



RESEACH INTO MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

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MIGRATION AND MOBILITY



ROLE OF RESEARCH

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 Framework Programmes. 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



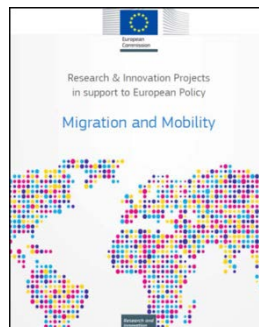
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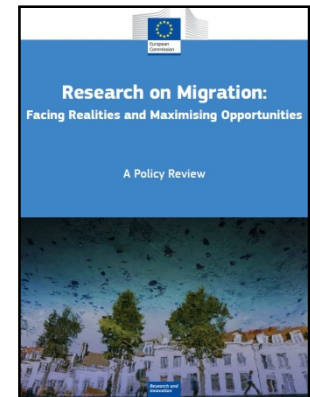
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3. Publication on objectives and results of 55 projects funded by EU under FP7 and Horizon 2020 published in February 2016

"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.



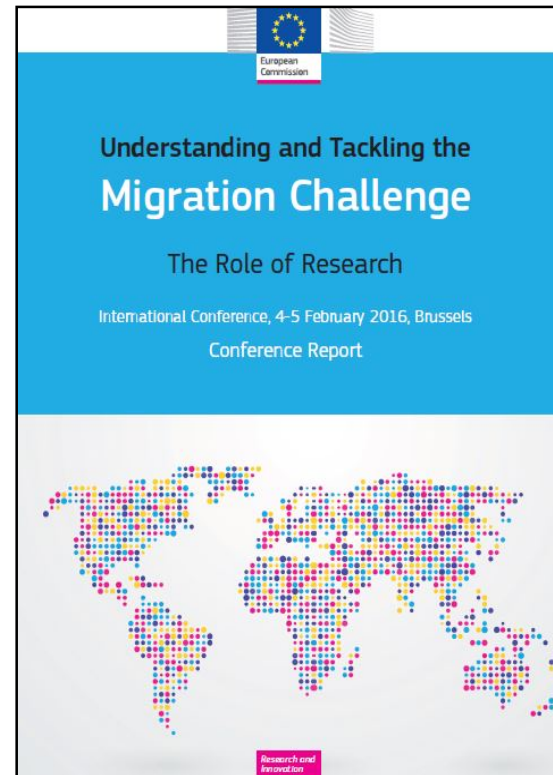


Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge The Role of Research

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5. International Conference
"Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research" (DG RTD, Brussels 4-5 February 2016).

A **Conference Report** was published following the event





**MAJOR RESEARCH NEEDS
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5.1 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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5.2 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



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5.3 FRAMING, ETHICS AND HISTORY

- **Politicisation and framing** of immigration, including the role of political elites and the media; role of economic conditions and security concerns in shaping narratives on migration
- Ways to **counter misperceptions** and misinformation
- **Historical dimension** to show how framing of migration evolved over time and to draw lessons from the past
- **Ethical issues** raised by migration flows and policy responses



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>



Research Agenda on Migration

3 existing topics on migration in the 2016-17 Work Programme

- 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)**
- 3. Religious diversity in Europe – past, present and future (CULT-COOP-05-2017)**



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5 NEW TOPICS ON MIGRATION – REVISION WORK PROGRAMME 2017

A revision of Work Programme 2017 of Horizon 2020 is underway to include **5 additional topics on migration**

1. Asylum laws
2. Employability and labour market access of migrants
3. Cultural impact of migration on European societies
4. Platform on currently running European research
5. Social platform on migration and asylum

Revision to be published on 26/07/2016 (Participant Portal)



INFO DAY - HORIZON 2020

**SOCIETAL CHALLENGE 6: EUROPE IN A CHANGING WORLD –
INCLUSIVE, INNOVATIVE AND REFLECTIVE SOCIETIES**

Work Programme 2017

Tuesday 11 October 2016

Bibliothèque Royale, 4 bld. de l'Empereur, 1000 Brussels

Will be announced on website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index.cfm?pg=home>



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 is also expected to be an important line of research across various other parts of the 2018-20 Work Programme



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"

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/policy_reviews/ki-04-15-841_en_n.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

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

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/project_synopses/ki-na-27-592-en.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

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

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/conferences/2016/migration-challenge/index.cfm>
http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/other_pubs/migration_conference_report_2016.pdf

Workshop on Migration: Research and Innovation

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index.cfm?pg=newspage&item=150925>