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Undocumented and irregular migration: policy developments, data and social implications

Brussels, Friday, 13th November 2009, Centre Borschette. Rue Froissart. Room 1A

Although not a recent phenomenon, regular and irregular migration remains a major challenge for the European Union as it affects its political, socio-economic and cultural processes in profound ways. The emphasis of research to present day has been on particular countries and ethnicities, and has concentrated mostly on legal immigration. There is thus a lack of information and in-depth comparative analysis on the profiles and strategies of particularly non authorised residents throughout the EU.

In 2005 DG Research, in collaboration with DG Justice Liberties and Security and DG Employment, has published a Call for proposal dealing with "*Legal and illegal immigration towards the EU*" under the Scientific Support to Policies Programme of the 6th Framework Programme for Research.

The objective of this Call was to conduct a comprehensive analysis and further develop knowledge on who particularly the irregular migrants are in all EU Member States; their country of origin and travel routes; their type of entry or residence; their employment conditions; their living conditions and expectations and how they contribute to the informal economy of Member States; and the possible ways by which illegal residents may become legal and vice-versa.

Two projects were selected under this Call: **CLANDESTINO** "*Undocumented migration: counting the uncountable, data and trends across Europe*" (<http://clandestino.eliamep.gr/>), coordinated by Anna Triandafyllidou of ELIAMEP (GR) and **UWT** "*Undocumented Worker Transition*" (<http://www.undocumentedmigrants.eu/>) coordinated by Sonia McKay of the London Metropolitan University (UK).

The objective of this workshop is to present the main results of the two projects to the policy community based in Brussels and in particular to present the new database on irregular migration which provides an inventory of data and estimates on irregular migration in 12 EU countries and some border countries, up to 2008.

This is a closed workshop, registration for the meeting should be sent to Giulia.Amaducci@ec.europa.eu

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PROGRAMME

- 9.30 Registration and welcome coffee
- 10.00 *Opening* by **Jean Michel Baer** (Director, DG RTD/L)
Pierre Valette (Head of Unit, DG RTD/L2)
- 10.15 *Introduction* by **Anna Triandafyllidou**, ELIAMEP – Project Coordinator of CLANDESTINO.
- 10.30 **Statistics and pathways of irregular migration**
- Presentation on numbers of UDM in Europe: main research findings of CLANDESTINO and methods used to make sense of the estimates.
Speaker: Dita Vogel, Hamburg Institute of International Economics, DE
 - Paths into irregularity in Europe and discourses about UDM in member states (CLANDESTINO project). *Speaker: Franck Duvell*, Compas, UK
- 11.15 Questions and answers on statistics
- 11.30 **Employment and social implications concerning irregular migration**
- Migration status, immigration policy and employment outcomes (UWT project). *Speaker: Tessa Wright*, LMU, UK
- 12.00 **Open Discussion**
Moderators: Pierre Valette and Giulia Amaducci, DG RTD
- 13.30 End of the workshop - Lunch