



Climate Change and Migration in Euro-Med Region: Socio-Economic Development and Intercultural Perspective

Anna Lindh Foundation – Intercultural Research in Collaboration with: University of Calabria (Italy) | University d'Annunzio Chieti-Pescara (Italy) | AEJI – Association of Environmental Justice (Israel) | GRF – Genista Research Foundation (Malta) | FHIRD- Farhat Hached Institute for Research and Democracy (Tunisia) | IMDI – Institute Migration Development and Integration (Albania)



Intermediate Report about Articles

Group Meeting, 31.3.2021

Meeting – Brief Summary

The meeting has started at 18:45 (Italian Time) on Google Meet Platform. We were five people. *Avv. Drita Avdyli* (partner 2) and *Professor Gilda (atalano)* (Lead) were present.

Three academic guests from University of Chieti (Partner n.5) have been kindly invited to participate: *Prof. Alfredo Alietti* (University of Ferrara), *Avv. Prof. Ferdinando Franceschelli* (University of Chieti), *Prof. Paola Puoti* (University of Chieti). The invited participants are taking part in the Research Group from University of Chieti, lead by Partner 5, Professor Mara Maretti.

Because of technical problems in the chosen platform, some other Partners have not been able to join and to be discussing their Drafts of Research.

Drita was the first speaker and she presented her research titled “*Asylum and Migration System in Albania*” which received many appreciations and opened a discussion following questions by Alfredo and Drita clarified in depth.

Afterwards, *Alfredo* presented his research – co-author with Mara – titled “*Environmental and climate migration: sociological definitions and the legal status of environmental and climate*”. It is a positional paper. Paola has been inferring many questions about the shaping glossary, and about basic concepts used in this paper.

Paola and Ferdinando have explained the second topic of their research – written with Mara – that is “*Analysing the Future of Climate migrations: a Delphi Study*”. This study aims to analyze, through the opinion of experts, how/where climate change will affect on migrations flux activation in particular areas of the planet, with a particular focus on Mediterranean Area.

Gilda has summarized briefly the other following five Researches:



The Researches are:

Lead Applicant: "Migration, Agriculture, Environment: a Social-Ecological perspective", by UniCal group

Lead Applicant: "An Ecosystem Perspective in Practices and Policies of Welcoming" by Unical group

Partner 1: Public attitudes for Migration, Climate Change and Between – Review in Prism of Euro-Med region" , by Carmit Lubanov

Partner 3 : "The Other Side of Immigration illegal SE EU", by Mohamed Amine Kouki

Partner 4 : "Empowerment of Young Migrants", by Dr. Mark Causon

A brief discussion about 5 researches was held.

The meeting was ended by 19:50. The meeting was recorded and the recorded files were sent to group members.



Intermediate Results following different researches - towards new directions to be explored

As far as the results from Articles:

we have found interesting interconnections among the explored issues, which need further deepening.

a. The first correspondance is between the article «Public Attitudes for Migration, Climate Change and Between-Review in prism of Euro-Med region by Aeji» and the article «Analyzing the Future of Climate migrations: a Delphi Study», one of two papers presented by University of Chieti. The common ground is especially concerning with previsional trends of Climate Migrations under socio-economic perspectives: it observes interesting scenarios about geographical trends of migration flows, by adding the prism of intercultural issues within the analysis. In addition, both studies can assist in precisely focusing research directions as well as in formulating policy recommendations in the field.

b. The second common intersection been found between the articles «The other side of immigration illegal SE EU! » by FHIRD and the « The empowerment of young migrants » by Genista Research Foundation. Both focusing on studying following young migrant' perspectives compressed into pull/push factors to migrate. Those interconnections reflet a soignificant startpoint to take in further consideration the necessity to create common data about the space-time representations of young lives in fragile territories.

c. The third linkage found between «Asylum and Migration System in Albania» by IMDI and «An Ecosystem Perspective in Practices and Policies of Welcoming», one of two articles by Unical. It is an interesting common ground where to find out the differences of welcoming practices between specific fragile areas from Albania and South Italy.

As far as the other articles, there are two new studies that came up following the studies mentioned above. One, is a general perspective: the importance to update a glossary with newest terms and concepts to refine the latest Climate Migration. The second, more empirical research which is concerning with prepositive actions created by migrants, above all in front of environmental emergencies.



Title of the Article by organization/ Researcher: Public Attitudes for Migration, Climate Change and Between - Review in prism of Euro-Med region

1. Please, describe the actions you have undertaken for the research work until now and the process of preparing your article:

Gathering information and research in the field in question, reviewing, reading and comparing, Conversations with colleagues including group members. Examination of parameters in international comparison reports in the field of climate policy implementation, social policy and economic development in each of the participating countries

2. The aims of your research:

- a) To identify level of knowledge and of awareness relating the nexus of migration, Climate change and climate migration
- b) to evaluate the links between public opinion and socio-economic and cultural parameters including gender, age, geography, education
- c) Establishing the above information will make it possible to establish a “data infrastructure” that will make it possible to conduct research and develop areas in which it is necessary to invest in education and information in the field of immigration, climate and everything in between.
 - This information can be a tool directed by foundations to further develop the field of awareness and knowledge development to create tolerance, knowledge-based inclusion and field research.
 - This information can help shape policy among the European Community while targeting potential groups, for example, young people.

3. Please, indicate the methodology you are using (interviews, international comparison, case study analysis, literature review, etc.):

Literature review of International public opinion reports and surveys. The sources are mainly of scientific research academic institute, international policy community (EU, UN), Foundations strategic reports, others.

4. Please, describe the partial results you have reached at the moment:

The scope of the publications (research reports, survey results) published in the field of public attitudes on climate and / or climate change separately, is enormous. A rather limited scope refers to the issue of climatic migration, indicates the need for a project - aimed at research and helps to raise the issue on the public agenda.

5. Please, indicate if you have reached some targets and their possible types of benefits:

As mentioned above. The deeper you study the subject, the greater the primacy of the research (the research group as a whole), and therefore the need for access to information, education and information, program development and accessibility of information for decision makers.

6. Please indicate if you encounter any difficulties in some part of your research work (such as lack of information, Covid pressure, and so on)

Time limitation and Realistic expectations. The duration of the research is limited in advance and the schedule involved in preparing for the workshop in advance requires that it be reduced and that the boundaries of the sector be precisely defined, knowing that this is a preliminary study that will need to be expanded.

Title of the Article by Organization/ Researcher: Asylum and Migration System in Albania

1. Please, describe the actions you have undertaken for the research work until now and the process of preparing your article:

It is important updating the literature and the sources about the latest rules, procedures, laws in the field of juridical links between Asylum from one side and Environmental-Climate Migration on the other side.

2. The aims of your research.

It is to verify the role, the application, the quality of recent laws in the Practices of Refugees Welcoming, with a special focus on Albania.

3. Please, indicate the methodology you are using (interviews, international comparison, case study analysis, literature review, etc.):

I have analyzed the hard copies of laws, the updating procedures in Welcoming Practices, the media information about the newest directions of Refugees.

4. Please, describe the partial results you have reached at the moment:

I have deepened some juridical aspects to be solved when we talk of Asylum. I have verified the positive impact of media support and training for their inclusion. I am analysing the cultural impact of good practices of Welcoming.

5. Please, indicate if you have reached some targets and their possible types of benefits:

The migrants themselves; the host communities; the intercultural exchanges among different social groups. My research pushes for increasing s the self-awareness among migrants and communities, also by finding juridical instruments to reduce their fragile conditions.

6. Please indicate if you are encountering any difficulties in some part of your research work (such as lack of information, Covid pressure, and so on): I have not found problems at the moment.



Partner N. 3 (FHIRD)

Title of the Article by organization/ Researcher The other side of immigration illegal SE EU!

1. Please, describe the actions you have undertaken for the research work until now and the process of preparing your article:

Tunisia is considered a transit area towards Europe for illegal immigration. We, as a research organization for me, have collected information on the reasons that make a person on boats of death into the unknown. We had conversations with colleagues, including members of the organization, and testimonies of some people who immigrated illegally.

2. The aims of your research:

We aim from this research to describe the tragic reality of the phenomenon of irregular migration on families, and on the fabric of society that will - for the sake - of age - if this bleeding continues.

3. Please, indicate the methodology you are using (interviews, international comparison, case study analysis, literature review, etc.):

In this Research we describe the following points:

- Comparative studies of the reality of irregular migration in the countries of South MED
- Interview scientific with some young people who immigrated illegally (To know the reasons and motives)

4. Please, describe the partial results you have reached at the moment:

A number of economic and social factors have contributed to the exacerbation of the phenomenon of clandestine immigration, including the following:

- The disparity in the economic level, which is clearly evident between the sending and receiving countries, is the result of the slow pace of development in these countries.
- The labor market, lack of job opportunities, which led to a high percentage of the unemployed.
- Unemployment that affects a large number of citizens, especially young people with a university degree
- The image of the social success shown by the immigrant upon his return to the homeland, as it is manifested in highlighting the aspects of luxury: gifts, a car ... which provokes the desire of others to emigrate.
- Geographical proximity that facilitates the migration of Tunisians and Africans to Europe, for example, especially Italy.
- Social suffering that is reflected in the harsh conditions that are represented in poverty, the standard of living and the cruelty of society, which leads to psychological problems and disturbances.



5. Please, indicate if you have reached some targets and their possible types of benefits:

There is no doubt that clandestine immigration is a youth phenomenon par excellence. Therefore, officials must reconsider the conditions of this group and improve their conditions, taking into account their demands, by taking a set of measures, including the following:

- ❖ Focusing on citizenship education in school programs to motivate young people to cling to their homeland and not to abandon it.
- ❖ Paying attention to our youth qualifications by providing some privileges such as transportation, housing and health insurance so that there is no temptation to go to other countries.
- ❖ Providing suitable spaces for study and training and motivating young people to invent and scientific research by offering some prizes and grants.
- ❖ Eliminate favoritism and clientelism, and integrate the principles of equality and justice.
- ❖ Providing job opportunities while ensuring fair wages.
- ❖ Opening up areas for investing in youth qualifications, such as cultural clubs and societies, and stimulating youth to participate in political life
- ❖ The European Union should facilitate immigration procedures by reviewing travel conditions and obtaining a visa

6. Please indicate if you are encountering any difficulties in some part of your research work (such as lack of information, Covid pressure, and so on)

There are no difficulties currently in the research



Title of the Article by organization/ Researcher: Empowerment of young migrants

1. Please, describe the actions you have undertaken for the research work until now and the process of preparing your article:

Gathering information and research in the field in question, reviewing, reading and comparing over a span of 10 years working in the field which included discussions with colleagues and other stakeholders working in the same field including examination of international comparison reports in the field of empowerment, social policy and economic development in each of the participating countries

2. The aims of your research:

- a) To identify level of knowledge and of awareness relating to empowerment of young migrants.
- b) to evaluate the links between economic, educational, public opinion and socio-economic and cultural parameters including gender, age, which hinder the integration of young migrants and difficulties encountered.
- c) Establishing the above information will make it possible to establish a data infrastructure that will make it possible to conduct research and develop areas in which it is necessary to invest in education, opportunities and information in the field of immigration and integration.
 - This information can be a tool directed by foundations to further develop the field of awareness and knowledge development to create tolerance, knowledge-based inclusion and field research and assist in creating policy among the European Community while targeting potential groups, for example, young people.

3. Please, indicate the methodology you are using (interviews, international comparison, case study analysis, literature review, etc.):

Literature review of local policy documents and International including but not limited to public opinion reports and surveys. The sources are mainly of scientific research academic institute, international policy community (EU, UN), Foundations strategic reports, others.

4. Please, describe the partial results you have reached at the moment:

From on the ground research conducted the movement of people due to climate and/or climate change separately, is enormous and from initial research the connection between climatic migration, indicates the need for a project - aimed at research and helps to raise the issue on the public agenda.

5. Please, indicate if you have reached some targets and their possible types of benefits:

From initial studies done on the field and from experience through various ESF projects, we have identified the need for access to information, participant in, education and information, program development and accessibility of information for decision makers since all calls were not made available to young migrants and the programs available to young migrants are not reaching their aims.

6. Please indicate if you encounter any difficulties in some part of your research work :

Time limitation and Realistic expectations. The duration of the research is limited in advance and the schedule involved in preparing for the workshop in advance requires that it be reduced and that the boundaries of the sector be precisely defined, knowing that this is a preliminary study that will need to be expanded. The COVID situation has also reduced the option of face to face meetings and surveys with young migrants and identifying a means of communication is becoming harder due to lockdown. Information in the public domain is very lacking and what is available does not reflect the situation on the ground.

Title of the Article by organization/ Researcher: Environmental and climate migration: sociological definitions and the legal status of environmental and climate migrants in international law

1. Actions you have undertaken for the research work until now

The article will be prepared on the basis of available literature produced by transnational agencies and NGOs involved in this specific issue

As concerns the second part of the research work (relating to the legal aspects of the climate migrations under international law), a comprehensive review of the existing sources (articles, international organizations' and NGOs' reports, etc.) and of the national/international courts' case-law has been carried out. This action embodies the first step towards the subsequent developments of the research work.

2. The aims of the research

Our research is aimed to verify the different or similar definitions of environmental/climate migrant and refugee in order to find sociological criteria to identify them. The second part of the research work is aimed to point out the legal status of environmental and climate migrants in international law.

3. The methodology you are using (interviews, international comparison, case study analysis, literature review, etc.):

Literature review, official documents and reports from international organizations, NGOs and transnational agencies, case-law analysis.

4. Partial results you have reached at the moment:

At the moment we are collecting the literature, case-law, reports and documents.

5. Targets and possible types of benefits

Our article is a “positional paper” necessary to clarify the different sociological and legal definitions of our issues, so it can be fruitful for each partner.

6. Difficulties in some part of research work

Not at the moment, but we will inform all the partners in case of any difficulty.



Title of the Article by organization/ Researcher: Analyzing the Future of Climate Migrations: a Delphi Study by University “G. D'Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara

1. The aims of your research

The study aims to analyze, through the opinion of experts on the issue, how climate change will affect, and in which particular areas of the planet, on migrations flux activation. We will consider the adverse climatic phenomena, drought or coastal erosion in the next 20 years, with a particular focus on Mediterranean area.

2. The methodology

Delphi study

Bibliometric analysis

3. The research stages

The research, in the field of future study, develops a spatial Delphi thought which we involve experts to define the future of climate migration.

The stages of the research are:

1. the analysis of the literature and the international reports on climate migration through a bibliometric analysis using bibliometric;
2. the operationalization of the variables and construction of the questionnaire;
3. the identification and selection of experts;
4. the administration of the questionnaire. In order to reach the convergence of the experts, the questionnaire will be administered over 2 or 3 rounds;
5. data analysis and interpretation;
6. definition of narrative scenarios relating to the impact of climate change on migratory flows.

4. The partial results reached at the moment

Partial results: 1. a bibliometric analysis of the academic literature indexed on Scopus; 2. we have identified a list of experts related to the EU Cost Action Climate Migration; a list of the most productive and cited academic experts on Scopus; a list of influencers on Twitter.

5. Targets and their possible types of benefits

NGOs, Public Decision Makers, International Public Organization, students, General Public

6. Difficulties in your research work

The difficulties that we could encounter in the research activity are: the possible lack of adherence of the experts contacted and the convergence of opinions. This last difficulty could lead to lengthening the research times.

Partner: Leader Applicant (Research for this work: Maria Francesca D'Agostino)

Title of the Article by organization/ Researcher : An Ecosystem Perspective in Practices and Policies of Welcoming

1. Please, describe the actions you have undertaken for the research work until now and the process of preparing your article:

A part from considering the literature on Policies of Welcoming, a lot of field investigation in some Calabrian villages where some of the inclusive practices can be considered sufficiently successful. Furthermore, we are trying to deepen the presence of eco-compatible practices in these approaches.

2. The aims of your research:

Investigating: A. The degree of awareness, the actions implemented, the potential planning, not only about the social emergencies but about environmental challenges, which policies and associations are dealing in practices of welcoming and socio-cultural inclusion. B. The evaluation of the welcoming networks in producing new responses within environmental challenges. C. The potential richness of dialogue with other territorial networks about the same issues.

3. Please, indicate the methodology you are using (interviews, international comparison, case study analysis, literature review, etc.):

Semi-structured and on-line interviews to verify the aims above mentioned. Nine interviews and we plan to add other six-seven by the end of April.

4. Please, describe the partial results you have reached at the moment:

A partial verification of: A. The degree/sense of awareness of specific associations and local authorities about the environmental challenges. B. The Institutional and Social Actions and Policies undertaken for Refugees in some Key Fields, such as Land Management, Short food supply chains, Smart/Light Mobility, Waste control.

5. Please, indicate if you have reached some targets and their possible types of benefits:

Partial results in increasing a reciprocal trust in new social actions and environmental practices among migrants, associations, inhabitants of observed communities. A improvement in self-awareness among these different actors, in spite of Covid-19 restrictions.

6. Please indicate if you are encountering any difficulties in some part of your research work (such as lack of information, Covid pressure, and so on):

The decreased amount of face-to-face interview and the adoption of other methods of research, such as on-line interviews.



Partner Leader Applicant (Research for this work: Alessandra Corrado-UNICAL)

Title of the Article by Organization/ Researcher: Migration, Agriculture, Environment: a social-ecological perspective

1. Please, describe the actions you have undertaken for the research work until now and the process of preparing your article:

It has been necessary to think about the literature about the Interdependencies between Environment and Migration. As a second moment, it has been important to understand how/if Innovation and Sustainability can be balanced in the observed field.

2. The aims of your research.

To verify: A. Role of Migrations in Intensive Agriculture Enclaves. B. Response to agricultural price-squeeze and labour exploitation. C. The Creation of New Services and Functions in agricultural firms/households where migrants work.

3. Please, indicate the methodology you are using (interviews, international comparison, case study analysis, literature review, etc.):

Interviews on line in March, supported by case-study analysis in previous months and ten interviews (whose 5 face-to-face) in rural areas by Foggia, Gioia Tauro, Ragusa. We hope to reach 17-20 interviews by the second half of April.

4. Please, describe the partial results you have reached at the moment:

A. Deepened some empirical actions against migrants exploitation. B. Verifying the impact of Training, Care and Social Inclusion. C. The Cultural Impact of Social Agriculture. D. We are verifying the presence of new products and new markets by ethical or quality agri-food chains or by producing different «standards» (Fair Trade /Organic. Corporate Social Responsibility. Multi-stakeholder Standard. Alternative Agri-Food Networks/Social Business Models.

5. Please, indicate if you have reached some targets and their possible types of benefits:

A. A better reciprocal dialogue about the advantages of self-employment/ independent work/volunteering approach in some interviewees by diverse workers. B. An increasing self-awareness among migrants in finding social supports and economic instruments against exploitation.

6. Please indicate if you are encountering any difficulties in some part of your research work (such as lack of information, Covid pressure, and so on):

The chance to reduce the face-to-face interviews in March. Fortunately, we have been able to manage the field research with workers and firms/households in previous weeks.



Climate Change and Migration in Euro-Med Region: Socio-Economic Development and Intercultural Perspective



Climate Migration in Euro-Med Region - Research Group:

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Climate-Migration-in-Euro-Med-Region-102913168514020>

For further information - Please contact us at:

gilda.catalano@unical.it
carmit@aeji.org.il