



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