



Education as a tool for the promotion of social inclusion: The case of migrants and minorities

Policy prospects
Belgian country seminar

27th September 2011

Centre for European Policy Studies
Place du Congrès 1, Brussels
Conference Room



PRESENTATION

The INCLUD-ED project is a five year integrated project which aims to analyse **educational actions that contribute to social cohesion and educational actions that lead to social exclusion**. It does so within the context of the European knowledge based society, and provides key elements and lines of action to improve educational and social policy in the EU.

The project concentrates on describing the elements that can influence school failure or success and their relationship with other areas of society: housing, health, employment, and social and political participation. There is a specific focus on social groups which are vulnerable to being socially excluded: migrants and minorities. The project explores **how educational results influence employment opportunities, access to housing and health and participation in public spaces**.

As part of the final phase of the project, country seminars with policy makers are organized in each of the participating Member States. The aim of the seminar is to discuss and disseminate the results obtained in relation to **connecting educational policies to other areas of social policy**. More specifically, successful mixed interventions identified previously will be presented and the steps required to implement them will be evaluated and discussed. The strategies addressed in this seminar mainly focus on the inclusion of migrants and minorities as this is where the EU's input is more dynamic. The Belgian situation will be put into a European perspective by giving a voice to EU policy makers and practitioners along Belgian practitioners and policy makers.

PROGRAMME

08.30 – 9.00 REGISTRATION

9.00 – 11.00 Strategies for inclusion: the role given to education in social inclusion policies for migrants and minorities

Welcome : Sergio Carrera (CEPS)

Chair: Monica Menapace (DG RTD)

- Esther Oliver (CREA), *Findings and prospects for the Includ-ED project*
- Anaïs Faure Atger (CEPS), *Connections between education and social inclusion in Belgian and EU policies*
- Angelos Agalianos (DG EAC), *Education and social exclusion*
- Teodora Tchipeva (DG Employment), *EU policy on social inclusion*
- Axelle Cheney (DG JUST), *Education in the EU Roma strategy*
- Ides Nicaise (KU Leuven), *Belgian Social inclusion policies and education*

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 13.15 Promoting access to socio-economic rights of migrants and minorities with education

Chair: Jos Sterckx (Liaison agency Flanders-Europe)

Speakers:

- Nicole Purnode (Bruxelles Ville-Santé), *Health promotion programmes*
- Rein Sohilaït (Forum), *The Housing Workshops*
- Michiel Van de Voorde (Flemish Ministry of employment), *Promoting labour market inclusion*
- Ahmed Ahkim (Centre de Médiation des Gens de Voyage), *Promoting Roma access to socio-economic rights*

Discussants

- Fred Deven (Knowledge Center, Flemish Department of Welfare, Public Health and Family)
- Dirk Jacobs (ULB)
- Vincent Caron (EU Anti Poverty Network)

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 16.15 Enhancing the participation of Roma and migrants

Chair: Françoise Pissart (King Baudouin Foundation)

Speakers:

- Didier Boone (Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities), *Educational dimension of the Belgian Integration policy*
- Susanne Monkassa (European Network of Migrant Women), *Civic integration programmes and participation in society*
- Benjamin Bach (Open Society Institute), *Bringing disaffected youth to policymaking: the Idee project*
- Koen Geurts (Le Foyer), *Promoting Roma participation in society*

Discussants:

- Agathe Willaume (*Centre de Relations Internationales, de Développement et d'Education permanente*)
- Guillermo Ruiz (Steering Group of the Platform for Intercultural Europe)
- Sanghmitra Bhutani (Minderheden Forum)

Seminar

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