

# Irregular Migration in Europe in Comparative Perspective



## CLANDESTINO



The Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) organizes a Workshop on Irregular Migration in Europe in Comparative Perspective, on 28 April 2009, in Athens, under the auspices of the CLANDESTINO research project.

The Workshop brings together experts and researchers from different European countries to discuss different aspects of irregular migration in Europe, from a comparative perspective.

### CLANDESTINO PROJECT:

#### “Undocumented Migration: Counting the Uncountable, Data and Trends Across Europe”

The CLANDESTINO project is a response to the need for supporting policy makers in designing and implementing appropriate policies regarding undocumented migration by providing realistic estimates of the numbers of undocumented migrants currently residing in Europe. This project is funded by DG Research of the European Commission and aims to provide an inventory of data and estimates on irregular migration in selected EU countries and analyzing this data comparatively. The ethical and methodological issues involved in the collection of data will be discussed while also proposing a new method for evaluating and classifying data/estimates on irregular migration in the EU. In this context, CLANDESTINO will create a database on irregular migration in Europe that could be kept up to date and become a useful tool for policy makers. A wide range of stakeholders in several EU countries will be contacted to discuss 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. The main paths into and out of the irregular migration status will also be considered in order to further understand how policies and labour markets “create” or “efface” irregular migration. The role of the media and political discourses will be analyzed to become aware of policy implications and challenges ahead at the national and European levels.

The project is carried out from September 2007 to August 2009 and the five partners involved include: the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) in Athens, Greece (Co-ordinator); the Centre for International Relations (CIR), in Warsaw, Poland; Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI) in Hamburg, Germany; the ESRC Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), in Vienna, Austria and finally PICUM - Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants - as the NGO partner.

The project involves dissemination activities at the local/national level and European level organised by PICUM in 12 EU member states: Italy, Spain and Greece, in southern Europe; Netherlands, UK, Germany, France and Austria in Western and Central Europe; Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia in Eastern Europe.

### THE WORKSHOP on Irregular Migration in Europe in Comparative Perspective

This workshop concentrates on the main themes regarding irregular migration in the EU in a comparative perspective: namely, the methods, approaches and data sources for estimating irregular migration; the data on stocks and flows of irregular migrants; the legal construction and definitions of irregular migration; the irregular migration – informal economy nexus; the public discourses on irregular migration; and the enforcement policies aimed to control the phenomenon. Papers presented at the workshop are authored by the partners of the CLANDESTINO consortium. National experts are assigned as discussants to each paper. Paper presentations are planned to take approximately 20’ (papers will be circulated in advance). Discussants will comment on the papers they are assigned to for approximately 10’. 30’ will be devoted to open discussion among workshop participants.

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## CLANDESTINO

Venue: Room 'Aristotelis A', Hotel Divani Acropolis  
Parthenonos Str. 19-25 (near Akropoli Metro Station)

9.30-10.00

### Welcome

#### Introduction to the Scope of the Workshop

*Anna Triandafyllidou* (ELIAMEP, Athens)

10.00-13.00

### Session I: Data and Estimates on Irregular Migration

- **Methods, Approaches and Data Sources for Estimating Irregular Migrant Populations**

*Michael Jandl* (Senior Research Consultant, Vienna)

Discussant: *Peter Futo* (Corvinus University, Budapest)

- **Comparing Data on Stocks: What Do We Know and How Well?**

*Dita Vogel* and *Vesela Kovacheva* (HWWI, Hamburg)

Discussant: *Joanne van der Leun* (Leiden University)

- **Comparing Data on Flows: Ever Increasing?**

*Albert Kraller* and *David Reichel* (ICMPD, Vienna)

Discussants: *Dusan Drbohlav*

(Charles University, Prague)

*Lenka Medova*

(Charles University, Prague)

13.00-14.30

### Lunch Break

14.30-18.30

### Session II: Irregular Migration – Paths and Policies

- **Comparing the Legal Construction and Definitions of Irregular Migration – Paths into Irregularity**

*Franck Düvell* (COMPAS, Oxford)

Discussant: *Carmen Enriquez Gonzalez*

(UNED and Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid)

- **Comparing Public Discourses on Irregular Migration in Europe**

*Bastian Vollmer* (COMPAS, Oxford)

Discussants: *Boris Divinsky* (IOM Slovakia)

*Mehdi Lahlou* (INSEA, Rabat)

- **Comparing Enforcement Policies at the Border and on the Ground**

*Anna Triandafyllidou* (ELIAMEP, Athens)

Discussant: *Maria Ilies* (Leiden University)

- **The Nexus between Irregular Migration and the Shadow Economy**

*Krystyna Iglicka* (Lazarski School of Commerce and Law, Warsaw) and *Thanos Maroukis* (ELIAMEP, Athens)

Discussants: *Francesco Fasani*

(University College London)

*Yaroslav Pylynskyi*

(The Kennan Institute, Kiev)