



## **CLUSTER B5: Social Integration and Mobility: Education, Housing and Health**

### **IMMIGRANT ACCESS TO EDUCATION: A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

Lisbon, 19th-20th April, 2007

Within the activities of IMISCOE cluster B5, a two day workshop will be held in Lisbon, on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 on '**Immigrant Access to Education: A Comparative Perspective**'

At a time when our student population is increasingly diverse, it seems necessary to develop a wider range of educational strategies in order to meet all students' needs. It is assumed that education is one of the main tools for immigrant integration and social cohesion. This workshop will focus on accessibility to education and the impact it has on social integration. The notion of "accessibility" is interpreted in a broad sense here and includes both tangible elements (distance to housing, concentration in specific schools, transport systems etc...) as well as intangible ones (corresponding to the perception of integration pathways and institutional prejudice; the quality of teaching, namely in terms of language training; group relations inside the school etc...). This workshop seeks to deal with the following issues: educational policies relating to migrant populations, the possibilities and limitations of accessibility to education, trends in participation, the role of different agents, learning from experience, analysing accessibility from specific case studies and examples of "good practice" in education, and the neighbourhood impacts of education.

**Please send your abstract no later than 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 to:**

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**Abstracts** should be no more than 250 words. The results of the selection process will be available by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007. **Final papers** should be sent no later than 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.

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