



Call for proposals to host a new Consortium on irregular migration

Beyond Irregularity is a two-and-a-half-year EU-funded initiative that uses action-oriented research and activities to explore the issue of irregular migration from sub-Saharan Africa to Europe through Morocco. The project has generated eight research publications produced by IPPR (the Institute for Public Policy research) based in the UK in partnership with the CCME (Morocco), Eaves (UK), the Development Research and Projects Centre (DRPC, Nigeria), Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM, Belgium) and the University of Sussex (UK). Alongside the research elements of the project, partners have delivered an awareness-raising campaign on the dangers of irregular migration and training workshops for civil society organisations (CSOs) in Morocco and Nigeria.

The final component of this project will be the establishment of 'The Euro-Mediterranean Consortium for Irregular Migration Research and Advocacy' (CIMRA). CIMRA is designed to be an independent consortium bringing together all interested actors working on research and advocacy for irregular migration in the Euro-Mediterranean region in order to move the European agenda on migration forward. The recommendations included in the three case studies released under the framework of the Beyond Irregularity project would serve as a basis for the planning of CIMRA's research agenda and the establishment of an advocacy strategy that will be developed in cooperation with all its members.

The consortium is intended as an ad hoc group of organisations based in different countries/regions of the world that is jointly responsible for an agreed plan of action. Its flexible arrangement guarantees independency and autonomy for all its members and calls for a very light structure in terms of management.

We are looking to identify the best-placed organisation to host and coordinate the activities of CIMRA. The organisation will ideally be based in Morocco or Nigeria and have demonstrable expertise in developing research and advocacy on issues of irregular migration (including migration from countries in sub-Saharan Africa, through the Maghreb region and on to Europe). They will also have expertise in the European policy response to irregular migration and cooperation between states in order to address irregular migration. The organisation will also be able to demonstrate good networks on these issues, strong communication skills and a commitment to the aims and objectives of the Beyond Irregularity project. It is also desirable that the organisation is able to work in at least two languages (French and English).

Limited seed funding will be available (€8,000 is available for start-up costs, developing a website) but after that the network will have to be self-sustaining in terms of all costs.

If you are interested in becoming the host organisation for CIMRA, please send us a short proposal (no more than two pages), describing why you think your organisation is best-placed to host CIMRA. The short proposal should include the following:

- An overview of your organisation's current activities, particularly related to migration and human rights
- An explanation of how the objectives of CIMRA's will fit within your organisation's aims and objectives
- An explanation of why your organisation is well-placed to host CIMRA, based on your current team, programme of work and networks, and how you meet the above criteria in terms of expertise, communication skills and commitment to the aims of the Beyond Irregularity project.

The deadline for the submission of applications is **midday (12pm BST), Thursday 30 May 2013**. Please send your emails to Jenny Pennington at j.pennington@ippr.org

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