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IPTS research activities on ICT and migrants in the EU

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Mission: “to provide customer-driven support to the EU policy-making process by researching science-based responses to policy challenges that have both a socio-economic as well as a scientific/technological dimension”

Modus operandi: desk research, expert groups, modelling, centres of expertise
Background

Chart: Net migration to the EU25, 1980 to 2007 (in millions)

In 2006, 27M foreigners (5.6% of total population) and 50M foreign-born.
Guide to migration policies in the EC

Guide to Locating Migration Policies in the European Commission
2nd Edition

A report by Mary-Anne Kate and Jan Niessen
Published by EPIM and MPG
October 2006

- **immigration rules and procedures** (access, visa etc.) DG JLS
  - border controls, identification etc. (many hard ICT projects)

- **promoting/managing integration** DG JLS
  - NCP and EMN with member states representative

- **labour market** integration and non-discrimination & social inclusion DG EMPL
  - ESF (European Social Fund) & Progress

- **education** of migrant children and LLL adults DG EAC
  - 2008 Year of Intercultural Dialogue

- **socio-economic research** on migration DG RTD (7FP)

- **migrants in the EU** information society DG INFSO
Policy background to IPTS work

Info Society: 2006 Riga e-Inclusion Declaration + 2008 e-I Initiative

“§ 24 ... improving the possibilities for economic and social participation and integration, creativity and entrepreneurship of immigrants and (ethnic) minorities by stimulating their participation in the information society”

IPTS research aims
- evidence of positive ICT contribution, initiatives, drivers, barriers?
- impact of ICT on social capital of immigrants and ethnic minorities?
- policy opportunities and options?
1. The potential of ICT for the promotion of cultural diversity in the EU: the case of economic and social participation and integration of IEM

Dec. 07 – Nov. 08  IDC Italy (coord.), MIP (It), FMSH (Fr), Uni.Bremen (De), Uni.Sevilla (Es), Sheffield Hallam Univ. (UK)

- mapping ICT initiatives for/by IEM in EU 27
- Cross-country report on supply and demand
- 3 Country Reports with in-depth Case Studies (see later)
- final report with policy options

2. The usage of social computing by IEM: trends and implications

Jan.- May 08  FMSH, Paris

- online communities: Afro-Caribbean, Romanian, Moroccan
- traditional websites (web1.0) + web 2.0 services (blogosphere, Myspace, Skyblog and YouTube)

3. Immigrants, domiciliary care jobs and ICT

Jan.- May 08 / Jan – May 09

- 4 country reports

4. State of the Art report on research about ICT and IEM in Europe

Sept. 08 – Jan. 09  FIERI (IMISCOE)
Domains of Research

- Individual IEM enterprises, ICT and innovation in Andalusia (ES)
  - IEM and matrimonial web sites for Indians, Franco-Russians and Moroccans
    - Oxford Ethnic Minority Business Service (UK)
    - Yorkshire Safe (UK)
  - Turks' careers in IT industry (DE)
  - ICT in domiciliary care provision and migrant care workers (IT, UK, ES, DE)
  - Migrant Labour

- Research centres + researchers + projects + publications

- EU academic research

- Online communities
  - Romanians and Bulgarians in Spain
    - Francophone Afro-Caribbean online
  - Moroccan blogosphere
    - Romanian embroiderers' blogs
    - Moroccan musicians on MySpace
    - Romanian migrants on YouTube
  - Digital media and local mobility by Turkish, Polish and Russian migrants in Germany

- Web 2.0
  - Bengali Youth and Cultural Shomiti (UK)
  - ICT for social integration of IEM in Neue Vahr Nord (Bremen, DE)
  - Internet shops and Ecuadorians in Vera (ES)

- Economic participation
  - Economic participation

- Social & physical mobility
  - Deprived communities & Access
  - Social engagement
  - eGovernment
  - eGov services and public ICT access and literacy policies (FR)
  - Education without Borders Network (FR)
1. **ICTs in everyday life** to engage with recipient society (integration perspective)
   a. The *language* challenge
      - How ICTs can help learning a second language (guided learning -> informal learning)
      - Workshop Oct. 1-2 2009 + Study on NL and SE (Oct. 09 -> Feb 10)
      - ICTs to by-pass the language barrier (translation, icons, multimedia etc.)
   b. Knowing about local society and access to *(online) public services*

2. **ICT in domiciliary care** delivery and *migrant care workers*
   - Match demand/supply through enhanced recruitment process
   - ICTs to enhance IEM care workers’ work life and service delivery

3. The potential of *new media initiatives* for digital inclusion, employability and social engagement of *young people*

4. ICT for migrants community on [www.ePractice.eu](http://www.ePractice.eu) (link with EWSI)
Thanks
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http://is.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pages/EAP/eInclusion.html