



GRANTS AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS VP/2012/008

Supporting a partnership for enhancing Europe's capacity to tackle demographic and societal change

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Beneficiary Organisation	Address	Country	Project Title	Granted amount (€)	Co-financing rate(%)
Max-Planck-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Wissenschaften e.V. on behalf of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research	Hofgartenstraße 8 - 80539 München	DE - Germany	Promoting Knowledge Exchange and Information Access on Demographic and Societal Change in Europe (Acronym: Population Europe 2.0)	499 820,40	60,49
Project summary					

The proposal requests support for the planned activities of Population Europe, a collaborative network of currently 25 independent research institutes and centres, representing more than 150 experts in the field of population studies throughout Europe.

The goals of the partnership are (a) to mobilise Europe's best scientists to contribute reliable facts, findings, and data to public discussions of population issues in a research-driven and evidence-based way, (b) to intensify policy dialogue and knowledge exchange with various stakeholder audiences, and (c) to promote an informed public debate and enhance public awareness about current and future demographic challenges.

The partnership creates a considerable knowledge pool: The network includes researchers from different disciplines who work on a wide range of topics and apply the most recent data and up-to-date methods; its geographical scope includes the European, regional, and local level; the members closely collaborate with stakeholders, in particular from policy and civil society, and on all levels of governance; and it has proven experience with the dissemination of policy-relevant population issues to various audiences throughout Europe.

In the framework of the project, the portfolio of the partnership will be enriched with new and innovative instruments to strengthen and promote the dialogue with stakeholder audiences on a wider array of population issues. Special attention will be given to the mechanisms behind demographic change, its policy implications, and the effects on the individual life-course. Through its target group oriented outreach activities, the partnership will establish a dynamic feedback mechanism between stakeholders and scientists. Thus, it creates a platform that facilitates stakeholders on all levels of governance to gain enhanced access to proven and reliable information, and vice versa, enabling experts to learn through knowledge exchange from practitioner experience.

