

**DG RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
(DG RTD)**

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Initiative	Keyword(s)
<p>DG RTD set up a Task Force on Migration in February 2016 with the overall objective to coordinate DG RTD's contribution to the overarching EU policies on migration.</p> <p>DG RTD organised the International Conference: Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research, 4-5 February 2016, in Brussels. The aim of the two-day conference was to explore and demonstrate how European research can support policy makers in designing effective and sustainable migration policies. Findings from social sciences and economic research featured alongside short- to long-term health care needs of migrants as well as the link between climate change and current and future migratory processes. Identifying research gaps and needs was a cross-cutting focus. Conference website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/conferences/2016/migration-challenge/index.cfm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Conference Report: Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research' summarises the main discussions, conclusions and research gaps and needs as well as providing policy recommendations. (http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/other_pubs/migration_conference_report_2016.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none). <p>A Policy Review: 'Migration: Facing Realities and Maximising Opportunities' launched at the above mentioned conference. The publication synthesises and reviews findings and recommendations from FP 7 projects on migration from the perspective of socio-economic sciences. Where possible, these findings are matched, or occasionally contrasted, with key insights from the wider research literature on migration and with policy documents. Migrants' integration is widely tackled in the review from a variety of perspectives – economic, social, cultural, spatial and political. (http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/policy_reviews/ki-04-15-841_en_n.pdf)</p> <p>Research on migration has been prominent under the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities research theme of the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development (FP 7). Scientific areas covered include migrants' integration, trans-nationalism, temporary/circular migration, gender relations, migration and development, data on flows and statistical modelling, diversity, and economic impact of immigration. In addition, ERA-NET Plus</p>	<p>Research (indirect)</p>

programmes (funded jointly by the European Union and Member States) were funded: One with specific focus on migration and integration and the other on the future of welfare state (with some projects on the impact of migrants on the welfare state).

- The publication: '**Research & Innovation Projects in support to European Policy - Migration and Mobility**' presents an overview of past and ongoing social science and humanities research projects on migration. (http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/project_synopses/ki-na-27-592-en.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none)

Under the 2014-2015 Horizon 2020 Work Programme for **Societal Challenge 6 (SC6): "Europe in a changing world - Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies"**, the following projects have been funded so far that fully or partly deal with migration:

- GEMM: Growth, Equal Opportunities, Migration & Markets (Project reference: 649255). (Selected under topic: EURO-2-2014 - The European growth agenda.)
- MOVE: Mapping Mobility – Pathways, Institutions and Structural Effects of Youth Mobility in the EU (Project reference: 649263). (Selected under topic: YOUNG-2-2014 – Youth mobility: opportunities, impacts, policies).
- YMOBILITY: Youth Mobility: Maximising Opportunities for Individuals, Labour Markets and Regions in the EU (Project reference: 649491). (Selected under topic: YOUNG-2-2014 – Youth mobility: opportunities, impacts, policies).
- QuinnE: Quality of Jobs and Innovation Generated Employment Outcomes (Project reference: 649497) (Project selected under topic: EURO-2-2014 - The European growth agenda)
- REMINDER: Role of European Mobility and its Impacts in Narratives, Debates and EU Reforms (Project reference: 727072) (Selected under H2020-SC6-REV-INEQUAL-2016 – Intra-EU mobility and its impacts for social and economic systems)
- ISOTIS: Inclusive Education and Social Support to Tackle Inequalities in Society (Project reference: 727069) (Selected under H2020-SC6-REV-INEQUAL-2016 - Tackling inequalities at their roots: new policies for fairness in education from early age)

Migration will feature prominently in **future Horizon 2020 Work Programme under SC 6:**

- Work Programme 2017 includes topics on:
 - The European Union and the global challenge of migration (ENG-GLOBALLY-03-2017)
 - Intra-EU mobility and its impacts for social and economic systems (REV-INEQUAL-04-2016)

- The 2017 WP for SC6 has been revised and extra topics on migration under Societal Challenge 6 have been added covering issues such as: asylum, employability and labour market integration and the significance of cultural and core values for the migration challenge. It will also reserve funding for stakeholder platforms.
- Migration will also feature prominently in the H2020 2018-2020 Work Programme for SC 6, as it has been identified as one out of the three major topics to be addressed.

On the Europa website for Social Sciences and Humanities, the **Migration Research Platform** has been launched in 2016. It presents all relevant activities and publications on research on migration, including policy reviews, project policy briefs and reports. (<http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index.cfm?pg=policies&polycyname=migration-mobility>).

Three relevant projects were funded under the **Health theme of FP7**: EU and North African Migrants: Health and Health Systems– coordination and support action-type (EUNAM); research into implementation strategies to support patients of different origins and language backgrounds in a variety of European primary care settings (RESTORE); coordinating resources to assess and improve health status of migrants from Latin America (COHEMI). And under Horizon 2020, the projects:

LIFECYCLE: Early-life stressors and LifeCycle health (Project reference: 733206) (Project selected under SC1-PM-04-2016 - Networking and optimising the use of population and patient cohorts at EU level)

STRENGTHS (733337) "Fostering responsive mental health systems in the Syrian refugee crisis" selected under SC1-PM-21-2016- Implementation research for scaling-up of evidence based innovations and good practice in Europe and low- and middle-income countries

DG RTD has carried out together with DG HOME and other DGs (CNECT, EAC, GROW, TRADE) a design study for an EU-wide scheme to attract to Europe entrepreneurs from third countries to create businesses in high-tech areas. The study was carried out in a complementary approach to the study commissioned by DG HOME on the revision of the Blue Card.

The objective of the study was to design an EU-wide scheme to attract highly skilled non-EU resident entrepreneurial innovators, to facilitate the creation and development of high-tech companies in Europe, as well as smooth integration in the European economic ecosystem, for legal migrants and European returnees.

The design study was carried out by a Dutch consultancy company, ECORYS. The follow up of the study was ensured through an informal Working Group gathering several RTD services (e.g. A1, B2 and B3) as well as other

DGs, in particular GROW, HOME, CNECT, EMPL and COMM, as well as 4 external experts specialised in entrepreneurship and migration issues.

The final report has just been released and we will now start discussing with Startup Europe to set up the information platform for the attention of non-EU resident highly skilled entrepreneurial innovators. Other recommendations of the study (e.g. communication campaign, EU startup visa, network of intermediaries, etc.) will also be implemented / discussed in the coming months.

DG RTD launched in 2015 the ‘**science4refugees**’ initiative for asylum-seeking and refugee scientists and researchers to enable a match-making process between refugees and asylum seekers with a scientific background and the scientific institutions that voluntarily declare themselves as "refugee-welcoming organisations". DG JRC is also participating in this.

A workshop on Science4refugees was organised on 15 – 16 March 2017 in Brussels. The keyword of the workshop was “Integration”: together with refugee researchers. A way forward for a successful integration of involuntary mobile researchers into the European labour market was discussed, considering that traditional support measures need to be tailored for refugees that missed out three or four years of schooling on average.

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Studies and related outputs			
1	Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge. The role of research	2016	This report summarises the discussions, findings and research results presented at the international conference ‘Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: The Role of Research’, 4-5 February 2016, Brussels. It also presents the research gaps and needs identified, as well as recommendations to policy makers. (https://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/other_pubs/migration_conference_report_2016.pdf)
2	Research and Innovation Projects in support to	2016	This publication presents an overview of social sciences and humanities research projects on migration – funded under the Seventh Framework Programme and Horizon 2020.

	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)
3	Research on Migration: Facing Realities and Maximising Opportunities. A policy review	2016	The policy review synthesises and reviews findings and recommendations from FP 7 projects on migration from the perspective of socio-economic sciences. Where possible, these findings are matched, or occasionally contrasted, with key insights from the wider research literature on migration and with policy documents. Migrants' integration is widely tackled in the review from a variety of perspectives – economic, social, cultural, spatial and political. (http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/policy_reviews/ki-04-15-841_en_n.pdf)
4	Policy Briefs		A list of relevant project policy briefs on migration can be found at the Europa site for social sciences and humanities: https://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index.cfm?pg=policies&polycyname=migration-mobility