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Immigration and the subsequent integration of newcomers is one of the foremost challenges for Europe's increasingly heterogeneous cities. The integration of the second generation – the children born of immigrant parentage in the country of migration – is crucial to this process, for they constitute a growing share of metropolitan populations today. The children of post-war migrants to Europe are finishing their educational careers and have begun to enter the labour market in considerable numbers. So now, the first real assessment of second-generation integration can be made.

The TIES Project

The TIES Project is an international survey on the descendants of immigrants from Turkey, former Yugoslavia, and Morocco in eight European countries. The project focuses on immigration as a primarily urban phenomenon, with the second generation being concentrated especially in the major cities. Since many integration policies are developed at the local level, and even urban areas in the same country often differ a lot in this respect, the project is being carried out in fifteen cities: Paris and Strasbourg in France, Berlin and Frankfurt in Germany, Madrid and Barcelona in Spain, Vienna and Linz in Austria, Amsterdam and Rotterdam in The Netherlands, Brussels and Antwerp in Belgium, Zurich and Basle in Switzerland, and Stockholm in Sweden.

All interviewees are between 18 and 35 years old, and in most cities, the focus is set on two second generation groups and a control group without migration background. While second generation Turks are the main target group in all countries except Spain (only second generation Moroccans and the control group), in Germany, Austria and Switzerland the second generation from former Yugoslavia

is also being investigated, as are second generation Moroccans in the Netherlands and Belgium.

The project analyses how the integration of the second generation is progressing in several different domains, including education, labour market, social relations and identity formation. The main tool of the project is a common questionnaire, translated into different languages and presented to almost ten thousand respondents in all countries and cities.

For further information see About TIES on our homepage www.tiesproject.eu.

The TIES Research and Training Network

In close connection to the TIES Project a Research and Training Network (RTN) for promising young researchers was built, funded by the Marie-Curie-Fellowship Programme of the European Union. Incorporating three additional partner institutes from Estonia, Turkey and the United Kingdom, the network offers a unique training and research opportunity for twelve PhD-students and two Post-Doc researchers. All research projects are comparative in scope. They are either directly linked to the data of the TIES survey, or they carry out in-depth research with selected survey respondents, or investigate relevant topics connected to the structural issues addressed by the TIES project.

The students conduct their research in at least two different partner countries, and participate in a number of relevant training activities that include methodology workshops and thematic focus groups. The first results are expected for the end of 2008.

See TIES-RTN Program on www.tiesproject.eu.

TIEScast

TIEScast is a unique web platform within the context of extensive internet activities around the TIES Project to create a direct link between the research project(s) and members of the second generations in the different countries. TIEScast offers a low-threshold multimedia platform for contributions to the topics of the TIES project. These contributions will primarily consist of short films made with digital cameras, web cams or cell phones.

TIEScast is unique (and experimental at the same time) in two ways: It represents the first Europe-wide platform for second generations to interact and exchange on issues of integration. This means not only the crossing of national borders for members of the same ethnic groups, but also crossing-over between different 'ethnic' communities. At the same time, TIEScast represents a new means of communication between research and its target groups.

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Policy Workshops and Briefs

It has been a major concern of TIES to create possibilities to communicate and discuss research results with policy makers, stakeholders and interest groups at the local, national and European level. For this purpose, workshops are held in the participating cities, and a major international stakeholders' conference is organised in Brussels. Additionally, next to extensive country reports on the major findings of the project, policy briefs summarising the most relevant results in the areas of education, labour market and the transition from school to work are being prepared for all of the cities. TIES cooperates in this aspect with a number of prestigious national and international foundations and policy institutes.