

PACES












PACES is a 40-month (2023-2026) project funded by Horizon Europe that aims to encourage migration policymakers to adopt evidence from migration research as the basis for migration policymaking. The project seeks to improve our understanding of migration and migration policies by studying how people make decisions to migrate or to stay and how migration policies account for such migration decision-making processes.

Research questions

- How do changes in society, individual life experiences and migration policy shape decisions to stay or to migrate over time and across space (across countries and along migration journeys)?
- How can this knowledge inform future migration policies and governance?

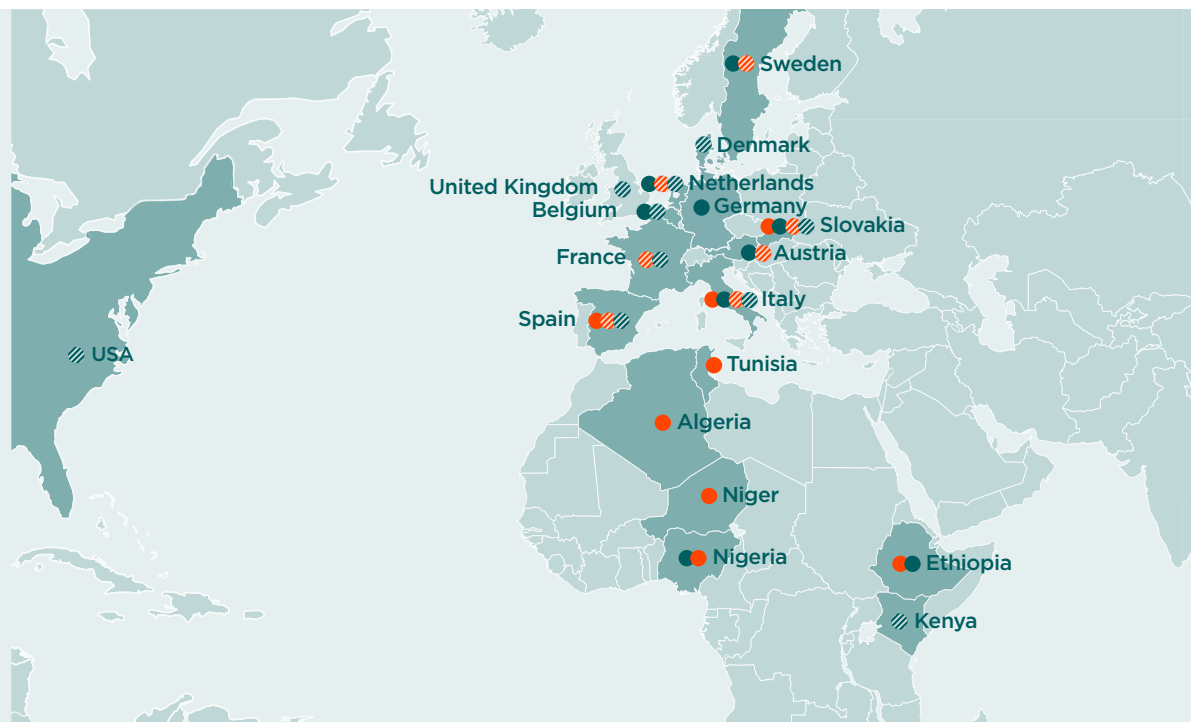
Research design

To achieve its objectives, PACES conducts research in several EU Member States and a diverse group of African countries. The research is divided in two main components: migration policy decision-making and migration decision-making.

Research component	Sub-component	Countries	Methods
Migration policy decision-making	Mapping and typology of policy instruments	EU level, Austria, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Slovakia and Sweden	  Interviews, policy documents
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	In-depth analysis of implemented policy initiatives	Ethiopia, Nigeria	  Interviews, policy documents
	Public opinion on migration policies	Austria, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden	 Survey
Migration decision-making	Decision-making before migration	Algeria, Ethiopia and Nigeria	  Interviews, experiments
	Decision-making of people on the move	Algeria, Ethiopia and Nigeria; Niger and Tunisia; Italy, Slovakia and Spain	  Survey, interviews

Where we work

- Research on how people make decisions to stay or migrate
- Research on migration policy decision-making
- Research on public opinion on migration policies
- ▨ Location of partners



Main outputs



New Datasets

- Social transformation, life experiences, migration policies and migration decision-making
- Social norms and migration decision-making
- African migrants' migration aspirations during the migration journey
- Public opinion on migration policies



Academic Articles

- The role of social transformation and the life course on decisions to stay and migrate
- Public understanding of information campaigns and return policies
- The politics of knowledge in migration policies
- Migration policy preferences among the public



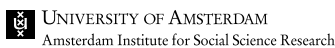
Other Outputs

- Scenario workshops and scenario narratives on the future of migration and migration policies
- Heuristic tool to facilitate understanding of decisions to stay and migrate
- Co-participatory events for academics, policymakers and general public
- Policy briefs, OpEds and blogs for further dissemination

PACES consortium

The PACES consortium brings together a set of excellent partners, located in Europe, Africa and the USA, who provide all the necessary expertise and connections to achieve PACES' objectives. The consortium shows gender diversity and sectoral variety with partners from higher education, independent research organizations, international organizations, the private sector and civil society.

Partner organizations



Associated partners



Making migration and migration policy decisions amidst societal transformations



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