

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

On 28 June 2009, the IMISCOE Network Office received the very sad news that, after dealing with illness, Prof. Dr. Maria Ioannis Baganha had passed away earlier in the day. Maria Baganha held a crucial place in IMISCOE and played a major role in carrying the Network's development right from the beginning. She served as Chair of the Board of Directors from its foundation in April 2004 and was also elected to serve as Chair of the IMISCOE Research Network that will sustain IMISCOE's work upon termination of the EU-funded Network of Excellence. She was also member of the IMISCOE Editorial Committee, a position allowing her to encourage researchers and to evaluate the quality of their work for the IMISCOE-AUP Series. Apart from these official functions within IMISCOE, she initiated and participated in many joint research projects. IMISCOE owes a lot to Maria Baganha. Her outstanding scientific and organisational contributions are no doubt indelible. And yet, the Network will also miss her irreplaceable character and approach to life: energetic, cheerful, with an appreciation for irony and self-humour, combined with sharp analysis and a sense of what quality is. We will miss her dearly.

In honour of her, the IMISCOE Research Network, the independent successor to the Network of Excellence, has decided to install the Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award for the best PhD-thesis in the domain of International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion. This annual Award will be assigned for the first time during the 7th Annual IMISCOE-conference in Liege, September 2010.

The IMISCOE Network of Excellence was established on 1 April 2004 in response to a call by the DG Research of the European Commission in the 6th Framework Programme to create Networks of Excellence. The task of a Network of Excellence would be to create a sustainable infrastructure for the domain of international migration, integration and social cohesion in Europe, expressing itself in research programming, training of future researchers and practitioners, and for dissemination of results of research to a wide audience. The European Commission funded the Network for a period of five years (1 April 2004 – 31 March 2009) with a budget of 4.5 million euro. Later the budget was extended to 4.6 million euro and the European Commission allowed IMISCOE to use its underspending from the first years until 31 March 2010.

In April 2010, the Network of Excellence IMISCOE has officially ended. We can look back at 6 years of fruitful work, but are also very pleased to be able to write that IMISCOE has been successful in achieving one of the crucial goals, namely working towards sustainability. As of 1 April 2010, the IMISCOE Research Network exists as independent fee-based research network that keeps the themes International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion as central focus. What steps have we taken in the last 6 years trying to achieve our specific aims: creating a research programme, creating training opportunities for PhD and creating a communication infrastructure?

In April 2004, IMISCOE was officially launched. Nineteen major research institutes and their individual researchers joined forces to coordinate research across national borders, while also developing training for young scholars in this field and bringing scientific results to a broader public so as to improve their societal impact. In its first year (1 April 2004 – 31 March 2005), IMISCOE made a flying start by building a strong internal organisation, connecting all research institutes and their individual researchers through nine thematic research Clusters. A facility structure for the mobility and interchange of researchers was built and the basis for a comprehensive set of instruments of both internal and external communication was laid down.

In the second year of IMISCOE (1 April 2005 – 31 March 2006), developing a common research programme took form within the nine Clusters, whose organisation was based on IMISCOE's state-of-the-art reports of their specific domains and consecutive Work Packages. Cross-Cluster initiatives were taken and a discussion began on themes and subjects that the research programme lacked. In the domain of training, the Training Grant Scheme was launched and the first PhD conference was prepared. Concerning dissemination, IMISCOE's second year focused more on external communication with an aim to better reach a broad (and non-academic) public. New partnerships with other networks and organisations were also initiated to support that goal.

In the third year (1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007), the Network saw an increase in individual memberships as well as the addition of four new institutional partners. During this period, an important book was published based on the state-of-the-art reports that had been developed by the research Clusters, *The Dynamics of International Migration and Settlement in Europe: A State of the Art* (Amsterdam University Press 2006). With this title, the IMISCOE-Amsterdam University Press book series was officially launched at the Third Annual Conference in Vienna. The third year also saw an increase in cross-Cluster activities and Work Packages. Meanwhile, the Network reaped richly from the results of joint proposals that had been prepared and filed. The Network's greater efforts to explore the research-policy nexus were also apparent, as evidenced by a number of IMISCOE workshops targeting policymakers and the creation of a line of IMISCOE Policy Briefs.

In the fourth year (1 April 2007 – 31 March 2008), the Network saw a further increase in individual members; numerous new initiatives were undertaken; a substantial number of research proposals were externally funded; many conferences and workshops were organised resulting in working papers, special editions of journals and books. New Work Packages were formulated, many of them cross-cutting the existing Cluster structure. During this period a series of high-level conferences on theory and methodology, which were to take place in the fifth year, were planned. The IMISCOE publications programme further expanded: numerous new publications were prepared and many new manuscripts were submitted to the Editorial Committee. A number of texts for educational purposes were also set into preparation. Six policy briefs, based on published and forthcoming books, as well as six working papers, based on conducted research and workshops, were published on the IMISCOE website. Two more PhD conferences were held during this year, in Amsterdam and in Hamburg.

The fifth year of the IMISCOE Network of Excellence has been marked by both continuity and expansion. Individual membership has continued to increase. Research group activities have expanded and diversified. Instruments developed in prior years have yielded more products, in terms of publications, particularly the IMISCOE-AUP Series, as well as research proposals, policy briefs and working papers. At the same time, the structure of the organisation and its way of working were internally evaluated and new initiatives were taken. The Network's theory conferences and cross-Cluster Work Packages have given a new impetus to work across the research Clusters and to deepen theoretical orientations and methodological approaches.

In this report we will focus on the sixth year of IMISCOE: a very special year in which IMISCOE NoE activities have been finalised, in which we have looked back and evaluated six years as IMISCOE NoE and have prepared a restructuring of our network for its future independent continuation. In April 2009 we officially launched the IMISCOE Research Network. In autumn 2008, all 23 IMISCOE member institutes had already committed themselves to a 'new IMISCOE' by signing letters of intent, but now partners in IMISCOE NoE were also invited to officially join the new network, meaning paying a fee. During this year Clusters were given the task to wrap up the work of 5 years IMISCOE, and by looking back and evaluating their work make plans for the future. The IMISCOE boards meanwhile discussed the organisational structure of the new network and the thematic focus. The Board of Directors also actively discussed and initiated expansion of institutional membership. Five new partners who were not members of the IMISCOE NoE joined the IMISCOE RN.

This report covers activities of IMISCOE in its sixth and final year (1 April 2009 – 31 March 2010), detailing how far the Network has advanced towards reaching its three specific goals:

1. Building an integrated, multidisciplinary, comparative research programme;
2. Establishing an infrastructure for the training of researchers and stakeholders;
3. Setting up a structure to disseminate research results to the public, politicians and, in particular, policymakers.

Members, partners and management of IMISCOE

Membership numbers

Even though this was our last and finalising year, membership numbers still rose slightly as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. IMISCOE membership numbers as of March 2010*

	Members			Institutes	
	<i>2004</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2010</i>
Full members	305	403	412	19	20
Associated	0	148	147	0	3

TOTAL	305	551	559	19	23
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* These numbers reflect researchers and PhD students only; they do not include Network support staff or EAC members.

Individuals could join the Network as full member (if affiliated with an IMISCOE partner and proposed by its director), associated member (if not affiliated with an IMISCOE partner) or external expert (which is typically on a temporary basis). Individuals were proposed for associated membership by IMISCOE Cluster leaders on the basis of prior contributions they made as invited experts to IMISCOE activities. Decisions on such proposals were made by the Executive Board. Individual associated members, in practice, had the same rights as regular members.

Management

As in former years, the strength of IMISCOE has very much been constituted both by the bottom-up initiatives taken by its own members as well as the continued loyal commitment of the Network's board and committee members who form IMISCOE's executive structures and External Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAC is characterised by a core group of members who attend not only specific EAC meetings, but are also present at annual conferences (thereby participating in full conference programmes) and strongly promote IMISCOE within their own external networks.

The Executive Board (EB) met monthly (primarily via teleconferences), while the special committees also met regularly. Two physical joint meetings of the IMISCOE Board of Programme Leaders (BPL) and Board of Directors (BD) took place in April 2009 (annual spring meeting) in Brussels and in September 2009 (at the Sixth Annual Conference); in the interim, a number of special telemeetings were organised.

An event of especially great importance for strengthening the Network is its annual conferences. The Sixth Annual Conference took place from 9-11 September 2009, hosted by IMISCOE partner CEIFO in Stockholm, Sweden. The conference was entitled *Sustainable Diversity, Migration and Social Cohesion* and uniquely jointly organised by two Networks of Excellence, namely SUSDIV and IMISCOE.

Building a joint programme of research activities

Bottom-up: Research Clusters and cross-Cluster initiatives

IMISCOE researchers have worked in nine research Clusters that cover distinct themes.

Table 2. Cluster membership

Cluster	Registered by the Network Office*
<i>International migration (A)</i>	
A1 International migration and its regulation	90

A2 Migration and development	114
Integration (B)	
B3 Migration and citizenship: political integration	97
B4 The economic dimension of integration	62
B5 Social integration and mobility, education, housing and health	58
B6 Linguistic, cultural and religious diversity and related policies	61
Cross-cutting themes (C)	
C7 Interethnic relations, identity, representation and discrimination	34
C8 Gender, age and generations	108
C9 The multilevel governance of immigration and immigrant policies	34

** A total membership is not tallied because members may be affiliated with more than one Cluster.*

The activities for this sixth reporting year are formulated in the Cluster Work Packages' sixth and final round (1 October 2008 – 31 March 2010). The sixth round was extended until 31 March 2010 and covered a period of eighteen months, allowing for a smooth transition to the IMISCOE Research Network.

The final Work Packages in the sixth year focused on the one hand on evaluating past performances and on the other hand making plans for the future and reflect on eventual thematic and organisational changes after the Network of Excellence project would expire. Clusters have reacted differently to this task; some have proposed to proceed without too many changes in their thematic focus and organisational structure (like B3 Migration and Citizenship, B5 Social integration and C8 Gender and age). Other clusters plan to change their thematic focus into one that they deem more up to date or more in line with their expertise (like A2 Migration and development and B4 The Economic dimension). Still others, finally, felt the need to make more structural changes and leave from the original cluster structure and thematic focus and instead invite the core group of members to come up with new proposals (like B6 Linguistic, cultural and religious diversity) . It is to be noted that the IMISCOE RN will no longer keep its original structure of clusters as a unique basis for the organisation of its research activities, but instead introduce more flexibility by inviting members to submit proposals for new research initiatives, that will be communicated as such to the network and on the website.

Top-down: Initiating new research lines

Initially, IMISCOE had instated three teams to look into the feasibility of developing new strategic research lines. Three so-called Feasibility Study teams thus produced analytical studies on IMISCOE's central topics of international migration, integration and social cohesion. During the third year, EUROLINKS, INTPOL and SOCO, as the teams are called, were asked to develop strategic research proposals into new Work Packages. This was carried out in close cooperation with relevant Clusters, thus allowing the original Feasibility Studies to merge into either Cluster-based initiatives or new cross-Cluster activities.

Intense discussions on new, strategic lines of research as well as the studies of the teams already conducted made it clear that IMISCOE still required another instrument to specifically stimulate theory-building and methodological development. To this end, a special call for conferences was launched in December 2006. The call resulted

in the organisation of a series of five conferences on fundamental, strategic issues in theories, concepts and methodologies for the study of migration and integration:

1. (Irregular) Transit Migration in Europe: Theory, Politics, Research Methodology and Ethics, *Principal Coordinator: Franck Düvell, COMPAS, UK (April 2008)*
2. Diaspora and Transnationalism: New Discourses, New Agents, New Institutions? Conceptual, Theoretical and Methodological Aspects, *Principal Coordinators: Rainer Bauböck, EUI, Italy, and Wiebke Sievers, ISR, Austria (April 2008)*
3. The Nexus Between Migration/Integration Research and Policy in a European Perspective, *Principal Coordinators: Peter Scholten, University of Twente, and Rinus Penninx, IMES, The Netherlands (May 2008).*
4. Theories of Migration and Social Change, *Principal Coordinator: Stephen Castles, COMPAS, UK (July 2008)*
5. Interethnic Relations: Multidisciplinary Approaches, *Principal Coordinators: Aitor Ibarolla, DEUSTO, Spain, and Flip Lindo, IMES, The Netherlands (May 2009)*

These conferences have not only been exciting and stimulating events that have led to new research activities including researchers from outside the IMISCOE-Network, they will also yield a number of high quality scientific publications in the IMISCOE-series or in thematic issues of journals in the near future. In three cases, the organisers have formulated the most important messages of the conference for a wider audience in policy briefs (nrs 12, 13 and 15).

Establishing an infrastructure for training

IMISCOE has given priority to three ways of enhancing training: 1) by facilitating participation in training and mobility for IMISCOE members; 2) by developing specific training offers for newcomers in the field; and 3) by developing joint PhD training programmes and Master's degree courses.

Until 2009 The Training Committee co-funded the tuition, travel and accommodation costs of participation by PhD candidates in training events, as well as the travel, accommodation and other material costs of those who prepare joint training programmes.

Since July 2006, the Network has organised annual IMISCOE PhD conferences, which are also open to non-IMISCOE members. These conferences address a variety of topics relevant for scholars on the PhD track and with a view to their future academic careers. Topics include publications methods, presentation skills and tips for how to communicate beyond the academic world. The following PhD conferences were organised: in Poitiers in 2006, in Amsterdam in 2007, in Hamburg and in Lisbon in 2008 and in Paris in 2009.

Due to limited funds the NoE was not able to support a PhD Conference in its sixth year.

The Board of the IMISCOE Research Network, having seen the importance of these conferences in past years, therefore allocated funds towards an IMISCOE PhD Conference. The Lisbon PhD Winter School was organised by IMISCOE Research Network partners CEG-IGOT and CESNOVA and held 23-26 February 2010.

Since April 2005, seven PhD students have received training grants to participate in summer programmes. IMISCOE PhD candidates are also encouraged to visit IMISCOE partner institutions through the awarding of travel grants. Since November 2005, 99 PhD students have received travel grants.

In the final year, the Network of Excellence had only limited funds were available for its activities. The Board of Directors therefore had no choice but to cancel the training and travel grant programme.

To serve the needs of others, both within and external to IMISCOE, the Network has prepared a format for intensive training programmes that enable participants to catch up with the latest in the field of international migration and integration through three to seven days 'Crash courses'. The first IMISCOE crash course took place from 24-29 April 2008 at Notre Dame University (NDU) in Lebanon. A second crash course, focussed on sharing EU experiences in migration policy development with the new generation of Russian, Belarusian and Ukrainian young scholars, took place in Moscow in April 2009.

Establishing an infrastructure for communication and dissemination

While individual researchers and Clusters produce the data compelling communication and engagement, the Network Office is the vehicle through which such information is assembled and broadcast. The Network's communication infrastructure includes the IMISCOE website, a rich collection of online publications (such as IMISCOE Working Papers and IMISCOE Policy Briefs) and the IMISCOE-Amsterdam University Press Series.

In the sixth year, the Communication Officer especially focused on how to continue and fund targeted communication activities in the future. For this purpose a new proposal was developed on Research-Policy Dialogues that was submitted in the Science in Society scheme of the 7th Framework programme. Furthermore the Communication Officer developed a leaner communication programme for IMISCOE RN that was based on good and bad practices of IMISCOE NoE.

IMISCOE Newsflashes and Newsletters, which inform both the Network and the public on relevant IMISCOE news have appeared on a regular basis. The IMISCOE Newsletter's mailing list has grown to include 1,650 addresses. The IMISCOE website received 25.000 visits in the sixth year. The majority of the visits originate from Europe and the US.

Within the publication programme, the IMISCOE Working Papers collection was enriched by three papers and totalled 27 as of 1 April 2010. The IMISCOE Policy Briefs line was enriched by three policy briefs and totalled 17 as of 1 April 2010. The IMISCOE-Amsterdam University Press (AUP) Series had 34 titles published as of 1

April 2010. Included in this number was the first publication in the IMISCOE-AUP Textbooks Series. Three more anticipated volumes for the Textbooks Series remain in preparatory stages. the co-editors have announced that the second volume's manuscript should be ready for review by the Editorial Committee later this year.

In conclusion:

So what has the IMISCOE Network of Excellence achieved in its six years of existence?

The Network has obviously been successful in its first task: creating a platform for research programming. It has brought together growing numbers of researchers in the field, making them work together on research proposals and publications. This is expressed in numerous new proposals (and success of acquiring external funding for these projects) and publications. External evaluations confirm this, but the most convincing argument is the fact that all institutional partners committed themselves to the self-funded continuation of the IMISCOE Network of Excellence in the new IMISCOE Research Network.

IMISCOE has also been successful in its second task: the organisation of training. However, this task was to a great extent narrowed down to the training of young researchers, an activity that has met with great appreciation. Other types of training have been initiated on a limited scale only.

Major efforts have been invested by IMISCOE in its third task, that of disseminating the results of research to a wide audience. Significant progress has been made, but also much has to be learned and done yet in this domain in the future. The recently filed proposal in FP7 called APRIMI outlines how major steps forwards could be made, if that proposal will be implemented.

IMISCOE partners (contractors involved)

The list below reflects the Network's makeup at the end of the reporting period (31 March 2010). While no contract partners changed during the sixth period, some partner representatives, many of whom are institute directors, did change.

1. [Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies \(IMES\)](#) of the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, directed by [Prof. Jan Rath](#). IMES is the IMISCOE Coordinator.
2. [Centre d'Études de l'Ethnicité et des Migrations \(CEDEM\)](#) at the University of Liège, Belgium, directed by [Prof. Marco Martiniello](#).
3. [Centro de Estudos Geográficos \(CEG\)](#) of the University of Lisbon, Portugal, directed by [Prof. Lucinda Fonseca](#).
4. [Centre for Research in International Migration and Ethnic Relations \(CEIFO\)](#) of the University of Stockholm, Sweden, directed by [Dr. Erik Olsson](#).
5. [Centro de Estudos Sociais \(CES\)](#) of the University of Coimbra, Portugal, directed by [Prof. Maria Baganha](#)†. (No successor has been named yet)
6. [Centre on Migration, Policy and Society \(COMPAS\)](#) at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, directed by Dr. Michael Keith.
7. [Research Unit on Migration, Management of Diversity and Social Cohesion \(DEUSTO\)](#), University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain, directed by [Prof. Julia González](#).
8. [European Forum for Migration Studies \(EFMS\)](#), at the University of Bamberg, Germany, directed by [Prof. Friedrich Heckmann](#).
9. [European Research Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations \(ERCOMER\)](#) at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands, directed by [Prof. Han Entzinger](#).
10. [The Forum Internazionale ed Europeo di Ricerche sull'Immigrazione \(FIERI\)](#) in Turin, Italy, directed by Prof. Ferruccio Pastore
11. [International Center for Migration Policy Development \(ICMPD\)](#) in Vienna, Austria, directed by Dr. Peter Widemann
12. [Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies \(IMIS\)](#), University of Osnabrück, Germany, directed by [Prof. Andreas Pott](#).
13. [Institut National d'Études Démographiques \(INED\)](#), Section of International Migration and Minorities, in Paris, France, headed by [Dr. Patrick Simon](#).
14. [Institute for Urban and Regional Research \(ISR\)](#), Austrian Academy of Sciences, directed by [Prof. Heinz Fassmann](#).
15. [Migrations Internationales, Espaces et Sociétés \(MIGRINTER\)](#) at the University of Poitiers, France, directed by Prof. William Berthomiere

16. [Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute \(NIDI\)](#), The Hague, The Netherlands, directed by Prof. [Frans Willekens](#).
17. [Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies \(SFM/FSM\)](#) at the University of Neuchâtel, [Switzerland](#), directed by Prof. [Gianni D'Amato](#).
18. [Sussex Centre for Migration Research \(SCMR\)](#) of the University of Sussex in Brighton, United Kingdom, directed by [Prof. Russell King](#).
19. [CESNOVA](#) of the New University of Lisbon, Portugal, directed by [Prof. Margarida Marques](#).
20. [Centre for Economic and Social Studies \(CESS\)](#), Tirana, Albania, directed by [Dr. Ilir Gedeshi](#).

Associated members

21. [The Migration Research Group at The Hamburg Institute of International Economics \(HWWI\)](#), Hamburg, Germany, directed by [Prof. Thomas Straubhaar](#).
22. [Centre of Migration Research \(CMR\)](#) of the Warsaw University, Poland, directed by Prof. [Marek Okolski](#).
23. [Central European Forum for Migration Research \(CEFMR\)](#) in Warsaw, Poland, directed by Dr. [Marek Kupiszewski](#).

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