Call for IMISCOE Standing Committees and Research Initiatives

To reinforce its support to groups of scholars working together within the field of migration studies, IMISCOE announces a new call that will initiate a new research infrastructure within the network. This call applies to Standing Committees as well as Research Initiatives. Following decisions taken at the Board of Directors in March, **Standing Committees** (SC's) will have a structural and more substantial role within IMISCOE as well as in representing a specific body of research within migration studies. In contrast, **Research Initiatives** (RI's) will involve more ad-hoc and concrete initiatives of groups of scholars working together on specific short-term initiatives that can be important to migration studies as well.

Standing Committees
The call invites proposals for Standing Committees that will obtain a structural position within IMISCOE. The main mission of an SC should be to represent and develop a specific body of research (theoretical, conceptual or methodological) within the IMISCOE Research Network as well as within the field of migration studies at large. All SC's should comply to the guidelines that are specified below. SC's will no longer need to apply for funding every year; however their functioning will be evaluated every year by the IMISCOE BD.

Guidelines for SCs
Proposals for SC's should comply with the following criteria:
- SC's should cover relevant **theoretical, methodological or conceptual areas** within migration studies in its largest comprehension (e.g. flows, diversity, governance etc.). This should be defined sufficiently broadly in order to represent a key area in our research field. The proposal should clearly define and demarcate the area of focus for the SC, and argue why it is relevant for IMISCOE to have a SC for that area.
- To represent and develop a specific body of research in IMISCOE and in migration studies more in general, the SC should develop **concrete activities**. This can include publications, project development, meetings (seminars, conferences), training events, and any other type of activity that a SC sees as necessary for achieving its mission.
- SC's should have a **structural character** within IMISCOE. This means that the SC proposal should contain a clear plan on how to represent and help develop a specific body of migration studies research within IMISCOE as well as within the broader field of migration studies. This should for instance be evident in a fair number of representatives from various IMISCOE member institutes (preferably from different European regions).
- SC's should be clearly **embedded within the IMISCOE Network**. This includes being visible at the IMISCOE website, contributing to the IMISCOE conferences, and to IMISCOE outputs (journal, books). Furthermore, this also means developing a clear relationship with and collaboration with other Standing Committees in IMISCOE. Thus, the proposal should contain a clear plan on how the SC will contribute to as well as be embedded within IMISCOE.
- SC's should have a clear **membership policy** that should be open for participation to people from within as well as beyond IMISCOE; this should include a plan for how to involve and mix participation from various career stages. Membership should be open to anyone regardless of IMISCOE membership.
- The **leadership** of SC's should rotate between IMISCOE member institutes. To allow for fresh views and energy to come in, leadership should rotate every four years. The leadership of SC's can only go to IMISCOE member institutes (and any member institute can lead only 1 SC). Also, there should be a representation of a member of the IMISCOE PhD network in the governing body of the SC.

- SC's should be sufficiently **diverse**, on various grounds: gender, migration-related diversity, age/career-stage, country. Interdisciplinary is also encouraged but depends on the focus of an SC.

Available Funding
Standing Committees will annually receive €4000. In addition, new Standing Committees will receive an additional investment of €4000 to support the development of the new SC (this sum needs to be spent in the first 2 years of the SC). SC's should observe the IMISCOE criteria on how to spend **funding**. These criteria can be found at the end of this Call. This includes a.o. a max of 20% of the budget used for staff costs for management, and the limitation that the funds cannot be used for going to the IMISCOE annual/spring conferences. Furthermore, the budget needs to be managed by the SC Coordinator.

Deadline: June 1st

How to submit
Click here, and answer the questions. By clicking on submit (last question) your proposal will be sent to our IMISCOE Network Office. Deadline: **no later than June 1st 23:59.**

Review procedure
All proposals will be evaluated first by the Executive Board, which will subsequently provide a recommendation to fund about 8-10 SC's to the Board of Directors (BD). The BD will then take a decision on 28 June 2019. SC's will then start receiving funding as of September 2019. Subsequently, all SC's will be reviewed annually during the summer meeting of the Board of Directors.

Research Initiatives

The call for RI's invites proposals from groups of scholars who want to work together on a specific project or theme that they consider of relevance to the IMISCOE network and to migration studies at large. This can be, for instance, developing a research proposal or a publication project (journal, book) together, organizing a seminar, setting up a training event, etc. As distinct from SC's, RI's should have an ad-hoc and short-term character.

Available funding
RI's can receive up to €5000, which needs to be spent within a year. RI's are not eligible for reapplying for funding in subsequent years. RI's should observe the IMISCOE criteria on how to spend **funding**. These criteria can be found at the end of this Call. This includes amongst others a max of 20% of the budget used for staff costs for management, and the limitation that the funds cannot be used for going to IMISCOE conferences. Furthermore, the budget needs to be managed by the RI Coordinator.

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Review procedure
All proposals will be evaluated first by the Executive Board, which will subsequently provide a recommendation to fund about 3 RI's to the Board of Directors (BD). The BD will then take a decision on 23 June 2019. RI will then start receiving funding as of September 2019, ending end of August 2020.

Criteria spending budgets for SC's and RI's:

- Eligible costs are: material costs for organizing meetings/seminars/trainings, travel and subsistence (only for SC/RI specific meetings, not for general conferences, also not IMISCOE conferences), sub-contracting, consumables, personnel costs (as far as necessary for management of the SC/RI).
- The total eligible personnel costs attributed should not exceed 20% of the total budget.
- Non-eligible costs are: unnecessary or private expenditure, excessive costs not in line with principles of sound financial management, indirect or 'overhead' costs, costs that cannot be substantiated by supporting documentation, costs declared outside of the relevant reporting period.
- The funding cannot be used for attending conferences, including IMISCOE conference such as the annual IMISCOE conference or the spring conference. If exceptions are to be made (for instance for young scholars), explicit approval is required from the Network Office.
- The coordinator of the SC or RI is responsible for managing the budget and writing a financial report, that needs to be send to the Network office in due time.