

INTERFACE is a research project funded by the EC - DG Freedom, Security and Justice - within the framework of the Programme INTI: Integration of third country nationals. The project, which started in December 2006 and will conclude in June 2008, is being carried out in five European countries: Belgium, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany and Italy. The main aim of the INTERFACE project is to understand if and to what extent the family can represent a successful strategy for facilitating immigrants' integration as well as for absorbing and mitigating the hardest and most painful effects of the migration experience.

With regards to European immigration today, the family unit plays a more important role than in the past. In the last decade, many European countries have promoted policies addressed at encouraging family immigration and reunification. Therefore, when researching on immigration in Europe today, it is sensible to analyse in depth the integration of the immigrant family. Yet doing so is challenging since the family is both a unified unit, with similar cultural characteristics and immigration history, *and* consists of individual actors who have extremely diverse experiences due to their different status, age, gender and social roles. Thus, although the family overall may not be well-integrated, individual members may be successfully integrated at work or at school. By focusing on the Immigrant family, the INTERFACE project seeks to improve the understanding of the influence of various national integration strategies on immigrants.

AWARE (At Work Against Racial Exclusion) represents a transnational agreement between four Equal projects coming from the UK, France, Italy and Slovakia. The Equal initiative brings fresh ideas to the European Employment Strategy and the Social inclusion process. Its mission is to promote a better model for working life by fighting discrimination and exclusion on the basis of gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

Funded through the European Social Fund (ESF), Equal is being implemented in, and between, the Member States up until 2008.

Partners in AWARE have a common and genuine interest to develop methods and systems that tackle patterns of discrimination and inequality in the labour market. The main aim of the trans-national strategy has been to harness the collective potential of the partners through working together on the joint objectives. To achieve this, the partners planned and followed a phased development, moving from 'common understandings' to joint work approaches, to new/improved products.

This conference offers the opportunity to share the final results coming from the two European projects, Interface and Aware, while linking the issues of discrimination in the labour market with the resources and expectations emerging from migrant families.

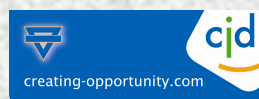
The inputs emerging from the discussion will contribute to the formulation of policy recommendations related to the integration of immigrant families in the European Union.



Between Integration and Discrimination: Strategies of Immigrant Families in Europe

Findings from the Interface and Aware Projects

Prague 6th June 2008



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Conference venue:

RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
Room 281
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- 09:30 **Welcome**
Gabriela Pikorová, Head of the Department
for Foreigners' Integration, Ministry of Labour
and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic
- 10:00 **The Immigrant Family in the Integration
Process: Main Findings of the
INTERFACE Project**
Andrea Rea, Université Libre de
Bruxelles, INTERFACE Project, Belgium
- 10:30 **The Role of the Immigrant Family in the
Integration Process: Benefits, Obstacles
and Challenges (I)**
Giovanni Giulio Valtolina, Catholic University
of Milan, Italy
Jiřina řiklová, Charles University,
Department Social Policy and Social Work,
Czech Republic
- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:30 **The Role of the Immigrant Family in the
Integration Process: Benefits, Obstacles
and Challenges (II)**
Johannes Pfliegerl, Ilse Arlt Institute on
Social Inclusion Research, University
of Applied Sciences St. Pölten, Austria
Haci-Halil Uslucan, University of Postdam,
Germany
- 12:15 **General Discussion**
Moderator:
Andrea Rea, Université Libre de Bruxelles,
Belgium
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 **Discrimination and Its Impact on
Immigrant Families: the AWARE
Project and the INTERFACE Project**
Raffaele Bracalenti, Psychoanalytic
Institute for Social Research (IPRS), Italy
- 15:00 **Round Table Discussion**
Michal Vasecka, IVRIS Institute for
Research on Social Reproduction and
Integration, Masaryk University of Brno,
Czech Republic
Jon Spencer, University of Manchester,
AWARE Project, UK
Janie Cabanat, Expert of Social
Innovation, AWARE Project, France
Milada Horáková, RILSA Research
Institute for Labour and Social Affairs
Prague, INTERFACE Project, Czech
Republic
Andrea Rea, Université Libre de
Bruxelles, INTERFACE Project, Belgium
Moderator:
Carolina Zincone, Psychoanalytic
Institute for Social Research (IPRS), Italy
- 17:00 **General Discussion**
Moderator:
Andrea Rea, Université Libre de
Bruxelles, Belgium
- 17:15 **Final Remarks**
Eckart Müller-Bachmann, CJD Eutin,
Germany
Iris Dähnke, CJD Eutin, Germany
- 17:30 End of Conference