

Guidelines of the Migration Policy Database (MIGPOL)

The Migration Policy database (MIGPOL) is a long-term project that aims to increase the accessibility and compatibility of comparative data on migration policy for the research community and the wider public. It is funded by the Swedish Research Council and part of the Council's infrastructure project on Democracy, Environment, Migration, Social Policy, Conflict, and Representation (DEMSCORE).

The MIGPOL team assists projects in the field of comparative migration policy to make their data available via the DEMSCORE platform. The following guidelines apply to any cooperation that the team is working with:

1. Projects that MIGPOL is cooperating with collect their data in accordance with existing academic standards, including the documentation of all sources and the names of the staff involved in data collection and coding. MIGPOL only cooperates with projects that produce data which has been used in peer-reviewed academic publications.
2. Projects that MIGPOL is cooperating with collect either primary data themselves or generate aggregations and syntheses based on existing datasets. Original creators of the data are in both cases cited on the DEMSCORE website.
3. MIGPOL always consults projects before uploading their data to DEMSCORE so that all information is up to date and contains all necessary variable descriptions and sources.
4. MIGPOL and DEMSCORE do not work under separate licenses. All original licenses of the projects are carefully reviewed, followed and cited.
5. All original information about the data of the projects, such as names and descriptions of variables, are supplied verbatim to DEMSCORE if such information exists.
6. Every variable description in DEMSCORE includes a reference to the codebook of the original dataset in the format specified by the original projects. The origins of secondary data are credited alongside this reference.
7. MIGPOL channels updates of the projects into DEMSCORE twice a year, in early March and early October. Updates of the data are published on the DEMSCORE website by the end of said month.

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