



**MIGRATION, INTEGRATION AND
GOVERNANCE RESEARCH CENTRE**



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MIGREC

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Project rationale

Bound up in Europe's 'new geographies' and 'new temporalities' of migration, Serbia is a country of origin, destination and transit of migrants:

1. intensive internal migration
2. intensive emmigration of highly skilled
3. low intensity immigration of low educated
4. immigration of refugees, internally displaced persons and returnees based on readmission agreements
5. transit migration from the MENA region.

Migration trends are impacted by numerous (social, economic, demographic, geo-political) factors.

There is the need to contribute to the understanding of the mentioned challenges by strengthening the scientific field of migration studies, through the transfer of expertise and knowledge to academic staff and PhD and master students.

Project thematic areas

Migrant integration

Migration governance

Migration-development nexus

Knowledge, debates and representations

Theories and methods in migration studies

Project description

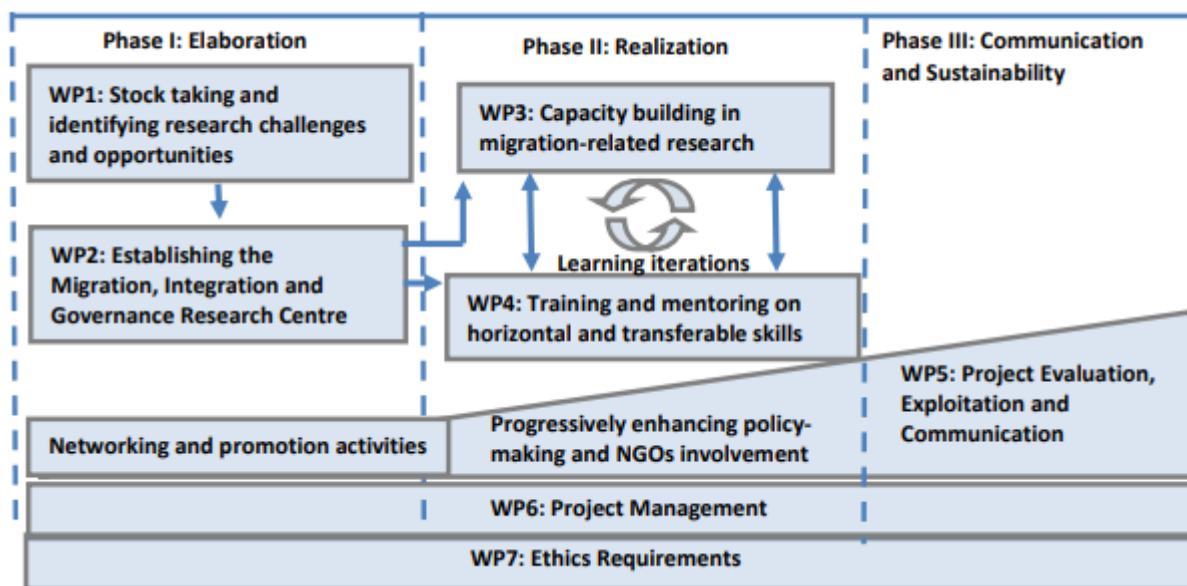
MIGREC aims to build a leading scientific-research capacity in Migration studies at the **Faculty of Political Science (FPN) of the University of Belgrade (UoB)**, ensuring that UoB scholars can contribute effectively to the research, policy and practical challenges arising from multiple and intersecting changes confronting currently Serbia, but also the whole of the EU.

Towards this goal, the FPN is strongly linked with the following internationally leading migration-related research institutions:

- 1) **The University of Sheffield's (USFD, UK) Migration Research Group;**
- 2) **The Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP, Greece) and**
- 3) **The South-East European Research Centre (SEERC, Greece).**

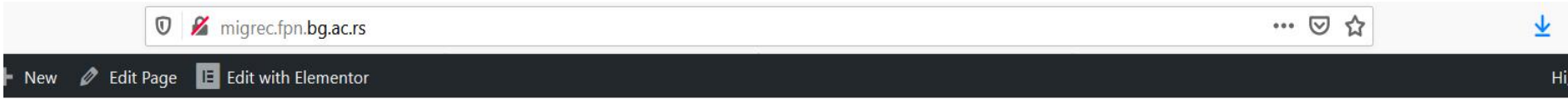
Implementation period: 1.10.2019 – 30.9.2022

Work packages and phases





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Covid-19 (1)

- M6 in the Project – March 2020
- In general, the MIGREC Project has been facing deviations and postponements due to travel restrictions in international mobility and in face-to-face activities in Serbia due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- At the moment, the restrictions do not seem to jeopardize the Project activities, due to close collaboration and massive communication between the Consortium members at all levels (“developed and ready to start”).

Covid-19 (2)

- Mitigation activity: moving everything that is possible *online and introducing some new activities (online too)*.
- Certain activities do not suffer due to that (workshops), but certain seem to be affected (summer schools and placement schemes). Certain seem not be feasible at all (exchange and staff visits).
- Minor adjustments to spending funds.
- Suggestion from intermediate review meeting: to move *everything online*.