

BRIDGES

Assessing the production and impact of migration narratives

BRIDGES Kick-off Meeting

Agenda - 21, 22 & 29 April 2021

By-invitation online meeting (via Teams).

Organised by: CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)

'BRIDGES assessing the production and impact of migration narratives' is kicking off its activities with a two-day event involving the members of the Consortium and the Advisory Board, as well as representatives from the European Commission and BRIDGES' sister projects.

This is the first event of BRIDGES, a project funded by the EU H2020 Framework Programme for Research & Innovation and implemented by a consortium of 12 universities, research centres, civil society organisations and cultural associations under the coordination of the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB).

BRIDGES aims to analyse the causes and consequences of migration narratives in Europe from an inter-disciplinary and co-productive approach, seeking to involve researchers, policymakers, journalist, civil society organisations, cultural associations, and the migrant communities themselves in the activities of the project and in the creation of alternative narratives on migration. The project will do so by producing research outputs and policy recommendations, but also by reaching out to the broader public through a series of dissemination activities, including a hip-hop contest and a photo-journalism exhibition.

During the Kick-off Meeting, the participants will discuss the overall goals, methodology and activities of the project, as well as the different work packages and other communication- and management-related aspects. The goal is to get an overview of the project and to build synergies between its partners.

The Kick-off Meeting will be complemented with the first BRIDGES interdisciplinary seminar on April 29, when the researchers involved in the project will discuss the theoretical and methodological basis for a truly interdisciplinary work (across disciplines and between research and practice) throughout the three-years project.



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Wednesday, 21 April – 09.30 to 16.00 CET

09:30-09:45 **Welcoming remarks by CIDOB and FIERI**

Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB

Blanca Garcés, Senior Research Fellow & BRIDGES Scientific Coordinator,
CIDOB

Ferruccio Pastore, Director & BRIDGES Scientific Co-coordinator, FIERI

09:45-10:15 **Presentation of partners**

10:15-11:00 **Presentation of the European Commission Officers**

Cristina Marcuzzo, Project Adviser, European Research Executive Agency,
European Commission

Luca Lixi, Migration Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Research and
Innovation (DG RTD), European Commission

11:00-11:20 **Presentation of ‘sister projects’**

Roy Sommer, OPPORTUNITIES General Coordinator

Matteo Al Kalak, ITHACA Scientific Coordinator

11:20-12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00-12:30 **Project overview: objectives, methodological approach, work plan**

Blanca Garcés, Senior Research Fellow & BRIDGES Scientific Coordinator,
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12:30-13:00 **Project management structure and functioning: thematic expert units, gender observatory, advisory board, intranet**

Berta Güell, Researcher & BRIDGES Assistant Coordinator, CIDOB

Jose Luis Molina, Full Professor & BRIDGES Ethics Advisor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)

Sònia Parella, Director of CER-Migracions & BRIDGES Gender Observatory, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)

Ismaila Ceesay, Professor of Social Anthropology, University of The Gambia (UTG)

Abdel Ghaffar, Senior Lecturer of Political Science, University of Khartoum (UofK)

13:00-14:30 *Lunch*

14:30-15:00 **Data management plan and quality management guidelines**

Berta Güell, Researcher & BRIDGES Assistant Coordinator, CIDOB

15:00-15:30 **Dissemination and communication plan + web**

Cristina Sala i Soler, BRIDGES Communication Officer, CIDOB

Moussa Bourekba, Researcher, CIDOB

15:30-16:00 **Financial issues**

Marina Utgés, BRIDGES Project Manager, CIDOB



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Thursday, 22 April – 09.30 to 12.30 CET

09:30-10:10 **Presentation of WP5 and WP6 by WP leaders**

10:10-10:40 **Presentation of WP3 and WP4 by WP leaders**

10:40-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-11:40 **Presentation of WP7 and WP8 by WP leaders**

11:40-12:00 **Presentation of WP9 by WP leader**

12:00-12:30 **Ethical issues**

Marina Utgés, BRIDGES Project Manager, CIDOB

Jose Luis Molina, Full Professor & BRIDGES Ethics Advisor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)

Thursday, 29 April - 10.00 to 13.00 CET

10:00-13:00 **Interdisciplinary seminar**

