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LOCALMULTIDEM

Multicultural Democracy and Immigrants' Social Capital in Europe:  
Participation, Organisational Networks, and Public Policies at the Local Level

SPECIFIC TARGETED RESEARCH PROJECT (STREP)

PRIORITY 7: Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge Based Society

**Executive Summary Report**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Year Period**

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## *1. Summary description of project objectives*

- To analyse the level of **political integration** – in its attitudinal and behavioural dimensions – of immigrant residents across a number of European cities, with an aim to determine (a) the differences that exist – if any – with the levels of political integration of the autochthonous population; (b) the variations that can be found – if any – in the levels of political integration of different groups of immigrants that are dependent on their ethnic, cultural, religious or national origin; and (c) the variations that can be found – if any – in the levels of political integration of all immigrant groups within cities, and of the same immigrant groups across different institutional settings.
- To determine to what extent various **individual or micro-level attributes** are important factors of inequality in terms of the level of political integration of immigrants. Thus, one of our main general objectives, is to analyse the **consequences of social inequality** on political inequality. We will especially pay attention to analysing whether the same social and economic resources are relevant to explain different levels of political integration both for immigrant and autochthonous populations, and also across different ethnic, national, cultural, or religious groups. Close examination will be given to the role of **gender** in the production of differential political integration. We will specifically analyse whether gender has a different impact for the political integration of immigrant versus autochthonous populations, and whether the effects of gender inequalities on political integration vary importantly across different groups of immigrants.
- To study how do **collective organisational resources** (immigrants' associations and organisations, as well as the characteristics of their interorganisational networks) are a source of social capital that determines in important ways the capacity for political integration of different groups of immigrants. In other words, we aim to study how **inequalities** in the access to organisational resources (their **social capital**) across ethnic groups might have important consequences for the political integration of individual immigrants. We will pay special attention to examine to what extent the nature of this social capital is relevant in varying local and institutional **contexts**.
- To analyse the direct impact that **political and discursive opportunity structures** have on immigrants' political integration, through the analysis of the differential effects that the former may have on the latter. Special attention will be given to the actions, institutions and discourses that are specifically related to local governments.

## *2. Contractors involved and co-ordinator contact details*

The coordinator of this project is the University of Murcia (Spain), and the scientific coordinator is Dr. Laura Morales ([lauramdu@um.es](mailto:lauramdu@um.es)). More information and contact details can be found on the project website: <http://www.um.es/localmultidem>

The other contractors and team scientific directors in this project are: Université de Genève (Dr. Marco Giugni), Switzerland; Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques-CEVIPOF (Dr. Manlio Cinalli), France; MTAKI (Dr. Endre Sik), Hungary; Università degli Studi di Trento (Dr. Mario Diani), Italy; University of Leeds (Dr. Paul Statham), United Kingdom; and University of Bristol (Dr. Paul Statham), United Kingdom.

### *3. Work performed, results achieved so far and expected end results.*

The work planned for this first year period involved three different workpackages (WPs): WP1 is devoted to the analysis of institutional and discursive political opportunity structures, WP2 consists of the compilation of background socio-economic indicators about the migrant and ethnic groups studied in each city, and WP4 is dedicated to the development of a survey to representative samples of the local populations of our selected migrant/ethnic groups.

#### Workpackage 1: Political Opportunity Structures Indicators

The main contractors involved in the coordination of this WP are Partner 3 (FNSP) and Partner 2 (UNIGE), led respectively by Drs. Cinalli and Giugni. However, given the comparative nature of this and all workpackages, every contractor in the consortium is responsible for the collection of the data and the production of its own city case study report.

The main achievements for this reporting period have been:

- Elaboration of a detailed document of “Guidelines for data collection for POS institutional indicators” of 20 pages describing all the indicators to be collected in each city/country. The production of this document took longer than expected, as we discussed collectively 4 preliminary versions before deciding upon the final set of guidelines (Deliverable 1).
- Collection of the data for all the institutional indicators in the six cities/countries and production of the six separate case study reports (Deliverable 5).

#### Workpackage 2: Socio-Economic Indicators

The main contractor involved in the coordination of this WP is Partner 4 (MTAKI), led by Drs. Sik and Kovats. However, every contractor in the consortium is responsible for the collection of the data and the production of its own city case study report.

In terms of the work performed for this WP, we have done the following tasks:

- Elaboration of a detailed document of “Guidelines for data collection for Socio-Economic indicators” of 9 pages describing all the indicators to be collected in each city/country, as well as an Excel grid template to be used by teams. The

production of these guidelines took longer than expected, as we discussed collectively 3 preliminary versions before deciding upon the final set of guidelines and had to discuss various important definitional and methodological issues before agreeing on the final version (Deliverable 2).

- Collection of the data for all the indicators in the six cities/countries and production of the six separate case study reports (Deliverable 4).

#### Workpackage 4: Population survey

The main contractors involved in the coordination of this WP are Partner 1 (UMU) and Partner 7 (BRISTOL), led by Drs. Morales and Statham respectively. However, every contractor in the consortium is responsible for the collection of the data and the production of its own city case study report.

In terms of the work performed for this WP, the progress has been very satisfactory and delays have been minimal and within the normal range of delays in any scientific endeavour.

The main achievements for this reporting period have been:

- Elaboration of a 5-pages document with guidelines on sampling issues for all partners to observe in data collection.
- Production of a 43-pages source questionnaire in English to be administered in each of the cities with a detailed system of compulsory and optional items (Deliverable 3).
- Translation of the source questionnaire into Arab, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, and Spanish for its administration to the migrant subpopulations in the cities.
- Production of a detailed Data protocol document and Codebook, and posting of the international coding standards that will be employed for variables such as languages, nationality, education level, occupation, and industry.
- Finalisation of the fieldwork period for the case of Zurich (Switzerland).
- Fieldwork started and progressing in Madrid (Spain) and Milan (Italy).

#### *4. Intentions for use and impact*

As for the use and dissemination of knowledge, the outputs of the project will include *publications* in the form of books and articles. The results of WPs 1 & 2 will be published in the form of articles, both analysing specifically single cities, and doing cross-city analyses. In addition, the results of the data collected in WPs 1 & 2, together with the results that will be obtained through the surveys collected through WPs 3 & 4 will be analysed in a collective book, to be published at the end of the whole project.

Several papers have been presented at conferences and workshops, and the project is sponsoring a whole section –with 10 panels- at the conference of European Consortium for Political Research in September 2007 at Pisa.

Specific efforts have been made to disseminate the research and policy results among European and local policy makers, institutions and civil society organizations. In addition, a mid-term conference will take place at the end of 2007 in Madrid, which will specifically aim at disseminating the project results to a wide audience of practitioners, policy-makers, NGO leaders and activists, as well as researchers.

We have also printed a brochure on the LOCALMULTIDEM project that has been distributed at scientific meetings, local administrations, and practitioners. We have also issued a number of press releases about the project and held some interviews with journalists.

On our website, we have published some of the preliminary results of the projects, and we frequently update it with news and events related to the project. We have also created an electronic newsletter distribution list, which we are using to further disseminate the results of the project.

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