

# WP3 - Regional indicators on integration



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# 1/ REGIN and WP3's goals

- **Key role of the regions for migrants integration.** ... Yet, lack of common frame for policy evaluation
- **REGIN overall goal = Evidence-based framework for regional policy-making on migrants' integration**
  1. Building integration indicators at regional level (WP3)
  2. Developing tools to improve regions' performance on strengthening migrants' integration: needs assessment & target setting
  3. Enhancing dialogue and cooperation in practices and initiatives between regions
- **WP3 goal = Building regional indicators for migrants and refugees' integration**
  1. Novel and fine-tuned indicators of integration policy and outcomes
  2. Assessing and comparing REGIN regions (and beyond).
  3. Supporting new and evidence-based actions (links with other WPs)



## 2/ Building regional indicators

- **What is an indicator?**

Indicators capture highest possible standards = measures in place and, according to experts' assessment, effective in addressing the specific challenges of the target population (migrants, TCNs, BIPs, asylum seekers) in the context of the region.

*“Does the region actively promote integration-related competences of its officials and staff, in administration and public services (e.g. funding/providing internal and external training courses/seminars)?”*

YES, systematically/regularly (MAX)

YES, occasionally/on an ad-hoc basis (MED)

NO, it does not (MIN)

- **Policy indicators & outcomes indicators (e.g. EU “Zaragoza” indicators)**

- **Where have we started to build REGIN indicators?**

1. Existing instruments: expanding field of research

- ✓ National: MIPEX, NIEM, DEMIG, etc.
- ✓ Local (city): Intercultural Cities Index, NAE city Index.
- ✗ Regional: few comprehensive contributions on regional actors

2. REGIN to fill in such gap ← define regions' role and competences for comparative assessment



# 3/ Regional indicators - REGIN approach

Main analytical axes of policy indicators (given comparability constraints)

- *Elements of governance*
  - Actions, policies, measures (within and beyond formal competences)
  - Actors (multilevel governance, stakeholder coordination)
  - Resources, funds
- *Stages of the policy cycle*
  - Policy formulation (→ policy outputs)
  - Implementation
  - Evaluation

Secondary dimensions of analysis = integration domains and policy-areas

“locating” strengths and weaknesses, best practices and gaps  
→ Scores applied to individual indicators (0-100 MIPEx scale)  
→ weighting and aggregation to build compound indicators



# 4/ Policy indicators

- Integration strategy: degree of development (TCNs, BIPs, asylum seekers)
- Integration strategy: scope (TCNs, BIPs)
- Integration strategy: decision-making scope (TCNs, BIPs)
- Integration strategy: implementation scope (TCNs, BIPs)
- Integration strategy: evaluation (TCNs, BIPs)
- Monitoring of service usage
- Data collection (TCNs, BIPs)
- Institutional representation
- Service provision: intercultural character
- Awareness rising (TCNs, BIPs)
- Awareness rising: shaping public perception
- Awareness of target civil society and grassroots organizations
- Regional election: passive voting rights
- Regional election: active voting rights
- Fostering political participation
- Staff training (TCNs, BIPs)
- Staff development
- Strength of a regional consultative body/unit
- Body/unit promoting migrant integration
- Body/unit promoting BIPs reception and integration
- Inter-regional cooperation
- Involvement in national integration policies (TCNs, BIPs)
- Support for civil society (TCNs, BIPs)
- Support for local authorities (TCNs, BIPs)
- Integration strategy: budget amount (TCNs, BIPs)
- Integration strategy: budget sources (TCNs, BIPs)
- Health access: measures (irregular, regular)
- Health inclusion: measures
- Housing access: measures
- Labour market inclusion: measures
- Educational inclusion: measures
- Language inclusion: measures
- Universal/public services: measures
- Social security and assistance: measures
- Social integration: measures
- Cultural events promoting diversity and/or integration
- Inter-religious relations
- Body/unit for anti-discrimination matters
- Anti-discrimination measures
- Anti-discrimination campaign
- Anti-discrimination monitoring



# 5/ Policy indicators - taking into account specificities of the regional level

## E.g. multilevel & multi-stakeholder coordination

- Which kind of support does the region provide for local authorities as regards integration?
- How does the region involve itself in national integration policies?
- Which kind of support does the region provide for NGOs/associations carrying out projects in the integration field?
- Which actors/stakeholders are involved in the development of the integration strategy / migrant integration measures?
- etc.

## Acknowledging regional competencies/autonomy in assessment

- Contextual questions on whether regions have formal competencies, shared or exclusive competencies across policy areas
- Contextual questions on whether regions dispose of own budgets across policy areas & whether in position to dispose of EU funding



# 6/ Outcome indicators & demographics

- TCNs, BIPs, asylum seekers (& total) population
- TCNs, BIPs duration of stay
- Migrants in irregular situation
- Origin of TCNs, BIPs population
- TCNs, BIPs, asylum seekers female population size
- TCNs, BIPs, asylum seekers regional distribution
- Size of TCNs in working age (15-65) population (& total)
- TCNs, BIPs employed & unemployed population (& total)
- TCNs, BIPs economically active population (& total)
- TCNs low-skilled job (& total)
- TCNs self-employed (& total)
- TCNs types of contracts (& total)
- TCNs low-achieving 15-year-olds in reading, mathematics and science (& total)
- TCNs, BIPs of 30-34 years old with tertiary educational attainment (& total)
- TCNs, BIPs early leavers from education and training (& total)
- Size of students with a migrant background in schools (Public/Private/Others)
- TCNs, BIPs median net income (& total)
- TCNs, BIPs at risk of poverty rate (& total)
- TCNs, BIPs health (& total)
- TCNs housing tenure
- Non-EU foreign-born people among elected representatives
- Non-EU foreign-born electoral participation (& total)





# 7/ Piloting regional indicators

## 6 plus 5 regions included in REGIN's WP 3 research & deliverables

- Azores, Portugal - Campania, Italy - Catalonia, Spain - Puglia, Italy - Skåne, Sweden - five additional regions in ES, PT, IT & DE
- Data gathered by independent regional experts

## REGIN's WP 3 timeline

- January 2021: MIPEX-R / Regional Indicators on integration validated & scored dataset
- September 2021: MIPEX-R online tool
- October 2021: policy briefs based on regional events
- December 2021: final report

## Possibility for additional regions to participate and results included in MIPEX-R online tool

- Regional research from own funds, validated & scored by REGIN
- to submit data until spring 2021

