

POLICY & RESEARCH

PROJECTS, INITIATIVES & IN-HOUSE COLLABORATION

MIGRATION GOVERNANCE AND POLICY-MAKING

The state of play of Schengen governance

Dates: July – November 2020
Donor: European Parliament

The study *The state of play of Schengen governance - An assessment of the Schengen evaluation and monitoring mechanism in its first multiannual programme* examined the SEMM, which assesses implementation of the **Schengen acquis**, in its first multiannual programme (2014-19), identifying which aspects have worked well and where there are areas for improvement.

Climate change and migration

Dates: March – July 2020
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The study *Climate Change and Migration: Legal and policy challenges and responses to environmentally induced migration* examined **global, regional and national responses to environmental migration and displacement** and offered recommendations on ways in which the European Parliament and other stakeholders can better address protection needs arising in the context of environmental migration and displacement in Europe and beyond.

TALENTAS

Dates: Sep 2019 – Jan 2021
Donor: European Commission (SRSS)

The project *Developing a strategy for the implementation of a talent policy in Lithuania (TALENTAS)* aimed to contribute to **attracting and retaining more international talent in Lithuania**, including international students, graduates, and highly skilled Lithuanian returnees. Its main research activities included a comprehensive overview of the existing talent management ecosystem in policy and practice and the identification of potential measures to improve the talent management in Lithuania; these were paired with capacity building support.

INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION

SPRING

Dates: Mar 2021 – Mar 2023
Donor: European Commission (H2020)

Focused on the integration of recently arrived migrants in the context of the large-scale arrivals of refugees and other migrants since 2014, the *Sustainable Practices of Integration (SPRING)* project aims to develop a **toolbox** to improve the innovation, effectiveness and sustainability of the work done by Europe's **integration stakeholders at national, regional and local levels**.

MIKS

Dates: Jan 2019 – Sep 2020
Donor: Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior

The project *Migration.Communication.Schools (MIKS)* aimed to communicate the findings of the report of the Austrian Migration Council "Understanding Migration - Managing Migration", by generating **knowledge and understanding** mainly among pupils and teachers about migration, **social peace and cohesion**. Through a policy simulation game, theatre plays and explanatory videos, complex issues related to migration were explained, political awareness raised and social responsibility fostered.

<p>YRMA</p> <p>Dates: Dec 2018 – Nov 2020</p> <p>Donor: European Commission (SRSS)</p>	<p>The overall objective of the project <i>Youth work in the context of integration of young refugees and migrants in Austria (YRMA)</i> was to support the Austrian authorities in improving their administrative and strategic capacity to create and implement comprehensive policies/mechanisms that connect and coordinate actors involved in youth work and actors involved in the integration of young refugees and migrants.</p>
<p>FIMAS+ YOUTH</p> <p>Dates: Jul 2018 – Jun 2020</p> <p>Donors: Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, City of Vienna (MA17 Integration and Diversity), AMS Austria, City of Graz, Department of Education and Integration</p>	<p>Based on the surveys FIMAS, FIMAS+INTEGRATION and FIMAS+INTEGRATION2, the project <i>Processes of labour market integration of young refugees and beneficiaries of international protection in Austria (FIMAS+ YOUTH)</i> undertook the fourth wave of the Austrian longitudinal study on (labour market) integration trajectories of refugees. The focus of this fourth wave was on examining the situation of youth with regard to their chances of labour market integration.</p>

SAFE MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT AND PROTECTION

<p>HEROES</p> <p>Dates: Oct 2021 – Sept 2024</p> <p>Donor: European Commission (H2020)</p>	<p>The project <i>Novel Strategies to Fight Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Crimes and Protect Their Victims</i> aims to develop new methods and strategies for approaching and assisting victims of trafficking and sexual abuse and exploitation. In particular, it engages technological innovation to improve the way in which support and assistance can be provided to victims, law enforcement investigations and prevention of future crimes.</p>
<p>IKAM</p> <p>Dates: Mar 2021 – Feb 2022</p> <p>Donor: European Union, Austrian Federal Ministry</p>	<p>The project <i>Information measures and capacity building on asylum, legal and irregular migration in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Western Balkans (IKAM)</i> provides objective information about the dangers and consequences of irregular migration as well as options for legal migration to inform potential migrants and counteracts misinformation. The project builds the capacities of local authorities in the target regions to raise awareness of migration and related information campaigns.</p>
<p>PARIM</p> <p>Dates: Jan 2021 - Dec 2022</p> <p>Donor: European Union (AMIF), Ministry of Interior Austria, Ministry of Interior Bulgaria</p>	<p>The project <i>Awareness raising and information campaigns on the risks of irregular migration in Pakistan (PARIM)</i> seeks to provide information and raise awareness among potential migrants in Pakistan through a series of campaigns communicating balanced information about the dangers and consequences of irregular migration, options for legal migration, and the legal, social and economic realities of life in Europe.</p>

<p>THBResearchLab–Turkey</p> <p>Dates: Sep 2020 – Mar 2022</p> <p>Donor: British Embassy, Ankara</p>	<p>The <i>THBResearchLab–Turkey</i> project aims to inform evidence-based policy formulation and decisions concerning Turkey’s fight against human trafficking with regards to child and labour trafficking. The research will be conducted at nine pilot provinces in Turkey through employing mixed (quantitative and qualitative) research methodologies to provide action-oriented recommendations.</p>
<p>FARIM</p> <p>Dates: Jan 2020 - Dec 2021</p> <p>Donor: Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Austrian Federal Ministry</p>	<p>The overall objective of the study <i>Female beneficiaries of asylum and subsidiary protection on the labour market – Information, mobilisation and integration in Austria, Germany and Norway (FARIM)</i> is to provide a basis for further policy and program development that improves the labour market integration of female asylum and subsidiary protection beneficiaries in Austria. The study will provide comprehensive and evidence-based suggestions for the development and improvement of tailor-made and targeted group-oriented integration measures for this population.</p>
<p>TRAFIG</p> <p>Dates: Jan 2019 – Mar 2022</p> <p>Donor: European Commission (H2020)</p>	<p>The interdisciplinary research project <i>Transnational Figurations of Displacement (TRAFIG)</i> aims to to develop solutions for protracted displacement situations that are better tailored to the needs and capacities of persons affected by displacement. It analyses how protracted displacement, dependency and vulnerability are related to the factors of connectivity and mobility and how these factors can be operationalised to enhance the self-reliance and resilience of displaced people.</p>
<p>REF-VET</p> <p>Dates: Jan 2018 – Jul 2021</p> <p>Donor: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)</p>	<p>This research under the project <i>Complementary Pathways for Adult Refugees: the Role of Vocational Education Training, Skills and Qualifications (REF-VET)</i> focuses on skills matching of refugees by increasing the evidence base for policies regarding the admission of adult refugees through use of vocational education training, skills and qualifications. Such mechanisms for admission and the conditions for their development and expansion are identified. The research component is paired with a pilot of skills-based relocation of refugees from Greece to Portugal.</p>

MIGRATION TRENDS AND DYNAMICS

<p>PERCEPTIONS</p> <p>Dates: Sept 2019 – Aug 2022</p> <p>Donor: European Commission (H2020)</p>	<p>The project <i>Understand the Impact of Novel Technologies, Social Media, and Perceptions in Countries Abroad on Migration Flows (Perceptions)</i> focuses on identifying and understanding narratives and (mis-)perceptions of the EU abroad. Moreover, it aims at assessing potential issues related to border and external security that may arise based on such narratives or misperceptions, and will create a toolkit of measures to counteract such challenges.</p>
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ADVICE & CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER ICMPD PROJECTS

<p>ENHANCER</p> <p>Dates: Jan 2020 - Dec 2023</p> <p>Donor: European Union</p>	<p>The project <i>Enhancement of Entrepreneurship Capacities for Sustainable Socio-Economic Integration</i> aims to contribute to the inclusion of Syrians under Temporary Protection (SuTPs) in their local host communities through livelihood and employment opportunities. It aims to improve policy development and the coordination of policy implementation related to the socio-economic integration of SuTPs at the national, regional and local levels.</p>
<p>MIMAK III</p> <p>Dates: Dec 2019 – Nov 2021</p> <p>Donor: Swiss State Secretariat for Migration</p>	<p>The project <i>Strengthening Migration Management Authorities in Kosovo*</i> (MIMAK) was a comprehensive effort to strengthen government authorities and related inter-institutional mechanisms of migration management to improve evidence-based migration and migration-related policies and inform the population of the benefits of regular migration and consequences of irregular migration.</p>
<p>SUMMIT</p> <p>Dates: Aug 2019 – Aug 2021</p> <p>Donor: Swiss State Secretariat for Migration</p>	<p>The project <i>Sustainable Migration Management through supporting Implementation of development sensitive migration policies and Initiatives in Turkey (SUMMIT)</i> seeks to support the establishment and implementation of an integrated, long-term, development-sensitive and sustainable migration policy framework at the national and regional level. The project places a special focus on labour market integration.</p>
<p>FReM III</p> <p>Dates: Dec 2018 – May 2021</p> <p>Donor: Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and 21 project partner countries</p>	<p>As a direct follow-up to the FReM I and FReM II projects, the <i>Forced-Return Monitoring III (FReM III)</i> project further contributed to a functioning EU Return System in line with the Return Directive (2008/115/EC), protecting the fundamental rights of returnees through independent and transparent forced-return monitoring based on a common European approach and harmonised procedures.</p>
<p>ENIGMMA 2</p> <p>Dates: Sep 2017 – Oct 2021</p> <p>Donor: EU-Georgia Financing Agreement</p>	<p>The project <i>Sustaining Migration Management in Georgia (ENIGMMA 2)</i> contributes to the sustainable enhancement of mobility and people-to-people contacts between the EU and Georgia by addressing the identified and potential migration-related risks of visa liberalisation in Georgia and the EU MS, as well as maximising visa liberalisation benefits.</p>
<p>Silk Routes III</p> <p>Dates: Aug 2017 – Jul 2021</p> <p>Donor: European Union, HU, BG, NL, NO, SE, CH, TR, UK</p>	<p>The <i>Silk Routes Initiative</i> within the Budapest Process strengthens the migration management capacities of the Silk Routes countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, and Pakistan) and contributes to the concrete implementation of the Istanbul Ministerial Declaration on establishing a <i>Silk Routes Partnership for Migration</i>.</p>