Migrant Integration Policy Index: a tool to assess how countries are promoting Integration of Migrants

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Long-standing commitment to evidence-based migration policies:
- Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX)
- IMMEX (2010-2012): labour immigration policies in the EU
- Intercultural Cities Index (ICC 2016-2017) on intercultural policies in EU cities
- NIEM (2017-2021): monitoring of integration policies for refugees
- Cross-Migration (2018-2020)
Cross-migration (Horizon2020 project)

Aim: to map all recent migration research (crossmigration.eu)

Review of indexes on migration and integration policies → Repository of indicators (with data)

(Ongoing)
45 indexes
One-off projects
LATEST POLICY COMPARISONS: What are the trends and differences in integration policies in eight areas across Europe and the developed world?

POLICY ASSESSMENTS: Assessment of set of policies in a given policy area

ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO EQUALITY STANDARDS:
International/EU references for ‘benchmark’ (International Conventions, EU directives, etc.)
Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX)

38 COUNTRIES

ALL EU MEMBER STATES
TRADITIONAL DESTINATION COUNTRIES
and more...

AUSTRALIA  CROATIA  CYPRUS  FINLAND  ICELAND  LITHUANIA  NORWAY  SLOVENIA  TURKEY
AUSTRIA BELGIUM CZECH REPUBLIC DENMARK GERMANY GREECE IRELAND FRANCE IRELAND ITALY JAPAN MALTA LUXEMBOURG MALTA MALTALUXEMBOURG NEW ZEALAND NORWAY POLAND PORTUGAL SLOVENIA SOUTH KOREA SPAIN SWEDEN UNITED KINGDOM USA
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LABOUR MARKET MOBILITY
FAMILY REUNION
EDUCATION
POLITICAL PARTICIPATION
PERMANENT RESIDENCE
ACCESS TO NATIONALITY
ANTI-DISCRIMINATION
HEALTH
Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX)

1 Overall index: mean of sub-indexes

Range: 0-100 (most favourable conditions)

8 Sub-indexes: means of the indicators in the area

167 Indicators

Example of a MIPEX indicator:

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<td>Access to employment in the private sector</td>
<td>Are foreign residents able to accept any private-sector employment under equal conditions as nationals?</td>
<td>Yes. There are no additional restrictions than those based on type of permit mentioned</td>
<td>Other limiting conditions that apply to foreign residents, e.g. linguistic testing (please specify)</td>
<td>Certain sectors and activities solely for nationals (please specify)</td>
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| Law covers discrimination by association & on the basis of assumed characteristics | Prohibition of discrimination includes discrimination by association and/or by assumption covering:  
a) race and ethnicity  
b) religion and belief  
c) nationality | All three grounds | Two grounds | Ground a, none, or only based on international standards or constitution, subject to judicial interpretation |
Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX) Overall index (2014)

New EU countries < Oldest EU countries

Traditional destination countries perform better.
Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX)

(2014) Belgium and Italy

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<td><strong>Rank:</strong></td>
<td>13</td>
<td>out of 38</td>
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<td><strong>MIPEX Score:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Labour Market Mobility</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Family Reunion</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Permanent Residence</strong></td>
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MIPEX in use

Inform the debate through facts

UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Migration uses MIPEX for its report on the new family reunion rules

MIPEX debated in House of Lords
MIPEX in use

Assess policies:
Link with integration outcomes
Main challenges:
• to secure funding to yearly update MIPEX
• to attract attention of media and policy makers

Dissemination strategy: Gradual publication of results. Country-by-country release of the scores (country-level events)
Conclusion: ways forward

Need of assessing policies and link those with outcomes to design more effective policies

Ways forward:
• Aim for MIPEX 2020 (2015-2020)
• Cross-migration’s small set of key indicators on migration policies – sustainability over the time
• Links with outcomes (e.g., share of employed migrants)
Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

More info at:
www.migpolgroup.com
www.mipex.eu
1. LABOUR MARKET MOBILITY

1.1 ACCESS
1. Immediate access to labour market; 2. Access to private sector; 3. Access to public sector; 4. Immediate access to self employment; 5. Access to self employment

1.2 ACCESS TO GENERAL SUPPORT

1.3 TARGETED SUPPORT

1.4 WORKERS’ RIGHTS

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4. POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

4.1 ELECTORAL RIGHTS
65. Right to vote in national elections; 66. Right to vote in regional elections; 67. Right to vote in local elections; 68. Right to stand in local elections

4.2 POLITICAL LIBERTIES
69. Right to association; 70. Membership in political parties

4.3 CONSULTATIVE BODIES
71. Strength of national consultative body; 72. Strength of regional consultative body; 73. Strength of capital consultative body; 74. Strength of other local consultative body (average)

4.4 IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES
75. Active information policy; 76. Public funding/support for national immigrant bodies; 77. Public funding/support for regional immigrant bodies; 78. Public funding/support for immigrant bodies at local level in capital city; 79. Public funding/support for immigrant bodies in other city with largest migrant population
Source of MIPEX equality standards

- Europe -
  - Tampere European Council Presidency Conclusions, 15 and 16 October 1999
  - EC Directive on the right of citizens and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, 2004/38 of 29 April 2004
  - EC Council Conclusions of 26 November 2009 on the education of children with a migrant background 2009/C 301/07
  - Council of Europe, Convention on the participation of foreigners in public life at local level, 1992
  - Gsir, Sonia and Martiniello, Marco, Local Consultative Bodies for foreign residents – a handbook (Council of Europe; Strasbourg 2004)
  - Council of Europe, European Convention on Nationality, 1997
  - Bauboeck, R. et al. (eds.) “Evaluation and Recommendations” in “The Acquisition and Loss of Nationality in 15 EU Member States” (Amsterdam University Press; Amsterdam, 2006)
  - Starting Line Group, Proposals for legislative measures to combat racism and to promote equal rights in the European Union, 1998
  - Directive implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin, 2000/43 of 29 June 2000
  - Directive establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation, 2000/78 or 27 November 2000

- International -
  - UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
  - UN International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (IESCR)
  - UN International Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
  - UN International Convention on the Protection of All Migrant Workers and the Members of Their Families
  - International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
  - UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education
  - ILO Convention No. 97 of 1949 on Migration for Employment
  - ILO Convention No. 143 of 1979 on Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions)
  - ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration: Non-binding principles and guidelines for a rights-based approach to labour migration
Review of indexes

45 indexes with many indicators

Two main approaches:
- Overall assessment of policies in one or more areas – e.g., IMPALA
- Assessment of each change (+-) – e.g., DEMIG

Topics: Admission policies; Citizenship acquisition; Integration policies
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