

**Work package 3:
Research Design on Digital Networks, Migration and Gender**

Deliverables

-Title of Deliverable (D4):
Map of Digital and Migrant Networks

-Title of Deliverable (D5):
Research Design Report on Digital Networks, Migration and Gender (Synthesis)

Organization and Timetable

Partner Deadline:

-The thematic WP coordinators information on mapping should be posted on delicious.com in order to be utilized for the production of the visual mapping by UPSPS **by the 30th of November 2010**

-The thematic WP coordinators reports should be sent to UPSPS by the **30th of November 2010** in order to produce the synthesis report that will summarize the project's overall research design.

Final Submission Deadline of Synthesis report and Mapping by WP coordinators:
February 2011

Tasks for each partner

Note that the tasks in this WP are allocated according to the thematic work packages and not according to national or language criteria. So each partner will deliver to the UPSPS team, a thematic rather than a national report/mapping. More specifically:

The **SYM** team will be responsible for delivering the research design/mapping for "Social Movements"

The **FMSH** team will be responsible for delivering the research design/mapping for "Communication and Information Flows"

The **UHH** team will be responsible for delivering the research design/mapping for "Border Crossings"

The **UNIBO** team will be responsible for delivering the research design/mapping for "Education and Knowledge"

The **P2P** team will be responsible for delivering the research design/mapping for "Religious Practices" (or other partner if they have to leave the project)

The **PI** team will be responsible for delivering the research design/mapping for "Sexualities"

The **UHull** team will be responsible for delivering the research design/mapping for "Intercultural Conflict and Dialogue"

-The **UPSPS** team will be responsible for the visualization of the mapping and the writing of the

synthesis report of research designs.

All WP coordinators should work in close collaboration with partners participating in the thematic WP, which they are coordinating.

(D4) Map of Digital and Migrant Networks

In order to design a digital mapping of existing digital networks and their connection with migrant networks, WP coordinators should collect and upload on the MIG@net delicious account (available through the web-site) information (URLs, notes, and comments) on:

1. **Digital web-sites, platforms, and mediums** relevant to the specific thematic area of their responsibility.
2. **Transnational Migrant organizations, networks** specializing in the specific thematic area.

This should be done in collaboration with partners participating in each thematic WP in order to include digital and migrant networks in all the available languages and as many migrant networks as possible.

The purpose of the mapping will be to identify and visually represent how digital networks are linked to migrant networks.

Digital Networks that you may include in the study:

- official EU, government and NGO web-sites (initiatives for the promotion of digital culture and migrant issues)
- popular “user generated content” platforms (You tube, MYspace etc.)
- alternative platforms linked to grassroots activism/journalism (Indymedia, Blogosphere etc.)
- Collaborative Knowledge web-sites (Wikipedia, Rhizome etc.)
- P2P Platforms (Skype, BTorrent, Sopcast)
- Instant Communication Tools (Twitter, SMS etc.)

For more information on how to upload the information using specific tags, please check the Guidelines for mapping online resources.

(D5) Research design report on digital networks, migration and gender

Draft Outline of the Report

A. Digital and Migrant Networks (2.000 – 3.000 words)

On the basis of the information collected from the mapping,

- the primary on- and off-line migrant networks should be identified
- the connections between them should be outlined in the context of each thematic area.

Questions to address:

- What type of information is available on migration issues on-line?
- What are the main characteristics of off-line migration networks and are they represented on-line?

- What types of mediums do migrant networks use?
- Are they mostly official or unofficial? Private or public?
- Do migrant organizations have their own web-sites?
- Do they use on-line popular or alternative user generated platforms?
- How and where do individual migrants disseminate information on-line?
- Do they participate in the production of knowledge on-line?
- In what languages is information available?

In addition, according to the DoW, in this section, each WP coordinator should identify migrant organizations that are involved in the specific thematic area to work with during the next phase.

The information from the DOW is the following:

“Identifying a migrant organization, whose field of practice is relevant to the thematic area under consideration, and involving individual member(s) in the research processes during the next phase of the project in order to assure stakeholders participation and cooperation from the initial stages of the research. They will act as **paid research consultants and informers** in each one of the thematic packages since their personal experience will complement the scientific expertise of researchers”.

The rationale for this is the following

“With regards to migration and transnationalism, the project will engage in an innovative research practice bridging the distance among specialised researchers, stakeholders and participants, by involving and giving an active role to selected migrant organisations in each one of the partner countries. These migrant organizations will be involved in the research process from the second phase onwards, rather than simply in the dissemination of results”.

B. Fieldwork methods (1000-2.000 words)

Identify appropriate fieldwork methods to be used for each one of the thematic case studies by the participants. These should include both on-line and off-line methodologies

C. Main theoretical premises and research questions to be addressed during the fieldwork (2000-3000 words)

D. Case studies (1000-1500 words in total, which should include 500 max. words for each case study)

Identify in collaboration with the partners involved in each of the thematic WPs the specific case studies that fieldwork research will focus on during the next phase. This should include.

1. on-line research specific digital sites
2. off-line research of specific migrant groups or organizations

These should be collected by the thematic WP coordinator and sent as part of the thematic research design.

E. Bibliography

Identify the literature relevant to the specific thematic area.

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