



The Scheme: ECRP stands for European Collaborative Research Projects in the Social Sciences.

The ECRP Programme is designed to advance international research collaboration in the social sciences by encouraging European academic networking and pooling of research expertise. The Programme offers an opportunity to carry out problem-driven multilateral projects on any topic within the Social Sciences that demonstrates an international framework for research collaboration. Projects need not be exclusively European in their topic focus.

- ECRP is part of the EUROCORES Scheme that provides a flexible framework to support top class European research in and across all scientific areas.
- Research funding is provided by participating national research funding and research performing agencies.
- The European Science Foundation provides the Programme coordination and supports scientific networking of funded scientists in different EUROCORES ECRP Programmes.
- EUROCORES ECRP funds research in the social sciences that is only of the highest quality, is innovative and collaborative.

The Project:

New Migration Dynamics: regular and irregular work on the European labour market

This collaborative project deals with working migrations and gender matters in three economic sectors — agriculture, domestic services and prostitution — in which foreigners and among them, women, are over-represented. The study analyses the contradictory demands regarding immigration in the EU, considering the gap between political will, which intends to reduce extra-EU migrations, and economic practice in sectors where low-paid jobs allow the maintenance of economic activities that would not otherwise survive in Western countries.

Researches will analyse both the social and economic implications in the areas concerned in industrialised countries and the impact that these types of jobs and mobility have on migrants' careers. In this context, the role played by women will be highlighted.

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In the News: New Migration Dynamics

The project is going well; we had a first meeting in Aix-en-Provence (France) in November 2006, where all the partners were represented (10 persons). Each team presented its research and it was possible to discuss our subjects from a comparative perspective. At that time we set an agenda for our different projects: we agreed on the organisation of an international conference to be held in Nice (France) in December 2007 on the theme “**New Migration Dynamics: regular and irregular activities on the European labour market**”, and on the realization of a collective book on our research to be published in 2008.

Since then, our collaboration has been active as we have been working together on the conference: a website has been set up (<http://www.unice.fr/migractivities/index.html>); a call for papers was launched in January 2007; over a hundred abstracts were received by the end of May from all over Europe and beyond (Kazakhstan, China, USA, etc). We proceeded to a selection before the summer in order to choose around 35 participants, dealing with four subjects: prostitution, illegal or illegally performed activities, domestic services and foreigner recruitments modalities in tense sectors. At the same time we found new partners willing to be associated with this project: the *Agence Nationale de la Recherche* (ANR), the *Maison des Sciences de l’Homme* of Nice and the *University of Nice Sophia Antipolis* have agreed to support the conference.

At the same time, we have produced a first presentation draft of our collective book project, with the aim of finding a publisher. Meanwhile, partners have begun to work on their own articles (to be published in the book). The conference should help us find additional authors for this publication.

During the summer, we also published a webpage presenting our ECRP project (<http://www.unice.fr/urmis/spip.php?article204>) in order to make it more visible.

The second meeting of the group will take place on 21 and 22 September 2007 in Nice, France. Our principal aims are to go forward with the book project and set everything up for the conference: make a decision on demands for financial support we received, set the time schedule, finalise a definitive programme and several other material details.



Household work

“As project leader, I think the ECRP Scheme has the great merit of having an uncomplicated application form and being effective in its management. The unit administrators have been present and available at all steps of the project.”

Dr. Swanie Potot



Dr. Swanie Potot is a sociologist, specialising in trans-European migrations. She did her PhD in 2003 on Romanian working migrations through Europe and has published several articles on this subject. She has conducted fieldworks on Romanian migrants in France, Spain and the UK and has studied migrant living conditions in Romania. She has analysed the place and role of women in these mixed migrant networks. A permanent researcher at CNRS since 2004, she is coordinating a research team on migrant labour in agriculture in France in the framework of a three-year programme (from January 2006), receiving funds from the French *Agence Nationale de la Recherche*. In this framework, she is currently running some studies on Polish seasonal workers employed in French agriculture.

The aim of the European Collaborative Research (EUROCORES) Scheme is to enable researchers in different European countries to develop collaboration and scientific synergy in areas where European scale and scope are required to reach the critical mass necessary for top class science in a global context.

The scheme provides a flexible framework which allows national basic research funding and performing organisations to join forces to support excellent European research in and across all scientific areas.

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Prostitution

European Collaborative Research Projects (ECRP) and the ESF Standing Committee for the Social Sciences (SCSS)

The ECRP Scheme is supported by the Standing Committee for the Social Sciences (SCSS) which is chaired by Professor Sir Roderick Floud (Professor Emeritus of London Metropolitan University); the Committee is composed of its members, leading scientists nominated by the ESF Member Organisations (research councils or academies) working in social sciences, and observers from other social science institutions. Along with national experts several observers from key social science institutions are also participating in two plenary meetings per year helping to shape the SCSS' role in the European Research Area.

The task of the committee is to advance Social Sciences on a European level by supporting innovative research ideas and approaches from the scientific community. Scientific agenda setting is therefore a crucial element of Standing Committee work.

The social sciences encompass a range of disciplines that aim to examine and explain human functioning on a variety of interlocking levels, ranging from neural foundations to individual behaviour, group processes and the functioning of entire societies. Consequently, the social sciences employ a wide variety of methods which address the different levels of analyses that are necessary. Whilst the methods are contrasting, they have been tailor-made to be scientifically rigorous, and to ensure that reliable knowledge is secured.

Against this background, the SCSS funds and develops initiatives in the fields of psychology and the cognitive sciences, pedagogic and education research, social anthropology, sociology and gender studies, economics, business and administrative sciences, geography, demography, environmental sciences, law, political sciences, communication sciences, international relations, social statistics and informatics.

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