
MIGRATION POLICY PRACTICE

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Background and justification

Over the past ten to fifteen years an increasing number of journals, on paper and online, have been launched in the field of international migration. However, with no exception, all of these journals have only been targeted at the academic community and/or at specialized practitioners (in the health sector, social services, etc.).

Policymakers in the field of migration, whether in Government, EU and international institutions, or in civil society, rarely contribute articles to existing journals. It is also submitted that they rarely benefit, as readers, from articles published in scholarly and professional journals. This can be explained by a range of factors pertaining to the relative lack of topicality of articles, due in particular to the lengthy peer review and publication process; their lack of policy insights, relevance and applicability; and by the overly academic/specialized approach, style and language adopted by most journal articles.

On the other hand, and perhaps not to a lesser extent than academics and specialized practitioners, policymakers are able to contribute to, and to complement significantly the existing body of knowledge and sources of information on international migration. Their knowledge and experience can often embrace a range of issues, dimensions and perspectives that are rarely covered by existing journals, e.g. findings and lessons learned from major evaluations of national/cross-national policies and programmes; new approaches to and best practices in specific migration interventions; details of major operations carried out to prevent/combat illegal border crossings and trafficking in human beings; experience of securing and managing donor-supported programmes; contributions to ongoing high profile policy debates (for example current discussions on a recast of the Schengen regime in the EU).

Existing journals in the field of migration therefore do not provide a vehicle for policymakers to reflect and write on their day-to-day policy practice, their decisions and their experience, and to share such insights with like-minded colleagues nationally and internationally.

Purpose and scope

Migration Policy Practice is a bimonthly journal that only contributes articles from, and that is overseen by, policymakers working in the field of migration policy.

Its key features are as follows.

- The journal is published online, every two months.
- As a general rule, articles do not exceed 2,500 words and follow a non-academic and reader-friendly style (they are, however, subject to a strict editorial policy that ensures the accuracy and scientific rigour of each contribution).
- Articles are written for the benefit of – and as often as possible by – policymakers in national/EU/International public agencies, and in civil society.
- The journal relies on an editorial board that is composed, exclusively, of policymakers working in the field of migration policy.
- Articles are published after consultation with relevant members of the editorial board, based on their policy relevance, their topicality, and the quality of the policy solutions/options they provide.
- The journal aims to follow a time-efficient review and publication process which, as a general rule, allows approved articles to be published within three weeks of their submission, including the consultation with relevant members of the editorial board.
- Each issue of the journal includes a minimum of three articles.



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Migration Policy Practice welcomes submissions from policymakers worldwide. As a general rule, articles should:

- Not exceed five pages and be written in a non-academic and reader-friendly style
- Cover any area of migration policy but discuss, as far as possible, particular solutions, policy options or best practice relating to the theme covered
- Provide, as often as applicable, lessons that can be replicated or adapted by relevant public administrations, or civil society, in other countries.

Articles giving account of evaluations of specific migration policies and interventions, including both evaluation findings and innovative evaluation methodologies, are particularly welcome.

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