CPMR Migration Task Force
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CPMR Activities on Migration – updates & way forward

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### CPMR Migration Task Force

Set up in February 2015

### ORGANISATION

- Chaired by Region Skåne (SE) +40 members (25 very active) member regions from South & Northern EU
- 2-3 meetings a year + conferences/events

### 2 MAIN AREAS FOCUS OF THE TASK FORCE

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New ToRs adopted on 16 September for 2019 onwards

5 OBJECTIVES

1. Policy and advocacy
2. Innovative processes and exchanges of best practices
3. Consolidation and implementation of a regional strategy on migration mobility and development
4. Complementarity, synergy and pilot actions
5. Accountability and effectiveness
CPMR recent work on Migration (I.)

SURVEYS
Two surveys conducted among member Regions in 2017-18.
- Internal dimension (reception and integration)
- External dimension (cooperation with actors from third countries, networking...)

Replies from around 26 CPMR members in 10 countries

Questions now integrated into a single factsheet template for regions to upload and update information summarised in a single document and linked to the visual mapping.

More members are encouraged to contribute!
CPMR recent work on Migration (II.)

VISUAL MAPPING based on surveys – beta version launched in April 2019

A user-friendly and operational tool on regional competences and experiences.

Designed for mutual learning between regions and promoting regional actions among external stakeholders to learn more about the role of the regions.

Dedicated page on the CPMR web site: https://cpmr.org/policy-work/global-agendas/migration-management/migration-visual-mapping/
CPMR Visual Mapping

Interactive map made up of 9 layers providing information on regions’ experiences, capacities, needs and potential
HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCES & SEMINARS
For the exchange of experiences, conveying key messages to institutions/lobbying

• High-level Conference co-organised by Attica / CPMR on “Migration & the role of the Regions” at the CoR in 2018
• Workshop in Seville with the AEBR in 2019 in the framework of the ARLEM
PROJECTS – several proposals presented + new section on funding opportunities on the CPMR web site

“REGIN – Regions for Migrants and Refugees Integration” approved by the European Commission in July 2019

- AMIF - Local and regional integration networks
- CPMR Lead Partner. Participating Regions: Skane (SE), Campania & Puglia (IT), Azores (PT), Catalonia & Murcia (ES)
- Technical partners: Instrategies, Migration Policy Group, CIDOB
- Grant preparation in progress
- Kick-off planned February 2020
CPMR recent work on Migration (III.)

SYNERGIES WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS – ongoing

Synergies with Organizations, Institutions, External stakeholders,

Interreg programs (Interreg Med-PANORAMED, Interact), OECD, ICMPD, Med Cities, Arco Latino, UCLG, Coppem, Committee of the Regions/ARLEM, WHO, NGOs
CPMR recent work on Migration (III.)

SYNERGIES WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS
CPMR Partner of the Committee of the Regions’ Initiative “Regions and Cities for Integration”

• **Mission**
  - support the integration of migrants and refugees
  - to give a stronger voice to small municipalities, mid-size cities and regions and encourage cooperation between smaller localities, cities and regions
  - to contribute to presenting stronger narrative of solidarity and countering disinformation in this field

• **Key activities**
  - Organisation of political roundtables and high-level conferences
  - Collection of good experiences and practices
  - Provision and dissemination of information on integration (funding opportunities, events, good practice)

  Forthcoming: Conference organized by the EC in Brussels on 3/12/2019 « go local: supporting regions, cities and rural areas in migrant’s inclusion »
PUBLICATIONS & ADVOCACY

• Two Issue Papers including practices and policy relevant messages:
  o “Migration and Asylum in EU Regions: Towards a multilevel governance approach” 2018
  o “The External Dimension of EU Migration Policy. Working together: the regional strategy” 2019

• Prospective Report: Advocacy actions concerning migration sets out our future strategy

• CPMR Policy Priorities 2019 includes our core messages on key policy areas including migration

• Policy recommendations included in the Final Declarations of the CPMR / IMC, ad hoc meetings with DG HOME etc.

• Forthcoming advocacy actions under preparation: Need to address the new EP/EC and even permanent representations of some EU Countries: specific strategy concerning funding
Overview of competences framework in different CPMR regions, focused on the reception and accommodation of asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants, and integration policies.

Knowledge and experiences in several CPMR regions, describing the key role and added value.

Reflections and recommendations for improving the role of EU regions in promoting a better management of migration flows and building inclusive societies.

Multilevel Governance scenario: recognition of migration and asylum policies as multilevel and cross-cutting policies.

Challenges for EU financial instruments in post 2020 period (AMIF, Cohesion Policy, internal dimension of migration policy).
Regions’ Areas of Competence and Action (Internal Dimension)

Through practice/formal competences, regions and cities are responsible for welcoming, accommodation and integration policies of refugees and migrants.

- **Entry and Reception**
  - Entry, Relocation, Resettlement Procedures
  - First Assistance/Humanitarian Aid
  - Shelter and Reception Centres

- **Basic Public Services**
  - Compulsory Education
  - Primary Healthcare
  - Unaccompanied Minors

- **Social Inclusion**
  - Language Skills
  - Access to Labour Market/Vocational Training
  - Housing
  - Administrative and Legal Support
  - Diversity Management
Regions can be instrumental and should be recognised as partners to develop the external dimension of the EU migration policy. Their knowledge and experience both in migration and international cooperation can prove to be very relevant to the external dimension of the EU migration policy goals, and those of the SDGs and the two Global Compacts on migration and asylum.

The EU programs and financial instruments in the post 2020 programming period should open more room for the regions to reinforce their potential engagement within the external dimension of the EU migration policy.

A step forward to build a **regional strategy on migration, mobility and development**
Possible key actions for a regional strategy on migration, mobility & development

- Boost the exchange information and relevant experiences
- Improve coordination across all levels of governments in the migration-development nexus
- Promote regional networks beyond the EU scenario to address migration challenges
- Use Decentralized Development Cooperation to improve local & regional policies in partner and donor countries, and contribute to SDGs
- Link development strategies to voluntary return, and to reintegration programmes
- Involve diasporas in the development of the country of origin to maximize the benefits of migrations for the development of the country (and region) of origin
- To participate in resettlement programmes as a good opportunity to help some of the most vulnerable refugees living in developing countries
Areas of expertise in the external dimension of migration policy

Decentralised Cooperation

- Capacity building for institutions tackling with migration and asylum matters at regional level
- Social and economic development in regions of origin and transit
- Helping participation in regional development programmes between regions of origin, transit and destination
- Exchange and sharing of know-how and training

Humanitarian Assistance

- Emergency response
- Disaster risk reduction
- Conflict management
- Supporting actions for voluntary return and reintegration

International and Regional Networks

- Promoting dialogue and knowledge-sharing
- Regional role in the global agenda
- Partnerships with third countries
Exploring new opportunities in the EU current financial instruments

- **CURRENT EU FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**
  - AMIF: line for regions
  - External funds: ICMPD initiative

- **MFF 2014-2020**
Exploring new opportunities in the EU financial instruments post 2020

• MFF 2021-2027

• FOCUS ON THE NEW:
  • Asylum & Migration Fund
  • Neighbourhood Development International Cooperation Instrument
  • ESF+
Some good news...

➢ The 2018 AMIF call included a specific line on Local and regional integration networks AMIF-2018-AG-INTE-1

➢ New call 2019 AMIF for transnational actions on asylum, migration and integration (AMIF work programme 2019)

➢ Certain (increased) recognition of the role of the regions in the draft EC regulation for the post 2020 Asylum & Migration fund, and a MFF proposal with a greater budget, including several « hooks » on the regions’ role and participation.

➢ More attention from the EC on the complementarity between the future AMF, Cohesion Policy and ESF+ and the external dimension funds (NDICI)
**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CALENDAR 2019**

- **2019 new legislature’s parliamentary session** will take place between the 2nd of July and the 19th of December.

- **2019 new legislature’s Committee meetings** will take place between the 8th of July and the 12th of December.

- **BREXIT effect delays legislative calendar**

- **2nd reading with a new Parliament could impact all the process (starting again)**
Next steps... (I.)

➢ Advocacy action on the role of regions in the EU legislative framework. Our main targets:

➢ European Parliament:
  • CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (LIBE)
  • FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AFET)
  • SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
  • COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (EMPL)

➢ European Commission
  • DG Home
  • DG Devco

➢ European Council
  • REPERs et alt.
Next steps...(II.)

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  • Asylum and Migration Fund (AMF):
    • Second reading?
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• European Social Fund + (ESF+):

• No need for 2nd reading
# Asylum and Migration Fund

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✓ Specify that local authorities, regions and regional associations should have direct access of to funding  
✓ Increasing co-financing rate for local and regional authorities. |
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Next steps (IV.)...

Identification of specific topics for future joint actions of the CPMR regions. Some examples:

- Innovative integration and inclusion policies;
- Unaccompanied minors;
- EU distribution (regional key) for refugees and asylum-seekers in the ECAS revision;
- Multilevel instruments to improve migration and integration governance (Global Compact)
Creating a ‘critical mass’ on shared messages:

Visibility and dissemination
- Raising awareness: public statements; communication, etc.
- Dissemination: seminars, conferences, papers, projects, etc.

Networking
- Key stakeholder for the CoR: Cities and Regions for Integration
- Exploring collaborations and synergies with other actors:
  - IOs on refugees and migrants (IOM, OECD, ICMPD, UNHCR, WHO...);
  - Networks of local authorities (Med Cities, Arco Latino, UCLG, COPPEM);
  - Social entities networks;
  - Academia and think-tanks;
  - Interreg programs (Interreg Med-PANORAMED, Interact).
Developing the Task Force’s activities on migrant integration through the REGIN Project:

Task Force members can be involved in the following:

- Transfer and capitalisation activities
- Contribution to MIPEX regional indicators
- Testing tools and instruments
- Providing experiences and practices (enriching the CPMR visual mapping)
Implementing the REGIN project:

REGIN is a **mechanism to facilitate**, guide and improve **the integration of migrants**. REGIN is about building a common framework with tools to achieve migrant’s and refugee’s integration focusing on regions.

The main objective of REGIN would be to set a **common framework for migrants’ and refugees’ integration for regions**, and to develop a set of **tools to achieve integration**. 4 main aims:

- Identifying inclusion and integration indicators at regional level;
- Developing a set of tools to facilitate regional performance strengthening migrants’ and refugees’ integration;
- Improving planning and monitoring of integration indicators;
- Interchange, dialogue and cooperation in practices and initiatives between partners.
Objectives

Establish **a network with regional authorities** to cooperate on migrants’ integration policies and practices.

Identify indicators of integration. Provides data-based research and a comparative framework (MIPEX-R) www.mipex.eu

Develop set of tools that facilitates regional performance and create forum to discuss, learn and share integration practices

Create a mapping-tool to visualize practices and initiatives

Promote interaction between migrants and nationals

Identify and evaluate good practices on integration at regional level

To give voice to regions and emphasise their role on integration
1 → Management and Coordination of Actions
• Implement and maintain effective project management
• Meetings, coordination, project monitoring, evaluation and financial management

2 → Communication, Dissemination and Capitalization
• Dissemination of findings
• Web platform, Communication Plan, meetings and events
• Social media

3 → Regional indicators on Integration
• Identify and measure integration policies, outcomes and factors impacting on migrants’ integration process
• Desk research, MIPEX-R, integration indicators and regional discussions

4 → Regional Toolkit to Foster Integration and Inclusion
• Develop and test instruments for regions to foster inclusion
• Stakeholder's mapping and capacity building, regional staff training, integration actions at regional level

5 → Case study: Testbed on health and integration
• Establishment and organization of advisory service for migrants
• My Path
• Set up local supportive platform/environment for integration

6 → Integration Lab
• Identify and monitor practices on migrants’ and refugees’ integration based on lessons learned and failed practices
• Evaluation framework + Gathering and mapping practices and experiences
Project partners and calendar

Leading partner and Coordinator: CPMR

CPMR regions participating: Azores; Campania; Catalonia; Murcia; Puglia; Skåne

Technical partners: INSTRATEGIES, MPG, CIDOB

Starting date: February 2020

Length of the project: 24 months
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Could we expand this approach in order to tackle other regions?
How to involve other actors such as WHO?
Many thanks for your attention!

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