

## Leicester Law School immigration law expert to collaborate on new Horizon Europe project on irregular migration set to start in October 2022

The project **Measuring irregular migration and related policies (MIrreM)** examines **estimates and statistical indicators on the irregular migrant population** in Europe as well as related **policies**, including the **regularisation of irregular immigrants**. Led by [Albert Kraler](#) at the Danube University Krems (UWK), the 17-partner consortium developed the MIrreM project in response to [a call under the European Commissions' Horizon Europe Programme](#), building on the broad expertise assembled in the consortium and as well as past projects some partners were involved in, such as [CLANDESTINO](#) (2007-2009) the first-ever research project on estimates of irregular migration in the EU, the [REGINE](#) project (2007-2008) that examined regularisation practices in 27 EU Member States, and the ongoing [City Initiative on Migrants with Irregular Status in Europe](#) (C-MISE).

A core **aim of the project** is to address the **uncertainty and contested** nature of **evidence on irregular migration** by fostering a **shared understanding of basic features of and policy options** in regard to the phenomenon. MIrreM will analyse **policies** defining irregularity, stakeholders' **data needs and usage**, and assess existing **estimates and statistical indicators** on irregular migration in the countries under study and on the EU level. Using several coordinated pilots, the project will develop **new and innovative methods for measuring irregular migration** and will explore if and how these instruments can be transferred or scaled up to other socio-economic or institutional conditions. Based on a broad mapping of regularisation practices in the EU as well as detailed case studies, MIrreM will develop '**regularisation scenarios**' to better understand conditions under which regularisation should be considered as a policy option. Together with expert groups to be set up on irregular migration data and regularisation, respectively, the project will **synthesize findings** into a **Handbook on data on irregular migration** and a **Handbook on regularisation** that will support evidenced-based and targeted policymaking concerning irregular migration. The project's research will cover 20 countries, including 12 EU countries and the United Kingdom, Canada and the US and five transit countries.

Apart from its research objectives, a core task of the project will also to be **engage stakeholders** involved around issues of irregular migration across the EU, including NGOs, service providers, migrant led organisations, researchers and policymakers on local, national and EU levels, in order to involve stakeholders in the research, take into account their needs and feedback results from the project into their work.

### Project Facts

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