Seminar

Making Sense of Migration Statistics: Comparing Data and Practical Application

Organised by
The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) in cooperation with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

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Description/Objectives:
Statistical data are becoming increasingly relevant in the daily work of public officials and other public sector stakeholders dealing with migration, integration and asylum issues. Statistics provide indicators of characteristics relating to migrant populations, migration dynamics and the position of migrants in host societies. They can be based on administrative registers, thus providing an important tool for monitoring administrative procedures linked to the administration of migration, integration and asylum, such as data on asylum, residence permits, visa applications, data on expulsion decisions, length of procedures etc. In addition, statistics help to assess the impact of policies and in particular, whether policy objectives have been achieved. The seminar will examine conceptual, definitional and analytical issues, including the uses and purposes of statistical data and the evolving EU framework on data collection. It will also provide data needs from a comparative approach, available international and European statistical data sources, as well as practical training in relation to using such tools. Different case studies on data collection for regular and irregular migration and human rights will be discussed.

Methodology:
This seminar will be based on a mixture of presentations, case studies and practice sessions. It will stimulate active participation and the sharing of experiences on data needs and application of databases. Background documentation will also be provided in an online/e-learning set up. Speakers will include ICMPD staff, academics, practitioners and officials from the EU institutions and international organisations.

Target Group:
This seminar is designed for public officials from national, regional and local authorities, consulates, other public bodies from the EU Member States and candidate countries as well as European institutions. It is also of interest to professionals in the private sector,
lawyers, consultants, staff of NGOs, institutes and think tanks as well as others working on rules for free movement, migration, asylum, integration and social policies.

Language
The seminar will be conducted in English

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2011

08:45 Registration

09:00 Opening and introduction to the seminar
Ms Katerina-Marina Kyrieri, Lecturer, European Policies Unit, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)

Theme 1: Definitions, data needs and indicators

09:15 An introduction on data collection, types of data and indicators
Mr David Reichel, Research Officer, ICMPD, Vienna (AT)

10:15 Coffee/tea break

10:45 Immigrants, emigrants, migrants: defining migrants
Ms Melissa Siegel, Assistant Professor, Programme Manager Migration Studies, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University, Maastricht (NL)

11:45 Discussion

12:00 Examples of data collection and policy developments
Ms Melissa Siegel

13:00 Discussion

13:15 Lunch

Theme 2: Indicators of migration patterns

14:30 Measuring regular migration stocks and flows
Ms Melissa Siegel

15:30 Discussion
15:45 Coffee/tea break

16:15 Human rights and migration: the cases of irregular migration and asylum
Ms Dita Vogel, Migration Research Fellow, Hamburg Institute of International Economics, Hamburg, (DE)

17:15 Discussion

Dinner at a local restaurant

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2011

Theme 3: Data application and integration indicators

09:00 Practical session: understanding and retrieving data and other information from PROMINSTAT, Eurostat, UNHCR, OECD and the European Migration Network databases
Mr David Reichel

10:30 Coffee/tea break

11:00 Discussion

11:15 Measuring integration
Mr Rob Bijl, Deputy Director, The Netherlands Institute for Social Research/SCP, The Hague (NL)

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

13:45 Workshop: Practical application of statistical datasets
Facilitator: Mr David Reichel

15:00 Evaluation of the seminar

15:15 End of the seminar