Seminar

Making Sense of Migration Statistics: Comparing Data and Practical Application

Organised by
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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.

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 and human rights organisations. 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 14 OCTOBER 2010

08.45  Registration

09.00  Welcome

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

Theme 1: Definitions, data needs and indicators

09.30  Statistics on migration and integration: an introduction
       Mr Albert Kraler, Research Officer, ICMPD, Vienna (AT)

10.30  Coffee/tea break

11.00  Immigrants, emigrants, migrants: defining migrants
       Mr Michel Poulain, Professor of Demography, Université Catholique de Louvain, Institut de Démographie (GeDAP)/UCL, Louvain-La-Neuve (BE)

12.00  Data needs from a policy perspective
       Ms Ann Singleton, Director of Postgraduate Research and Head of the Centre for the Study of Poverty and Social Justice, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, Bristol (UK)

13.00  Discussion

13.15  Lunch

Theme 2: Indicators of migration patterns

14.30  Measuring regular migration stocks and flows
       Ms Dorota Kupiszewska, Principal Research Fellow, Central European Forum for Migration and Population Research (CEFMR) – IOM Partner, Warsaw (PL)

15.30  Coffee/tea break
Human rights and migration: the cases of irregular migration and asylum
Mr Jordi Garcia Martinez, Policy Officer, Unit B2 - Asylum, DG Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission, Brussels (BE)

Discussion with the experts

End of the first day

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER 2010

Theme 3: Data application and integration indicators

09.15 Introduction to practice session: understanding and retrieving data and other information from PROMINSTAT, Eurostat, UNHCR, OECD and the European Migration Network databases
Mr Albert Kraler

10.15 Discussion

10.30 Coffee/tea break

11.00 Methods of monitoring integration and country examples
Mr Rob Bijl, Deputy Director, The Netherlands Institute for Social Research, Social and Cultural Planning Office, The Hague, (NL)

12.00 Discussion

12.15 Concluding remarks and evaluation of the seminar

12.45 End of the seminar