

Clandestino Project



CLANDESTINO

UNDOCUMENTED MIGRATION: Counting the Uncountable. Data and Trends Across Europe

This project is a response to the need for supporting policy makers in designing and implementing appropriate policies regarding undocumented migration.

Clandestino aims to provide an inventory of data and estimates on undocumented migration (stocks and flows) in selected EU countries which can be comparatively analysed and assessed with respect to the ethical and methodological issues involved in the collection of data, the elaboration of estimates and their use, and to propose a new method for evaluating and classifying data and estimates on undocumented migration in the EU.

The project will address these aims in selected EU countries: Italy, Spain and Greece in Southern Europe; Netherlands, UK, Germany, France and Austria in Western and Northern Europe; Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia in Central Eastern Europe). It will also look at transit migration in countries and regions used as key 'stepping stones' by undocumented migrants en route to the EU, notably Turkey, Ukraine and one Maghreb country. Where relevant, the project will consider the factors affecting the shift between legal and undocumented status among migrant populations.

Clandestino responds to the need for more reliable and systematic data on undocumented migration in the European Union. The project addresses a number of aspects of the undocumented migration phenomenon and the relative lack of scientific knowledge on its various dimensions and consequences.

The project will contribute towards the creation of a database on undocumented migration that could become a useful tool for policy makers and non-governmental agencies alike. Equally, the project will investigate the different dimensions of irregularity (related to entry, residence and work) and their different combinations (hence, distinguishing between different types of undocumented migration). It will also investigate the connection between asylum seeking and undocumented migration data and estimates.

For description of this project, which is financed by the DG Research of the European Commission, visit the website of the project's coordinators, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy in Athens (ELIAMEP), or the research pages of the European Commission. Please visit also the Database on Irregular Migration, hosted by the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI).

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