



Ad-Hoc Query on SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

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1. Background Information

We would like to kindly inform you, that the Hungarian Office of Immigration and Nationality established a Scientific Council in February 2011 aiming to encourage and coordinate scientific research in the field of migration on the national level. However we would like to cooperate with similar governmental or international organisations regularly or on the case by case basis to exchange experiences and methods or to conduct joint research programs.

Question:

Therefore We would like to ask the national contact points in the framework of the European Migration Network, **if their national migration office or ministry has a similar council or unit responsible for coordination and conduction of migration research**, and if the answer to the above question is yes, who is responsible for external relations of this unit, who could be contacted by the Scientific Council of the OIN.

We would be grateful if you could respond to this query as soon as possible but not later then **31th March 2011**.

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2. RESPONSES

		Wider Dissemination?¹	
	Austria	Yes	<p>Therefore We would like to ask the national contact points in the framework of the European Migration Network, if their national migration office or ministry has a similar council or unit responsible for coordination and conduction of migration research, and if the answer to the above question is yes, who is responsible for external relations of this unit, who could be contacted by the Scientific Council of the OIN.</p> <p>In Austria the Ministry of the Interior has no council or unit that is responsible for the coordination and conduction of migration research as such. However in 2010, the Federal Ministry of the Interior established a Council of Experts for Integration (Expertenrat für Integration) consisting of acknowledged experts from the science and with practical experience. The Council of Experts for Integration supports the implementation of the National Action Plan on Integration from a scientific perspective and makes proposals for improvement. It is headed by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Heinz Fassmann (University of Vienna).</p> <p>Sources: http://www.integrationsfonds.at/nap/innenministerin_praesentiert_expertenrat_fuer_integrations_und_dessen_arbeitsprogramm/ http://www.integrationsfonds.at/fileadmin/Integrationsfond/NAP/Expertenrat_Arbeitsprogramm.pdf</p>
	Belgium	Yes	<p>In Belgium there does not exist such a Scientific Council .</p> <p>Although it would certainly be a good idea....</p>
	Bulgaria	Yes	
	Cyprus	Yes	
	Czech Republic	Yes	

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	Denmark	Yes	
	Estonia	Yes	Neither Estonia’s Ministry of the Interior nor Police and Border Guard Board have a council, which aims at coordinating and conducting research in the field of migration.
	Finland	Yes	Nor Finnish immigration Service or the ministry of the interior does have a migration research council. Migration research in Finland is conducted by private research bodies such as Institute of Migration. Institute of Migration is maintained by a non-profit-making trust administered by a Council and an Administrative Board.
	France	Yes	In France, there is no specific service responsible for coordinating and conducting research on migration. Besides the specialized agencies in statistics as the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) and the National Institute of Demographic Studies (INED), many researchers in universities or research organizations work in this area (such as : Comité de Concertation pour les Données SHS/Réseau Quetelet ; Centre d'études et de relations internationales/CERI-Sciences Po ; Université de Nice/URMIS ; Centre de recherche en économie et statistique/CREST ; Centre de recherche et d'expertise français en économie internationale/CEPII ; Institut français des relations internationales/IFRI). We can add that the General Secretariat for immigration and integration under the authority of the Ministry of Interior, Overseas, local authorities and immigration is composed of a department of statistics, studies and documentation.
	Germany	Yes	Since 1 January 2005, the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees has been assigned the task of undertaking scientific research on migration issues by Section 75 Paragraph 4 of the Residence Act, in order to gain analytical evidence for managing immigration. Following the core tasks of the Federal Office within the field of migration and integration, the research group analyses the effects of migration processes on the Federal Republic of Germany and provides evidence for the management of migration on the national level. In addition, the research group accompanies the integration process of people with a migration background in Germany, and thus contributes to the further scientific development of integration measures. Further fields of research are concerned with the socio-economic motives for, and effects of immigration, the interrelation of migration and demographic change and international migratory movements. In order to fulfil its tasks, the research group collaborates with other scientific institutions on the national and international level. As the central governmental unit for questions of migration and integration research, the Federal Office contributes to the transfer of information between the scientific community, public administration, politics, industry and the wider public.

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		<p>Migration and integration research within the Federal Office is carried out by Sub-Division 22 “Migration Research, Central Foreigners Register, Statistics”. The sub-division comprises three research areas – Research Area I “International and Irregular Migration, Islam, Demography, Research Transfer, Scientific Supervision of the Postgraduate Programme”, Research Area II “Empirical Social Research”, and Research Area III “Economics of Migration, Secretariat Advisory Council on Research Migration” – as well as an “International Research Contact Point”. Support is provided by Section 220 “Research and Project Management, Strategy, Secretariat Scientific Advisory Council”, which performs cross-functional tasks for the research group. Sections 221 “Administration of Central Foreigners Register” and 222 “Statistics, Improvement of the Knowledge Base in the Area of Migration” collaborate closely with the research areas. Their key tasks are to pool, evaluate and process statistical data, and to assist in the conceptualisation and further development of data sources.</p> <p>The research group of the Federal Office is advised by a scientific council, which consists of renowned personalities from the field of migration and integration research. The council has the following functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To provide substantive recommendations on research concepts and thematic priorities; – To support the Federal Office on methodological and theoretical issues in integration and migration research, and on the evaluation of research results; – To promote cooperation with researchers and research institutions in similar and in related areas of knowledge, as well as with the practical field; – To give impetus to the identification of new research fields and the discussion of methodological innovations. <p>Members of the Scientific Advisory Board (as of Spring 2011, end of current term August 2011):</p> <p>Professor Roche (Chair), Professor at the Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Institute of German as a Foreign Language Professor Emeritus Bade, Chair of the Council of Experts of German Foundations for Integration and Migration (SVR) Professor Baringhorst, Professor at the University of Siegen, Department 1, Political Sciences Professor Stanat, Director of the Institute for Quality Development in Education (IQB), Humboldt University, Berlin Professor Ulrich, Professor for Health Sciences with particular emphasis on Demography and Health at the Faculty</p>
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			for Health Sciences and Deputy Director of the Institute for Population and Health Research, University of Bielefeld. Competent point of contact in the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees regarding organizational aspects: Mr. Christoph Walz (christoph.walz@bamf.bund.de)
	Greece	Yes	
	Hungary	Yes	Hungarian Office of Immigration and Nationality established a Scientific Council in February 2011 aiming to encourage and coordinate scientific research in the field of migration on the national level
	Ireland	Yes	
	Italy	Yes	No.
	Latvia	Yes	Latvia doesn't have any council or special unit in ministry or national migration office responsible for coordination and conduction of migration research.
	Lithuania	Yes	No.
	Luxembourg	Yes	The Directorate for Immigration within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not established a similar council or unit responsible for the coordination and conduction of migration research. However, the OLAI (Reception and Integration Agency attached to the Ministry of Family and Integration) which is responsible for coordinating national political actions against discrimination and in the realm of integration, monitors developments in the field of migration through different means: use of existing databases, focus studies, surveys and the collection of other statistical data. In this sense, the Ministry of Family and Integration actively supports research relating to the reception and integration of foreigners. <u>Contact person:</u> Director of OLAI: Christiane Martin +352 247-85777 christiane.martin@olai.etat.lu
	Malta	Yes	

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	Netherlands	Yes	<p>In the Netherlands, the national Immigration and Naturalisation Service (<i>IND</i>) has a department dedicated to the analysis of and research on migration: the Information and Analysis Centre of the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service (<i>INDIAC</i>). The centre conducts research for internal, governmental use, but also serves as a contact point and coordinator for external parties that need governmental information and expertise for their research (on issues related to migration). These external parties can include, among others, the national Bureau for Statistics (<i>CBS</i>), the Advisory Committee on Aliens Affairs (<i>ACVZ</i>) and the National Bureau for Reports on Trafficking in Human Beings (<i>Bureau Nationaal Rapporteur Mensenhandel</i>), but also individual doctoral candidates, students and staff from universities.</p> <p><i>INDIAC</i> can be contacted through: indiac@ind.minbzk.nl.</p> <p>Apart from <i>INDIAC</i>, the Ministry of Security and Justice has a research department dedicated mostly to sociological research: the Scientific Research and Documentation Centre (<i>WODC</i>), which also regularly conducts research on migration-related topics.</p>
	Poland	Yes	<p>None of the PL ministries (including the Office for Foreigners) or other public entity has established one unit responsible for coordination and conduction of migration research. The only public unit that prepares analysis concerning Polish migration policy and the migratory situation in Poland is located in the Ministry of the Interior and Administration. This is the Migration Analysis Unit in the Migration Policy Department of the MIA, where PL NCP was created. This Unit collaborates with various research centers in Poland and thus has knowledge on the type of ongoing research projects in Poland. For more details please contact PL EMN NCP or Migration Policy Department of MIA (dpm@mswia.gov.pl; wam.dpm@mswia.gov.pl).</p>
	Portugal	Yes	No. PT does not have an official coordination council or unit responsible for migration research.
	Romania	Yes	
	Slovak Republic	Yes	No, the Slovak Republic does not have such an institution or unit. Research in the field of migration is conducted by NGOs, research institutes or international organizations.
	Slovenia	Yes	Slovenia does not have such a office or unit.
	Spain	Yes	In Spain, we do not have an office which coordinates scientific research in the field of migration on the national level

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	Sweden	Yes	NO, but the government has very recently raised the issue of looking into the possibility to start an independent migration research institute.
	United Kingdom	Yes	<p>In the UK there is no single organisation with sole responsibility for coordinating migration research at a national level. The UK EMN NCP is based within the Home Office Science: Migration and Border Analysis department of the Home Office. The Migration and Border Analysis team is responsible for conducting and coordinating all migration research and evidence within government. It does not formally co ordinate migration research at a national level, as most organisations are independent from government. However it maintains relationships with migration experts to ensure they are aware of government objectives and to preserve the link between policy and current research.</p> <p>Where appropriate, Home Office Science: Migration and Border Analysis draws on the knowledge of migration researchers in external bodies to assist with projects requiring specific knowledge or expertise. It proactively seeks opportunities to engage with migration researchers and the EMN national network is one of the mechanisms for facilitating these relationships</p>
	Norway	Yes	<p>Norwegian migration research (with focus immigration and international migration) has the following main sources of funding and coordination: Research Council of Norway, the Department of immigration (INN) in the Ministry of Justice and Police and the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) . Program research projects of longer durations (usually 3-5 years) are funded and coordinated under the Research Council – see http://www.forskningradet.no/servlet/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1232443453131&p=1232443453131&pagename=vam%2FHovedsidema. Applied short term projects, with a duration of usually 3 and seldom more than 12 months or 12 working months, are funded and coordinated by INN and UDI. Contactpoint: Øyvind Jaer, Senior adviser, Department of Immigration, Ministry of justice and the police, E-mail: oyvind.jaer@jd.dep.no; www.regjeringen.no/jd</p>