IMISCOE Network of Excellence

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What is IMISCOE?

- Network of Excellence on International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe
- 22 institutes, more than 400 top researchers
- Funded by DG Research of the European Commission
- Funding period 2004-2009
- Coordinator: Prof. Rinus Penninx
- Website: www.imiscoe.org
The three main tasks of IMISCOE

1. Building an integrated, multidisciplinary, *comparative research programme*

2. Setting up a structure for the *dissemination* of research results to a broad public and to policy-makers, stakeholders and media in particular

3. Establishing an infrastructure for *training* for researchers and stakeholders
1. Building an integrated research programme

a) Integrating existing research of IMISCOE-members
   • Creating nine clusters of researchers
   • Developing state of the art reports
b) Developing new, strategic lines of research
   • New research lines based on the state of the art reports
   • Overlapping strategic research lines
c) Stimulating cross cluster initiatives
2. Setting up a structure for communication and dissemination

Within the network:
- Extranet and Newsflash
- Workshops and conferences

Outside the network
- IMISCOE Website and Newsletter
- Publication programme
- Translating results to audiences other than scientists
- Finding partners with relevant expertise
- Workshops and conferences
3. Establishing an infrastructure for training

- Stimulating mobility of IMISCOE PhD students
- Creating an inventory of existing MA/PhD programmes
- Developing new MA/PhD programmes
- Developing specific training for stakeholders in the field
Challenges for the coming years

• Avoiding exclusiveness; introducing new topics, inviting experts and new partners

• Reaching our audiences

• Future sustainability of IMISCOE