


 **PICUM**
PLATFORM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS

 **Migrants Rights Network**
Working for the rights of all migrants



CLANDESTINO

Understanding Irregular Migration in Northern Europe

London Workshop, 27 March 2009

Venue: Amnesty International Human Rights Action Centre
17-25 New Inn Yard
London EC2A 3EA

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PICUM, the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, ESRC Centre on Migration Policy and Society (COMPAS) and Migrants Rights Network (MRN) will hold a workshop in London on 27 March 2009 on policies and responses to irregular migration in several countries of Northern Europe (United Kingdom, France, Germany and Austria).

This event is part of the EU funded CLANDESTINO project - "Undocumented Migration: Counting the Uncountable, Data and Trends Across Europe" and aims to bring together NGOs, local authorities, policy makers, researchers, journalists and other professionals to compare approaches on similar issues and exchange opinions on possible policy alternatives concerning some Northern European countries that share common features as regards irregular migration.

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CLANDESTINO PROJECT:

“Undocumented Migration: Counting the Uncountable, Data and Trends Across Europe”

The **CLANDESTINO** project is a response to the need for supporting policy makers in designing and implementing appropriate policies regarding undocumented migration by providing realistic estimates of the numbers of undocumented migrants currently residing in Europe. This project is funded by DG Research of the European Commission and aims to provide an inventory of data and estimates on irregular migration in selected EU countries and analyzing this data comparatively. Research conducted within the project investigates the main paths into and out of the irregular migration status, different types of irregularity, policies that seek to address undocumented status (e.g. regularizations) but also how certain migration management policies ‘create’ irregularity. The project also examines the role of the media and political discourses will be analyzed to become aware of policy implications and challenges ahead at the national and European levels. Last but not least, the project discusses the methodological issues related to the ‘measurement’ of irregular migration as well as the ethical issues involved in the (ab)use of data or estimates on irregular migrants.

The project is carried out from September 2008 to August 2009 and the five partners involved include: the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) in Athens, Greece; the Centre for International Relations (CIR), in Warsaw, Poland; Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI) in Hamburg, Germany; the ESRC Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), in Vienna, Austria and finally PICUM - Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants - as the NGO partner.

The project involves field visits, meetings with key stakeholders (state authorities, regional and local actors, migrant NGOs, journalists, lawyers) and workshops at the local/national and European level organised by PICUM in 12 EU member states: Italy, Spain and Greece, in southern Europe; Netherlands, UK, Germany, France and Austria in Western and Central Europe; Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia in Central Eastern Europe.

THE LONDON WORKSHOP

This workshop, organized within the framework of the CLANDESTINO project, will present the main findings regarding irregular migration in selected EU countries, namely: Netherlands, UK, Germany, France and Austria. The event will enable participants to compare approaches on similar issues and exchange opinions on possible policy alternatives concerning some Northern European countries that share common features as regards undocumented migration. Workshops will address various themes such as the presence of undocumented migrants in the labour market, regularisation policies concerning undocumented migrants, access to public services (e.g. health care, housing, education), and media and political discourse.

Another and final workshop will be organized in Athens, Greece, on 27 April 2009 to discuss “Irregular Migration and Informal Economy/Labour Market; Lessons from Southern and Central Europe”. The research findings carried out in these countries will be presented at the event and a round table discussion will provide several inputs on the topic.

PROGRAM of the CLANDESTINO LONDON WORKSHOP

Friday 27 March 2009

Understanding Irregular Migration in Northern Europe

9:30 Registration

10:00 Opening

Michele LeVoy, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants - PICUM

10:15 **Summary of CLANDESTINO Northern European Countries Reports: Main Findings**

Franck Duvell, ESRC Centre on Migration, Policy and Society - COMPAS

11:00 **Feedback from experts**

France: *(tbc)*

Netherlands: Rian Ederveen, Stichting LOS

Germany: Dita Vogel, Hamburg Institute of International Economics - HHWI

11:15 Discussion

12:30 *Lunch Break*

2:00 Workshops

1. Labour Market Policies: How do labour markets “create” irregular migration?

Chair: Dita Vogel, Hamburg Institute of International Economics - HHWI

Discussants: Vesela Kovacheva, Hamburg Institute of International Economics - HHWI
Sonia McKay, Working Lives Research Institute

2. Durable Solutions, Regularisation? Sharing expertise and good practices regarding regularisation within the European Union

Chair: Don Flynn, Migrants' Rights Network - MRN

Discussants: Albert Kraller, International Centre for Migration Policy Development - ICMPD
Hratche Koundarjian, Strangers into Citizens

3. Access to Public Services: Barriers and strategies in gaining access to public services (e.g. health care, education, housing) for undocumented migrants

Chair: Michele LeVoy, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants - PICUM

Discussants: Rian Ederveen, Stichting LOS

4. Role of the Media in Social Policies and Political Discourse. Media and political discourse on irregular migration and policy implications and challenges ahead

Chair: Bastian Vollmer, ESRC Centre on Migration, Policy and Society - COMPAS

Discussant: Aine O' Brien, Forum on Migration and Communications - FOMACS

4:00 *Coffee Break*

4:30 *Plenary session: “Responding to irregular migration – beyond enforcement?”*

Rapporteurs and discussion with participants

5:30 Closing

Don Flynn, Migrants' Rights Network - MRN

6:00 End of workshop