

# POLICY BRIEF

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This Policy Brief is an ongoing document illustrating the progresses and contributes of the GEMMA project to the Gender & Migration debate.

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Migration is one of the most important issues on a global level and is inextricably linked with Gender.

3% of the world's population live outside their place of birth.

1 out of 35 people in the world is a migrant.

Half of these migrants in the world are women and 52% of internal migrants in Europe are women.

Are the hosting countries ready to receive these migrants?

Do they have adequate policies for social inclusion?

Do policy makers make use of research results to support their policies?

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Objectives of the project:

*enhancing Policy through  
European Research in  
Gender & Migration*

GEMMA 's overall objective is to improve the flow of **communication** between **researchers, policy-makers** and **civil society organisations** in the field of Gender and Migration (G&M) research.

GEMMA focuses on the research results developed by projects funded by the European Commission<sup>1</sup> and related policy **recommendations** for policy-makers and civil society organisations

<sup>1</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> RTD Framework Program

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Scientific approach:

*turning into political  
practice the research  
findings in Gender &  
Migration*

GEMMA uses a 3-step methodology to achieve its objectives.

### **Analysis & Synthesis**

GEMMA will analyse the **research results** produced in the projects from FP5 to FP7 and will synthesise them in a **language** that could be more appealing for policy makers and civil society organizations' representatives.

For each project analysed, GEMMA will produce a policy brief containing the main results and recommendations.

In order to identify the projects that correspond better European and national priorities, GEMMA reviewed the **European policies** and **National priorities** in the 5 GEMMA partners' countries. The result of the survey can be read in a report downloadable from the website.

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### Awareness & Networking

Turning research results into practice is the objective of the **workshops** to be organized by GEMMA.

Policy makers and researchers or civil society organisations and researchers will sit around a table to discuss the policy briefs' contents, the possibilities of application of the research results and recommendations within a given political context, and the ways for overcoming **barriers of communication**.. The workshops will be held at national level in Italy, Austria, France, United Kingdom and Hungary (representing the 5 GEMMA partners).

### A wider communication

The recommendations that will arise during the workshops will be synthesised in national roadmaps, which will take into consideration the national features, and will be spread in order to **raise the awareness** of a wider **audience** about the need of interaction and communication between Policy-makers & Researchers and Policy-makers & Civil-society-organisations with the objective of "turning into political practice the research findings in Gender & Migration".

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European added value:

*a new cloth for knowledge*

GEMMA will take use of existing knowledge and will evaluate and synthesise it with the aim of **increasing its visibility** and most importantly its use in political and practical contexts.

Designing **evidence based-policies** means increasing the social cohesion with a major benefit for all citizens and migrants.

The application of research findings by policy makers also means the recognition of the researcher's work and a great stimulation for future research and collaboration.

Cooperation with civil society organisations could provide a large database of knowledge not yet exploited.

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Key messages

- ⇒ Policy oriented research can have a significant impact on social well-being
- ⇒ Involving Civil Society organisations means involving citizens
- ⇒ Social cohesion could be achieved through appropriate social policies which take into account migrant needs, namely those of immigrant women



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