

About CLANDESTINO

CLANDESTINO responds to the need for more reliable and systematic data on undocumented migration in Europe. Well-founded research is essential in order to ensure that migration policy initiatives do not have unintended, or even counter-productive effects on current or future undocumented migration flows. In this respect, the CLANDESTINO project provides an inventory and a critical appraisal of existing data/estimates on undocumented migration stocks and flows in selected member states, where undocumented migration is an important phenomenon. Towards investigating further the flows of undocumented migration, the project selects three EU neighbouring countries that act as important 'stepping stones' on the road of undocumented migrants to the EU (Turkey, Morocco, Ukraine). CLANDESTINO will compare and analyse critically existing methods of data collection and calculation of estimates on the phenomenon. In parallel, it shall discuss the ethical implications of collecting and using data on undocumented migrants as well as the methodological problems inherent to the study of such a phenomenon, by definition elusive and not-registered. The concrete products of the project shall be a renewable database on undocumented migration that proposes a new method for evaluating and classifying undocumented migration data/estimates. We shall also draft guidelines for an ethical policy for mapping undocumented migration in Europe.

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Undocumented Migration: Counting the Uncountable Data and Trends Across Europe



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General profile of CLANDESTINO

CLANDESTINO is an interdisciplinary project that aims to respond to the need for supporting policy makers in designing and implementing appropriate policies regarding undocumented migration. The Consortium includes five research centres based in different EU countries, a European NGO based in Brussels, six national experts studying other EU countries and three national experts working on three important transit countries in the European 'neighbourhood'. The EU states studied are countries with a high incidence of undocumented migration in the southern part of the EU, countries with a long experience and developed databases on migration, and new EU members that have recently experienced outflows combined with incoming mainly irregular migration. Turkey, Morocco & Ukraine have been selected as key 'stepping stone' countries for undocumented migrants en route to the EU.

The aims of the project

to provide an inventory of data and estimates on undocumented migration (stocks and flows) in selected EU countries,

to analyse these data comparatively,

to discuss the ethical and methodological issues involved in the collection of data, the elaboration of estimates, and their subsequent use in designing relevant policies,

to design a system for data/estimate evaluation and classification regarding undocumented migration in the EU,

to discuss with the policy and user communities in several EU countries on ethical and methodological questions with a view to obtaining their insights as regards the nature of the data/estimates needed and the ethical questions involved in their collection and use.

Expected results of the project

An improved knowledge, both in quantitative and in qualitative terms, of the undocumented migration phenomenon, its character, its dimensions and the factors that influence it.

The creation of a database on undocumented migration that could be kept up to date and become a useful tool for policy makers.

Building up a reliable picture of the growing undocumented migration phenomenon in Europe. And improving access to reliable data and estimates on undocumented immigration.

Strengthening the European Research Area and achieving a higher level of cohesion, cooperation and above all quality in data and research on undocumented migration in Europe.

The project research phases

The CLANDESTINO project will, first, analyse critically existing methods of data collection and calculation of estimates on undocumented migration in the countries selected. In doing so, the ethical and methodological issues involved in the collection of data, the elaboration of estimates and their use will be highlighted and discussed.

Towards building a picture of the undocumented migration phenomenon, the project further investigates the flows of undocumented migrants in the selected 'transit' migration countries.

The comparative analysis of the produced country reports comes next in order to assess the state of the art of scientific knowledge in this field in the EU.

The following step is creating a sustainable database on undocumented migration data/estimates

across the EU, whereby a new system of evaluation of existing data/estimates shall be introduced. We shall classify these into three categories in accordance with their reliability. In doing so, we propose an ethical method for gathering empirical evidence on illegal migration in the EU

Finally, our findings are disseminated among and discussed with local and national policy communities of several EU countries, raising thus the awareness of policy makers and social partners concerning the methodological and ethical issues involved in the collection and use of data/estimates on undocumented migration. Along this line, we will draft policy recommendations on the ethical standards to be guaranteed in scientific and policy work involving undocumented migrants in the EU.

For further information about the project, please visit the CLANDESTINO website: www.eliamep.gr

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