

***MIGRATION AND ASYLUM POLICIES SYSTEMS (MAPS) Jean
Monnet project
University of Naples "L'Orientale" (2018 – 2021)***

Summary of the project proposal MAPS where the Goce Delcev University participats as a partner.

The proposal of University of Naples "L'Orientale" for a Network Jean Monnet on *MIGRATION AND ASYLUM POLICIES SYSTEMS (MAPS)* was born on the basis of the past experiences of Jean Monnet activities carried out (Jean Monnet Modules; Jean Monnet Chair; Centre of Excellence Jean Monnet on *Migrations' Rights in the Mediterranean (CEMIRIM)*), of the academic courses *on the International Protection of Migrants Rights*, on the *Protection of Human Rights in EU* and, finally, on Islamic and Sinology studies focused on the phenomenon of migration. Starting from EU proposal of May 4, 2016 to amend the asylum system, Dublin IV, MAPS aims at highlighting key changes relating to general principles and safeguards of asylum system and the Corrective Allocation Mechanism (CAM) as regards as clearly differentiate between deficiencies in the legal design of the system and in its implementation, analysing weaknesses and the compliance with international law obligations to protect asylum claimants, refugees and migrants in general.

MAPS will create both new content and new research and debating activities at international as well as national level in the field of the European integration studies. In particular, a comparative research will investigate differences in the asylum and migration laws and policies of Member States including their implementation under stress as a consequence of the ongoing crises in Syria, Iraq, Central and East Africa.

At present, there is a lack of coordination between the academic institutions, the policy-makers and the civil society organizations specialized in migration and asylum seekers at national as international level, and different implementation systems of reception, asylum and inclusion policies in EU member States imply the restrain of migrants' integration process. Starting from this, MAPS is proposed for the following main reasons:

- A) the south and central Europe is one of the most important passages to northern Europe of incoming migrants' flows, urges, therefore, an joint effort at international level to address this phenomenon in accordance with international obligations;
- B) it is necessary to regulate the most appropriate method of integration of migrants in all of their personal, family, social and work areas through a Research Network that works in a systematic and coordinated way with the main stakeholders involved on the issue at national and international level;
- C) provide a coherent framework for risk assessment and sustainable management of different implementation systems of reception, asylum and inclusion policies in EU member States. To achieve the objectives of this ambitious project will put in place a consortium of 10 partners from ten different EU countries that, in terms of geographical spread, cover a wide and representative spatial area, including South Eastern Europe, Southern Western Europe, Central Europe.

All partners have experience in coordinating and collaborating in national and international research projects, and a number of the partners have worked together in previous comparative research and/or dissemination projects and networks.

MAPS will address the themes of study and research in a multi-level and multi-disciplinary perspective in order to: launch and enhance a cross-national comparative evidence base; contribute to European efforts to promote evidence-based research on the impact of participatory approach with an active involvement of academic excellence in the field studies and stakeholders; research and events, as the outputs, will be open to the civil society and relevant stakeholders on migration's issues in order to contribute to a wider sensitization and to implement the outputs of activities and best practices at political, civil and academic level by adopting a common European perspective; a development of new research and teaching methods based on ICT technologies and long-distance communications (virtual lesson and discussions through digital tools) will be implemented.

MAPS should become reference points in the European Union on migration/asylum issues areas and will take the role of multipliers and disseminate knowledge at national as international level through collecting and capitalizing information as well as provide analysis and perspectives on best practices. In particular, MAPS intends to create an **international platform of know-how on legal tools and best practices for stakeholders** and in order to provide a coherent framework for risk assessment and sustainable management of different implementation systems of reception, asylum and inclusion policies in EU member States and the Corrective Allocation Mechanism (CAM) in the way that involves also local, national and international stakeholders and to make effective the implementation of the principles of substantive equality, dignity, economic and social cohesion and effectiveness of the Community rules relating to European integration.

In relation to the objectives of Erasmus+ for Jean Monnet, the proposal aims at reaching the following objectives:

- Gathering and promoting information and results on methodologies applied to high-level research and teaching on EU studies and enhancing cooperation between different higher education institutions and other relevant bodies throughout Europe and around the world: the Key staff of all partners will be composed by full professors, young researchers and by other experts in migration's field (to assess the practical approach) from 10 HEIS from 9 different Programme Countries (Italy, Spain, France, UK, Germany, Austria, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Malta) and 1 Partner Country (Bosnia and Herzegovina). First of all, MAPS enjoys the well-established relationship between University "L'Orientale" and these partners, as other University in the world (about 140 international agreements), including joint scientific projects, international mobility schemes as well as the organization of joint scientific and cultural events. Moreover, the promotion of excellence in research and activities will be achieved through the participation of the national and international main experts in the field of migrations, both from academic world and the international organizations (as UNHCR, IMO, etc.). The gathering of high level of experts of Partner 1 (the applicant) is achieved, moreover, by the presence into the key staff of coordinators and member of staff of: Jean Monnet Chair Ad personam, "the protection the human rights in the European Union"; Centre of Excellence Jean Monnet on Migrations' Rights in the Mediterranean (CEMIRIM); Centre of Contemporary African Studies, Centre of Contemporary European Studies, Interdepartmental Language and Audiovisual Centre and Centre for Postcolonial and Gender Studies.

- Exchanging knowledge and expertise with a view to mutually enhancing good practices and fostering cooperation and creating a high knowledge exchange platform with public actors and the European Commission services on highly relevant EU subjects: in order to achieve these objectives, MAPS aims at developing synergies between various disciplines and resources in European Union studies; activities will aim at addressing the migration/asylum issues not only from the juridical perspective, but also by putting the focus on social, geographical, historical, anthropological and linguistic issues.

In order to aim this objective and to promote excellence in research and teaching EU studies, in the field of migration and integration of migrants in European Union, in particular, teaching and research activities through a **multi-disciplinary and cross-cultural approach** which involves young academics in teaching and research on European subjects, as well high level expert from different academic institutions.

The research and development activities will focus on better/new legislative regulations in all areas of personal, family, work and social life of migrant communities in the European Union, which will be conducted through an innovative, inter-cultural and interdisciplinary dialogue between social and economic institutions / associations / higher education institutions, to realize a permanent structure (at national as international level as focal point on issues concerned) able to connect them with each other in a multilevel perspective, in accordance with the European principle of subsidiarity.

In particular, MAPS will adopt a *multi-level and multi-disciplinary* perspective: multi-level, by involving into the research and teaching activities, academics with different degree (from young researchers to the full professors), the civil society and governments interested with migrants' issues; multi-disciplinary, because they will be called to work, on both theoretical and operational aspects in order to enable an effective intercultural dialogue between the host community and the many communities hosted. Moreover, the teaching activities will look at the students from different countries (both EU and non-EU) and different branches of Social science. This will allow to promote the EU's broad linguistic diversity and intercultural awareness, and to make easier the process of integration of migrants in EU.

- Involvement of civil society, policy-makers and all stakeholders concerned with migrations issues ensuring, moreover, a strong multilevel awareness and sensitization. MAPS aims to become an antenna and a focal point in southern and Central Europe in order to create a permanent common table of speaking and found possible solutions to the questions concerning with migration and asylum issues at local, national and international level and in order to adopt new and better legislative regulations in accordance with international obligations.