

Health and social care for migrants and ethnic minorities in Europe.

In 2005 the Migration and Health group, in collaboration with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), initiated a European Survey on Migration and Health. Since this work relates to every European country and requires more resources than are available within IMISCOE, the group has sought additional funding from the EU. Two major grants have recently been awarded:

- ❖ **The COST programme (European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research)** has approved a proposal by Prof. Ingleby to develop a network on *Health and social care for migrants and ethnic minorities in Europe*. This project sets out to consolidate and analyse existing research on this topic, which tends to be fragmented because it encompasses a wide range of disciplines and countries. The network will organise workshops, conferences and publications, and will make recommendations for future research strategies and health policies. In addition to the countries mentioned above, the network aims to cover Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Italy, Slovenia and Spain, with links to the USA, Canada and Australia. COST funding over four years will be up to €360.000.
- ❖ **DG SANCO (Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection)** has approved a 59% subsidy for a two-year project entitled *Information network on good practice in health care for migrants and minorities in Europe*. This project will collect and disseminate data in 16 countries (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom), making use of open-access databases ('wikis'). Total budget is €645.681 and the coordinating partner is Athens University Medical School. Scientific coordinator is Prof. David Ingleby of ERCOMER (Utrecht University).

Background of the Migrant and Health Group

Cluster B5 of IMISCOE is devoted to 'Social Integration and Mobility - Education, Housing and Health'. It is coordinated by the Centro de Estudos Geográficos (CEG) of the University of Lisbon (director: Prof. Lucinda Fonseca). Within this cluster, a group of researchers working in the field of Migration and Health has been set up. The first priority identified by this group was the need for an accessible overview of the 'state of the art' in research on migrant health (including health service provisions for migrants) within Europe.