

Network for Connecting Theory and Practice of Migration and Religious Diversity (COREnet)


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COREnet aims

- The Network for Connecting Theory and Practice of Migration and Religious Diversity' (COREnet) is an interdisciplinary network that aims at knowledge production, knowledge exchange and capacity building across Europe in the intersection of migration and religious diversity, with a particular emphasis on bottom-up research.
- COREnet aims at filling the gaps and research needs in listed areas:
 - Changing Religious Landscape;
 - Rise of Migration to Europe;
 - Country-Focused Research;
 - Debates about conflicts related to migration and religious diversity;
 - Governing the new (religious) diversity;
 - Migration and Religious Diversity Through the Lenses of Gender and Age;
- to communicate new results and knowledge directly to public debates and the various fields of practice;
- to create a European platform for critical exchange of research into migration and religious diversity between academia and practice all over Europe.

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Research Coordination Objectives

- The overarching research coordination objective of COREnet is to exchange and develop knowledge: about migration and religious diversity and about the role religious narratives play in migration in different European contexts and internationally.
- As a research coordination network, COREnet aims to bring together senior researchers, early career investigators (ECI) and non-academic stakeholders from different national contexts to arrange for new, practice-related research.

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Research Coordination Objectives

- This will be achieved by:
 1. creating practice-oriented, scientific state-of-the-art in the field of research into migration and religious diversity that is accessible for different disciplines and for the practice field;
 2. adding study of religions and theological perspectives and approaches from different faith and secular traditions to understanding the social-science dominated field of migration and religious diversity (research);
 3. analysing the use of methods in the field of migration and religious diversity research and develop cross-disciplinary approaches;
 4. interdisciplinary co-operation between empirical and normative approaches;
 5. strengthening intersectional perspectives in the research about migration and religious diversity, especially in relation to age and gender differences;
 6. creating digital platforms for the communication of the discussions and results from COREnet and the thematic field;
 7. creating a cross-European systemic data collection of research on migration and religious diversity including links to relevant websites and tools allowing for cross-country analysis.

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Capacity-building Objectives

The proposed network will contribute to building research-based capacity in the field of migration and religious diversity and to develop a joint research agenda for the future by:

1. prioritising learning arenas for PhD candidates and ECIs such as PhD summer schools (3) and research seminars;
2. creating arenas for interdisciplinary exchange where researchers interested in the field of migration and religious diversity can meet;
3. creating settings where researchers, practitioners and policy makers together develop research ideas on migration and religious diversity that improve integration into host societies;
4. providing platforms for European research alliances in the field of migration and religious diversity;
5. establishing in person and digital platforms for exchange between researchers and stakeholders in the field of migration and religious diversity;
6. arranging events and providing publications for stakeholders and policy makers on local, regional, national and EU level;
7. prioritizing cooperation between researchers from ITC countries and other COST countries;
8. promoting ten Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) for PhD candidates and ECIs per year.

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International Participation and Specific Organizations

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- **22** countries have obligated themselves to the COREnet network. These include **19** COST countries, among them **10** Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) (Czech Republic, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Northern Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Serbia and Slovakia), **8** other COST countries (Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, UK and Turkey), **one** near neighbour country (Georgia) and **two** international partner countries (South Africa, USA).
- **25** countries were represented in the 1st MC.
- The stakeholder partners represent NGOs and GOs providing social services, advocacy NGOs, as well as media representatives.



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Scientific Committee Recommendations

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To comply with the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy, in the implementation of the Action:

- the level of **involvement of Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs)** should be maintained and a plan should be developed and implemented to ensure the full involvement of ITC representatives in all aspects of the Action's implementation (including in Action leadership positions);
- the level of involvement of **Early Career Investigators (ECIs)** should be increased and the plans described in the proposal for ensuring ECI involvement should be implemented;
- the **gender balance** should be maintained and a plan should be developed and implemented to ensure gender balance in all aspects of the Action's implementation (including in Action leadership positions).

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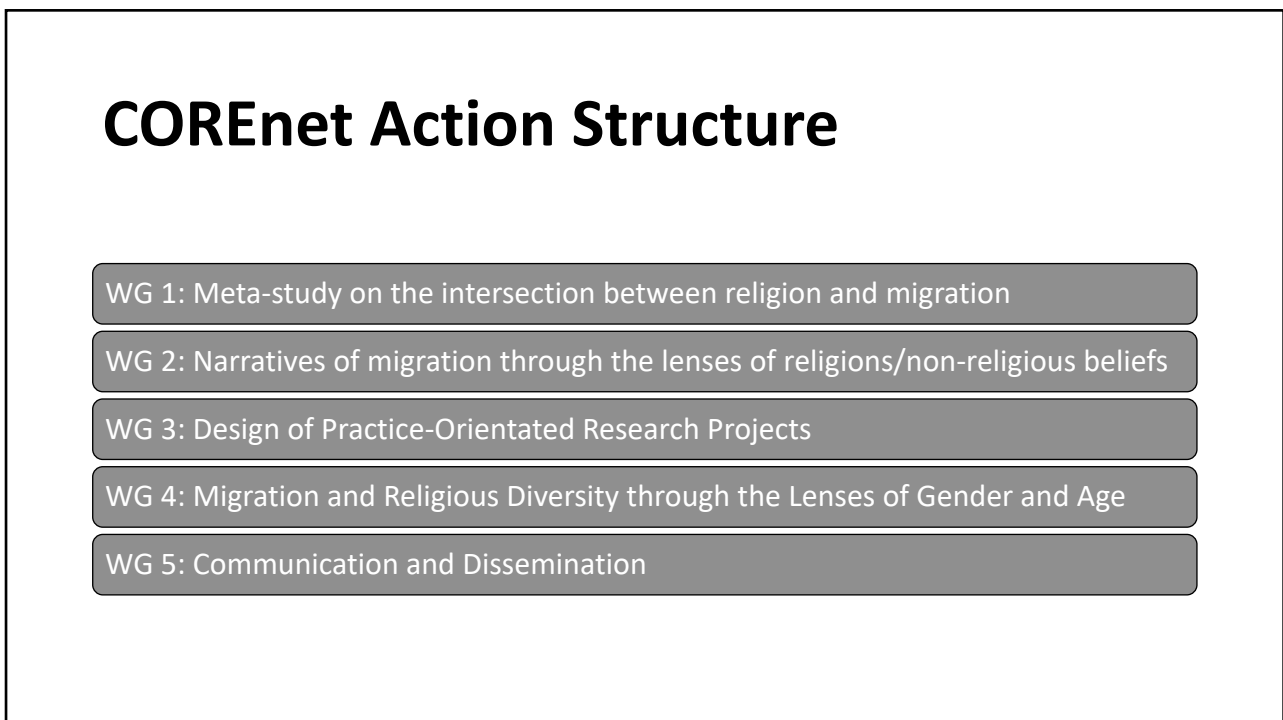
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Type	Deliverable
1. Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A common edited volume with an acknowledged publisher (OA) • 32 scientific articles (5 about the metanalysis, 3 theological, 3 based on the narrative cafes, 5 about local mapping, 5 about local pilot projects, including methodological articles, 7 about the gender and age analysis of which 2 which a methodological approach; 3 articles about disseminations processes) • 20 articles in newspaper and non-scientific journals all over Europe
2. Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 main Action conferences in the beginning, two in the middle and in the end of the funding period • 3 Working Group conferences per year (as a rule 2 of them digitally)
3. Digital Platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Actions Website • Social Media Accounts
4. Pedagogical Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 PhD Summer Schools • 10 Webinars in different languages about the Gender and Age Analysis
5. External Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Project Proposal to be submitted during the project period • 3 Project Proposals will be submitted after the funding period

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COREnet Leadership Positions

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Mandatory Leadership Positions

- **Chair**
 - responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Action
- **Vice Chair**
 - assists in the Chair and can be a substitute when required or mandated to do so
- **Grant Holder Scientific Representative (GH SR)**
 - representative at the MC of the legal entity responsible for the administrative and financial implementation of the COST Action
- **Working Group Leaders**
 - coordinate the WGs defined by the Action
- **Grant Awarding Coordinator**
 - Responsible of Grant awarding process
- **Science Communication Coordinator**
 - responsible of the Action dissemination and communication

**CORE GROUP
(CG)**

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