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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 2<sup>nd</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) / [laura.morales@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:laura.morales@manchester.ac.uk)). 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; University of Bristol (Dr. Paul Statham), United Kingdom; and University of Manchester (Dr. Laura Morales).

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

The scientific work planned for this first second year period involved three different workpackages (WPs): WP1 is devoted to the analysis of institutional and discursive political opportunity structures, WP3 consists of a survey to migrants' /ethnic minorities organisations in each of our six cities, 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 an integrated report that summarised the findings obtained in each of the city/country reports that were prepared by each of the six teams. The production of this document took longer than expected, as a substantial amount of information had to be systematically analysed and various drafts prepared by the French team before finalising it (Deliverable 7).
- Preparation of the data collection guidelines and matrices for the Discursive Political Opportunity Structures indicators, before teams could proceed to data collection (Deliverable 5b).

#### Workpackage 3: Organisational Survey

The main contractors involved in the coordination of this WP are partners 1 (UMU), 3 (FNSP) and 5 (UNITN). 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 the organisational questionnaire (main responsibility of Partner 1-UMU), elaboration of the mapping file for the creation of census lists before

- interviewing (main responsibility of Partner 1-UMU), elaboration of document with guidelines and instructions for the main aspects of the data collection process (main responsibility of Partner 1-UMU), elaboration of guidelines for the data collection of the network information and its subsequent coding (responsibility of partners 3 and 5 – FNSP & UNITN) (Deliverable 8).
- Mapping of the associational field of migrants / ethnic groups in each city.
- Translation of questionnaires to local languages – and, when applicable, to the ethnic group language.
- Starting of interviewing process with organisations in most cities.

#### 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 satisfactory, but fieldwork processes have been delayed in a number of cities due to the complexities of the survey undertaken.

The main achievements for this reporting period have been:

- Finalisation of the fieldwork period for Budapest, London, Madrid, and Milan.
- Fieldwork started and in progress in Lyon (to be finalised by the first weeks of March).
- Initiation of data processing in the cases where the survey was carried out in-house (Budapest and Madrid).
- Cleaning and preparation of data according to the common codebooks for data merging of the six cities by the Italian and Swiss teams.
- Delivery of the cleaned dataset of Milan to the Spanish team by the Italian team.

#### *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. Moreover, the consortium will also prepare a set of articles to be submitted jointly as a special issue proposal to one of the leading international journals in the field of migration and ethnic studies. This second set of products will focus, primarily, on the organisational survey.

The plans for publications have already been delineated and agreed within the consortium and a schedule for drafts of the chapters and articles has already been prepared.

Several papers have been presented at conferences and workshops, and the project has sponsored a whole section –with 8 panels- at the conference of European Consortium for Political Research in September 2007 at Pisa. This was our mid-term conference (Deliverable 13).

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 took place in September 2007 at Pisa (Italy), which aimed at disseminating the project results to a wide audience of specialists and researchers. In 2008, various dissemination activities and national conferences are planned that will increase the awareness about the project among practitioners, policy-makers and association leaders and activists in various countries.

The brochures with information on the LOCALMULTIDEM project have also been continuously distributed at scientific meetings, local administrations, and practitioners.

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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