



## PROMINSTAT

Promoting Comparative Quantitative Research in the  
Field of Migration and Integration in Europe



**Policy assessment and  
Policy recommendations**



## PROMINSTAT aims at ...

Prominstat aims to promote comparative quantitative research on migration and integration by providing essential knowledge on statistical datasets in the form of dataset descriptions. These dataset descriptions are made available through an online accessible and fully searchable database. The information covers datasets in all 27 EU Member States plus Norway and Switzerland. The database has a wide applicability within the broader field of statistical data collection on population and social conditions, and thus contributes to the setting of standards of data description.

## Methodology

The creation of the database is complemented by a series of country reports and thematic studies. These will, respectively describe the situation in each country and will also contribute to broader methodological discussions concerning comparative statistical research. They will discuss the difficulties associated with using data from countries that differ greatly in their past histories of migration and legal arrangements concerning migration. It will document the different definitions of migrants and different concepts to describe various societal-subsystems (e.g. education system, labour market etc.), as well as describing the different statistical methods used in data collection. Furthermore, the thematic studies, and in particular, the studies on discrimination and integration, focus on the different ways in which the phenomena under study can be assessed, in the light of the information collected for the database and possible future avenues for research, as well as come up with recommendations to improve the quality of data collection in this field of research.

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GEMMA policy briefs synthesize research findings in Gender & Migration in a language closer to policy makers and civil society organisations at European and national level.

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## Research findings

One of the main results of the project is the [online database](#) that is also a tested and well-designed research tool. It will potentially have a wide application in the interdisciplinary field of migration studies and beyond. As a research tool, the database is primarily aimed at researchers, interested in comparative, statistical analyses of migration and integration. The database contains descriptions of more than 1,300 datasets, including population censuses, statistical registers and counts as well as national and international surveys important to migration, discrimination and integration research (see [www.prominstat.eu/prominstat/database](http://www.prominstat.eu/prominstat/database)).

Major gaps and needs identified are general problems of covering migrant populations with registers as well as with sample surveys. As a rule, migrant stocks are far better covered than migration flows, whereby especially emigration movements are usually under-estimated. In addition, migrants are often not identifiable due to lack of information on country of origin, citizenship or other relevant information. This lack of information also leads to incomparability of international statistics.

The database covers several datasets useful to research gender and migration issues and almost all datasets included hold information on the gender of the persons covered. Yet it is not known whether or not the published statistics always include breakdowns by gender (e.g. residence permits by gender). A good deal of international as well as national surveys include a wealth of information on issues important to study gender and migration, as for instance information on employment careers and care work of respondents (see for instance the TIES survey). The major problem of many general surveys not focusing on migration is the low number of migrants included in the samples, leading to statistically insignificant results.

## KEY MESSAGES

The main recommendations and key messages identified by Prominstat are:

- the need of inclusion of additional information necessary to identify migrants in registers and surveys whenever possible;
- better accessibility of existing data collected by authorities and other data owners;
- the need for better co-operation between data owners;
- possible over-sampling of migrants in sample surveys;
- and the collection of more longitudinal data, which allow for analysing life histories of migrants.

Finally, the project finds that despite major gaps in statistical data collection in the area of migration and integration a great deal of statistical data is available in Europe and researchers are recommended to check the availability of data prior to launching new data collection efforts

## Fiche of GEMMA project

Acronym and Project Full title	GEMMA - Enhancing evidence based policy-making in Gender & Migration
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Short description	<p>GEMMA is a dissemination project which will contribute to strengthen the dialogue between <b>researchers, policy-makers and civil society organizations</b> in the field of Gender and Migration.</p> <p>The main activities foreseen are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valorisation and dissemination of EU-funded research projects in the field of Gender and Migration to Policy-makers and Civil Society Organizations in the five member states and languages of the GEMMA project</li> <li>• Opportunities of dialogue through targeted workshops aimed at strengthening communication and networking between Researchers, Policy-makers and Civil Society;</li> <li>• Recommendation at the national level to enhance interaction and collaboration between the different actors in the field of Gender and Migration</li> </ul>
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Relationship to other EC and National projects	<p>GEMMA will produce thematic policy briefs containing results and recommendations from the following projects:</p> <p><b>FEMIPOL</b> Integration of Female immigrants in labour market and society.</p> <p><b>FEMAGE</b> Needs for Female Immigrants and their Integration in Ageing Society.</p> <p><b>GRINE</b> - Gender Relations in Europe at the turn of the Millenium: women as subjects in migration and marriage</p> <p><b>ETHNOGENERATION</b> - the Characteristics of the Second Generation in Families of Ethnic Entrepreneurs : intergenerational and gender aspects of quality of processes</p> <p><b>SERVANT</b> (Thematic network) The Socio-Economic Role of Domestic Service as a Factor of European Society</p> <p><b>IMISCOE</b> (thematic network) includes the C8 cluster covering gender, generation and age.</p> <p><b>LIMITS</b>: Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in European Cities</p> <p><b>PROMINSTAT</b> Promoting comparative quantitative research on immigration and integration</p> <p><b>THESIM</b>: Towards Harmonised European Statistics on International Migration</p> <p><b>FEMCIT</b> (2006-11) Gendered Citizenship in Multicultural Europe: the impact of contemporary women's movement</p> <p><b>QUING</b> (2006-11) Quality in Gender Equality Policies</p> <p><b>VEIL</b> - Values, Equality and Differences in Liberal Democracies. Debates about Female Muslim Headscarves in Europe.</p> <p><b>Evaluation of Migration and Ethnicity in the 4th and 5th Programme (MigPro)</b></p> <p><b>REOH</b> - Researching equal opportunities for internationally recruited nurses and other healthcare professionals.</p> <p><b>Civic Stratification, Gender and Family Migration Policies in Europe</b></p> <p><b>Contesting Multiculturalism</b> - Gender Equality, Cultural Diversity and Sexual Autonomy in the EU</p> <p><b>Female Migration Vision</b> - "Initiatives to promote gender equality between women and men, including activities concerning migrant women"</p> <p><b>Rôles et perspectives des femmes relais en France</b></p> <p><b>Supporting the integration of migrants into the labour market by training of the relevant social workers</b></p>