Innovation
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index.cfm?pg=newspage&item=150925