

IMAGINATION – Urban Implications and Governance of CEE migration

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Summary of results

Migration from central and Eastern European (CEE) countries has evolved into one of the main migration flows within Europe. CEE migrants are EU citizens and their mobility can be seen as a form of socio-economic participation on the European labour market. This project raised the question what the consequences are of this type of mobility for urban cohesion and urban policies. The aim was to enhance the theoretical and practical understanding of how urban regions can cope with the implications of CEE migration.

Data found shows that the migration is more socio-economic and temporally diversified than often assumed. The researcher found a feminization of migration and a dequalification of CEE migrants. They recognized a variety of socio-economic, socio-cultural and political-legal urban implications of CEE migration, with similarities and differences per country. They found that differences are much more visible within urban regions (between urban and rural sites) instead of between urban regions. They found comparatively different modes of governance toward the urban implications of CEE migration. The consequences are not always related to the governance actions and there is a lack of well-functioning institutional structures in the governance despite the increasing number of migrants. While the challenges take place in the local level, the central (EU) decision-making authorities remain insufficient in bringing solutions to the local challenges. The research supports future attempts for a better governance of migration. This project created societal impact at various levels. The main results are available in the open access EUKN Policy Handbook of Urban Governance of free movement in the EU

Video on the research question

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wb29lwoN0Rs>

Read more

- Handbook of Urban Governance of Free Movement in the EU – Facts, implications and policies (PDF)
- <http://project-imagination.net/publications>

