



The Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX) will include a new strand on health in its next edition (2015)

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Migration Policy Group (MPG) and the research network ADAPT ("Adapting European health systems to diversity") have agreed to work together to enrich the next edition of the Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX) with a new strand on health.

What is MIPEX?

MIPEX is a fully interactive tool and reference guide to assess, compare and improve integration policy. MIPEX gives policymakers a quick reference guide to assess their country's strengths and weaknesses in integration policy, as well as look for potential solutions to problems. Advocates can use MIPEX to help push for policy changes that would improve immigrant integration. The public can use MIPEX to compare their nation's immigration and integration policies to other countries from around the world. Finally, MIPEX online tools allow researchers and the public to dig deeper into each country's score on the various policy areas, create charts to illustrate and compare scores, and determine how changes in laws and policies could impact overall scores.

How will MIPEX contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy of fighting exclusion?

MIPEX will now cover eight policy areas that are vitally important for immigrant integration, ranging from issues related to health, education and employment to securing residence, family life, political participation, naturalisation and anti-discrimination. The research starts in 2014 and covers all EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland as well as OECD members such as Canada, the United States, Australia, Japan and Korea. The results will be presented on the interactive MIPEX website (<http://www.mipex.eu/>) and at national launch debates in 2015. (see announcement by EC at <http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/news/news292.html>)

In line with the aims of the Europe 2020 strategy of fighting exclusion, the main objective of the Migrant Health sub-action is to improve access and appropriateness of health care services, health promotion and prevention for migrants, by systematizing the available information on national legal and policy frameworks in the form of MIPEX questionnaires and country profiles to be published by the IOM as part of its "Equi-Health" programme.

Scope of work to be performed by the national expert for Austria

The national expert will conduct an assessment by filling in the MIPEX health strand questionnaire and drafting a country report. The questionnaire consists of indicators evaluating the policy and legal framework concerning entitlement to health services, policies to facilitate access, responsive health services and measures to achieve change. These indicators are based on the Council of Europe's Recommendation CM/Rec(2011)13 on Mobility, Migration and Access to Health Care (<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1872157>). The country report will provide contextual information and complement the answers provided in the MIPEX questionnaire. The expert will ensure and provide proof of peer review of the assessment.

Project Partners for Austria

The Center for Health and Migration (C-HM) Vienna (www-c-hm.com) is national partner for Austria, with Ursula Trummer, Head of Center and national delegate to the ADAPT research network, as national expert assigned by MPG.