

How can research support policymakers?

**Understanding the relation between
migration and development for
evidence-based policy-making: data and
research needs**

The outline

- Cooperation and partnerships between researchers and policy makers.
 - Data collection priorities
 - The role of Migration Profiles

Observatory of Migrations East of Europe

- Funded by the European Union, as a pilot for 24 months
- Based at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- Covers Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine, with an outlook to five Central Asian countries
- Network of migration specialists – main target: academia, but also civil servants, think-tanks. Target: 50 members.
- Activities:
 - assessment of research gaps;
 - launching pilot research;
 - building bridges between scholars of migration in the region and in the EU (state-of-the-arts, systematic translation in EN/RU)

Mismatch between policy making and research

- Forecast studies with possible scenarios are typically absent from the policy-making domain (with at least 10-15 years of forecasting)
- Non-codified variety of a legal body of different hierarchy with overlapping subjects (Belarus)
- Superficial interpretation of facts as a basis of policy recommendations (Armenia)

Cooperation and partnerships between researchers and policy makers.

1. Why is research done or not done?

Internal policy agenda

Gap between research and policies

2. What is researched?

Source vs. host countries

3. How it is researched?

Data collection vs. statistics collection

4. Who is doing the research?

Funding research

Multiplier effects

Research needs identified by the CARIM-East network members in June 2011

Impact of immigration/emigration on labour market	Integration of returnees	Diaspora	How to measure emigration
Feminization of migration	Impact of the readmission agreements	Attracting back highly skilled emigrants	Measuring pull factors of immigration/ emigration
Social exclusion/integration of migrant workers (also the issue of xenophobia)	Cooperation with countries of emigration	Factors of emigration	Volume of migration
Discourse on migration	Impact of visa facilitation agreements		
Impact of immigration on demography	Trafficking/smuggling/ Migration for criminal purposes		
Brain drain	Conformity with international legal norms		
Identification of migration potential	Problem of statelessness		
Mobility partnerships	Return migration/Reintegration		
Labour migration/human capital	Human rights of immigrants		
Competitiveness of the labour market in the light of Free Trade/Association Agreements			
Internal labour migration			
Freedom of movement			
Social exclusion/xenophobia/integration of migrant workers			

Data Collection/Production Needs

Statistical data (demographics, economics)

- Longitudinal data
- Comparative data (with control groups)
- Accessible data

Migration Profiles

- A report gathering existing information
- Good place to introduce coherent set of indicators on migration and development
- However...
 - Only as good as the **existing** data
 - It cannot be updated if
 - primary datasets are not updated/created
 - no new research is done
 - the legal framework is not implemented/updated/changed

Thank you for your attention!

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