



European University Institute

ROBERT SCHUMAN CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES



The Migration Policy Centre (MPC) conducts advanced policy-oriented research on global migration, asylum and mobility. It serves governance needs at European and global levels, from developing, implementing and monitoring migration-related policies to assessing their impact on the wider economy and society.

## Research

The MPC provides fresh insight into the economic, social, political, demographic and environmental factors that can potentially drive international migration. This is combined with research that looks closely at the factors that condition policy responses at national, regional and international levels. Thus, the MPC is able to provide nuanced analysis of the interplay between the factors that can cause international migration and the ways in which these factors then play out in political and policy processes.

### Key Figures (since the first activities in 2004)

Average staff: **20** people

+ **250** network correspondents in around **100** countries

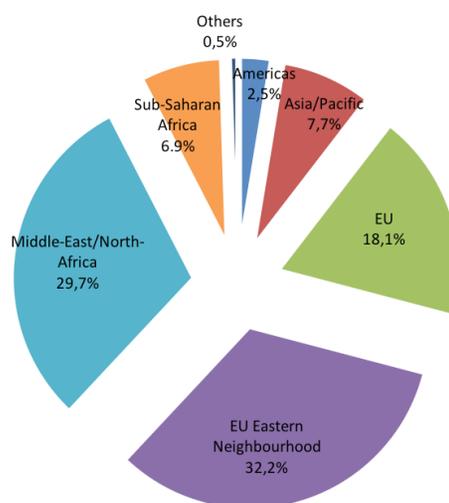
+ **1100** publications

Thousands of tables and legal documents on EU countries and approx. **30** non-EU countries

>**32** externally-funded projects for a total amount >**€16.5 million**

**13** Summer Schools organised with a total of 390 participants

### MPC Publications by Region



Professor Andrew Geddes  
Director  
Migration Policy Centre



Professor Martin Ruhs  
Deputy Director  
joining from Oxford University  
as of January 2018

## Timeline

- 2005** First Migration Summer School
- 2012** Launch of the MPC by its Founding Director Philippe Fargues in the presence of EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Cecilia Malmström and the Italian Labour Minister Elsa Fornero
- 2013** Key participation of the MPC to the 'State of the Union' conference
- 2014** Joint press conference on migration stereotypes with EU Commissioner for Home Affairs Cecilia Malmström
- 2015** The MPC creates a website dedicated to the Migrant crisis
- 2016** The MPC hosts the first International Workshop on Human Smuggling
- 2017** Andrew Geddes becomes Director of the MPC

## Policy Dialogue

The MPC bridges research and policy by providing EU institutions, national authorities as well as international organizations with policy advice. It fosters dialogue between academics, policy-makers and stakeholders from the private sector and NGOs. It contributes to major issues of migration policy and governance while building links with the other key global challenges and changes.

## Executive Trainings

MPC staff provides its expertise at specialist training events and workshops organised by the EUI as well as by other institutions in Italy and abroad. These events are aimed at professionals from EU institutions and national administrations in particular.

## Migration Summer School

The Migration Summer School was created in 2005. Every year, it offers a two-week programme of advanced and specialised training in migration studies from a multidisciplinary perspective, targeting practitioners and academic researchers. Teaching staff includes members of the MPC as well as leading academics, officials of EU institutions and international organisations as well as renowned experts from NGOs and private sector.

## Current Projects

### **Observatory of Public Attitudes to Migration - OPAM**

*Funding:* MPC

*Description:* OPAM is the first Observatory dedicated to producing comprehensive, global analyses of what people think about migration and why they think it. It creates a unique resource base gathering data from across the EU and regularly provides insights on how public attitudes to migration are affecting national politics.

### **Human Smuggling in Irregular Migration**

*Funding:* MPC

*Description:* The human smuggling research team at the MPC are the conveners of the first global collective of smuggling research and, in particular, the participation of women, children and teenagers in irregular migration facilitation. Research is conducted worldwide to gather data that can be communicated through policy documents and recommendations to better counter the impact of violence and crime on migrants and nation states.

### **Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration - MEDAM**

*Research Consortium:* Kiel Institute for the World Economy (leader), Centre for European Policy Studies/CEPS, EUI.

*Funding:* Stiftung Mercator

*Description:* Researchers work with civil society and policy-makers to identify challenges and draw up action strategies to support the implementation of innovative policies in the field of European immigration and asylum system from an economic perspective.

### **Prospects for International Migration Governance - MIGPROSP**

*Funding:* European Research Council Advanced Grant

*Description:* The MIGPROSP project aims to know more about the factors that shape understandings of international immigration in different regions, and how these understandings influence institutional and policy responses to migration.

### **Rural Migration in Tunisia - RuMiT**

*Funding:* Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

*Description:* RuMiT analysis the determinants and patterns of rural migration of youth in Tunisia and examines its impact on rural household and individual food security and livelihoods. Studies on communication channels used by migrants and asylum seekers to obtain information in countries of origin and transit, with particular focus on online and social media.

### **Studies on communication channels used by migrants and asylum seekers to obtain information in countries of origin and transit, with particular focus on online and social media**

*Funding:* EU (DG HOME, European Commission)

*Description:* The studies provide data that can help support the development of more effective migration information

and awareness-raising campaigns within the context of the EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling.

### **Global Mobilities Project - GMP**

*Funding:* MPC

*Description:* The GMP creates a comprehensive database covering the demographic, economic, sociological and legal-political in human mobility. The database will be a valuable, open source for researchers, the informed public and for policy-makers, providing fact-based responses to questions about the causes and the consequences of human mobilities.

### **Study on the human rights aspects of migrant's integration policies**

*Funding:* Council of Europe (CoE)

*Description:* The study will examine the human rights aspects of migrants' integration policies and measures in a selection of Council of Europe member states. It will assess integration policies and measures in the light of human rights standards developed by the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and Council of Europe monitoring bodies and mechanisms.

### **Role of European Mobility and its Impacts in Narratives, Debates and EU Reforms - REMINDER**

*Funding:* H2020 – EC Research Executive Agency (REA)

*Description:* REMINDER brings a multidisciplinary approach to understanding free movement in Europe by combining expertise from different fields including: development, economics, linguistics, media studies, political science and public policy. It aims to generate a deeper understanding of how countries institutional and policy environments impact on intra-EU mobility and assess how political and media narratives about intra-EU mobility are formed.

### **Current European and Cross-National Comparative Research and Research Actions on Migration - CROSS - MIGRATION**

*Funding:* H2020 – EC DG Research & Innovation

*Description:* The project, bringing together 16 leading research institutions, networks and policy institutes throughout Europe, to create a central migration hub. It accumulates and consolidates past, present and future migration research through providing an extensive overview of migration drivers, infrastructures, flows, and policies, allowing for an improved understanding of the factors that constitute the interaction between these analytical categories.

### **External Thematic Expertise on Migration for the European Commission - ETEM V**

*Consortium:* International Organization for Migration/IOM (leader), EUI

*Funding:* EU (DG DEVCO, European Commission)

*Description:* The project provides both support and expertise to DG DEVCO of the European Commission by organising regional training workshops and expert roundtables on EU external cooperation in the field of migration and asylum.