



AccessIN Final Conference
Social Inclusion and Access to Basic Services of Third-Country Nationals

26 November 2024, 9:00-13:30 CET
Residence Palace, Brussels & Online via Teams

8:30–9:00: Welcome coffee

9:00–9:15: Overview of the AccessIN project

- *Speakers:* Daniela Vintila (University of Liège), Jean-Michel Lafleur (University of Liège)

9:15–10:15: PANEL 1. Mapping, informing and improving the eligibility conditions for migrants' access to basic services

- *Speakers:* Angeliki Konstantinidou (University of Liège), Carole Wenger (University of Liège), Pieter van Roeyen (Caritas International), Thorsten Schlee (University Duisburg-Essen), Pascal Debruyne (Odisee University for Applied Sciences)

10:15–11:15: PANEL 2. Removing barriers in migrants' access to basic services: The role of service providers

- *Speakers:* Santiago Pérez-Nievas (Autonomous University of Madrid), Maria Soledad Escobar (Autonomous University of Madrid), Álvaro Will Ibáñez Tudela (Solidaridad Sin Fronteras), Sebastián Salinas Maldonado (Solidaridad Sin Fronteras)

11:15–11:30: Coffee break

11:30–12:30: PANEL 3. Migrants' experiences in accessing basic services and tools for improving healthcare provision

- *Speakers:* Antje Röder (Marburg University), Marie Mallet (University of Oxford), Zach Bastick (Marburg University), Ouissam Akian En-Nahas (Frankfurt City)

12:30–13:30: PANEL 4. Strengthening the role of CSOs in fostering migrants' access to basic services

- *Speakers:* Bernadette Daragics (Menedék- Hungarian Association for Migrants), Vivien Vadasi (Menedék- Hungarian Association for Migrants)

13:30–14:30: Reception

Each panel will include a Q&A session.

Bios of the speakers

Jean-Michel Lafleur is Professor at the University of Liège, Associate Director of CEDEM and Research Director at the Belgian Fund for Scientific Research (FRS-FNRS). He is also the coordinator of the IMISCOE Research Network. Jean-Michel teaches different courses on Migration at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Liège.

He holds a joint PhD in Political Science and International Relations from Sciences Po in Paris and the University of Liège (2008) and a M.A from the College of Europe (Bruges). Jean-Michel's areas of expertise are migration and welfare, EU mobility, public opinion and migration and the political participation of immigrants. Jean-Michel has received various grants from national and international funders including a Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) and several other EU grants (DG JUST, AMIF...). His work appears primarily in politics and sociology scientific journals (European Political Science Review, Global Networks, Democratization, Sociology, Ethnic and Racial Studies, British Journal of Sociology...) and he is also the author of several monographs and edited volumes (Routledge, Springer IMISCOE Series, Leuven University Press...). Over the course of his career, he also taught and conducted research as the Mora Institute in Mexico City, the European University Institute in Florence, the City University of New York (as a Fulbright scholar), the City University of London, and the German Institute for Global and Area Studies in Hamburg (Germany).

Daniela Vintila is Associate Coordinator and Senior Network Officer of IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network) at the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) of the University of Liège. She is also Maître de Conférences at CEDEM and chair of the ECPR Standing Group Migration and Ethnicity and of the IPSA Research Committee RC03 European Unification. Currently, Daniela is member of the Belgian team of the EU-funded project “Social Inclusion and Access to Basic Services of Third-Country Nationals” (AccessIN). She holds a PhD in Political Science from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Her interests lie, especially, in the areas of comparative politics, EU citizenship, international migration, political participation and representation, and social protection policies.

Angeliki Konstantinidou is the Research Assistant of the AccessIN project and the network officer of IMISCOE. She holds a joint PhD in Political and Social Sciences Sciences Po in Paris and the University of Liège (2024). She completed her MA in Political Analysis (2014) and her BA degree (2011) in Political Science at the Faculty of Law, Economy and Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece. Prior to those, she worked as Research Assistant at the University of Leicester for the international project “Pathways to power: the political representation of citizens of immigrant origin in eight European democracies” and a coder for the ERC-funded project “ResponsivGov: democratic responsiveness in a comparative perspective”. She is also the secretary of IPSA’s RC03 European Unification.

Carole Wenger completed a BA in Ethnology and Human Geography from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland and a MA in Migration and Diaspora Studies from the Faculty of Anthropology at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

Before joining the CEDEM, she worked within the Migration and Development Research Group at the United Nations University (UNU-Merit/MGSoG) in Maastricht, in the Netherlands. Prior to that, she worked for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Cairo (Egypt) as well as for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Tunis (Tunisia) on migration and development programs. She joined the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) at the University of Liège in September 2018 as a Ph.D. Candidate within the European Research Council (ERC)-funded project

“Migration, transnationalism and social protection in (post-) crisis Europe” coordinated by Dr. Jean-Michel Lafleur. Her research focuses on Tunisian migrants and transnational healthcare practices between Tunisia and Europe. Her research interests include transnationalism, social protection, health, and the Maghreb region.

Pieter Van Roeyen works as a legal advisor for the Asylum and Migration department of Caritas International in Belgium. He advises on all legal matters concerning the status and rights of migrants and provides support on policy and advocacy issues. He holds a master’s degree in Law and studied at the University of Ghent and the University of Auckland. Before joining Caritas International, he was admitted to the Flemish bar and practiced commercial law and migration law.

Thorsten Schlee heads the Migration and Social Policy Research Group at the Institute Work, Skills and Training at the University Duisburg-Essen. He is also one of the PIs in a joint project of the Universities of Duisburg-Essen, Bochum and Dortmund that investigates the role of migrant organisations in the production of social protection. Thorsten has a background in political science and history and received his PhD with a work on scientific and democratic techniques of producing "representations". He has researched and lectured in Düsseldorf and Cologne. Thorsten’s ongoing research focuses on migration related social policies. He is particularly interested in the connection between welfare state transformations in the direction of a European workfare regime and its economised migration calculations.

Pascal Debruyne is a researcher at the Knowledge Centre for Family Sciences at Odisee University College. His work is focused on diversity, asylum, migration, and integration. He holds a PhD in political science from Ghent University and a background in moral philosophy. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he co-founded the Ghent Solidarity Fund to support local communities. His notable publications include *Social Shadow Work* (2019) and *The Attack on the Midfield* (2021), which explore social issues and community engagement.

Santiago Pérez-Nievas is Professor in the Political Science and International Relations Department at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM). His research interests include political parties and electoral behaviour with a focus on multilevel contexts, and the electoral behaviour and political representation of immigrant-origin minorities. On these topics, he has published articles in scientific journals (*Politics & Governance*, *South European Society and Politics*, *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Revista de Investigaciones Sociológicas*, among others) as well as chapters in collective books (Routledge, Palgrave, Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas). He is currently the Principal Investigator of WP3 (Spain) of AccessIn (Social Inclusion and Access to Basic Services of Third Country Nationals, funded by the EU).

Soledad Escobar is a Postdoc researcher in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Her PhD dissertation “The political representation of immigrant origin women on Spanish local party lists: an intersectional analysis” won the Clara Campoamor Prize in 2022, awarded by the Center for Political and Constitutional Studies. At the end of that year, she joined the European project AccessIN (Great Agreement No. 101038314) aimed at identifying barriers of third-country nationals in accessing basic services in four European countries, including Spain. She is a member of the Research Group on Democracy, Participation and Government. Before joining Autonomous University of Madrid, she worked as researcher in the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), within the Permanent Migration Observatory of Andalusia (OPAM), analyzing different aspects regarding migration such as natives’ attitudes towards migrants, migrants’ social integration processes and young migrants’ labour conditions.

Álvaro W. Ibáñez Tudela is a CEO & Legal Representative, and Manager, with extensive experience and degrees obtained - MBA; MA in Integration, Development and Co-development; MA in International Relations and International Public-Private Laws; MA in Telecommunications and IT; Laws; Postgraduate degrees in: International Cooperation for Development; International Sale Operations, E-commerce and Private Laws; International Business Laws; Undergraduate Degree in Laws (graduate in Laws). Professor & Speaker in different courses and seminars in Latin America and Europe. More than 12 years of experience in charge of international organisations, foundations, associations and international consultancy. He has been working several years and leading projects focused on the social and professional integration of refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, students, adults.

Sebastián Salinas Maldonado is a trainer/researcher. Master's degree Integration, Development and Co-development - Universidad Rey Juan Carlos de España (MdE); Undergraduate Degree in Laws, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid; Expert in immigration laws with 15 years of experience in immigration and aliens. Professor & Speaker/reporter in different courses, seminars and congresses in Latin America and Europe; He has been working in international social organizations and in the Public Administration, among others. He developed three investigations on the social and political participation of refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, youth people and women.

Antje Röder is Professor of Research Methods at Philipps-Universität Marburg. She holds a PhD in Sociology from Trinity College Dublin (2011), where she was also Assistant Professor in Migration and Quantitative Methods until 2015. From 2015 to 2016 she was Professor of Sociology (Research Methods) at TU Chemnitz. Her research focuses on the integration of migrants and minorities in European societies, with a particular interest on the intersections of individual characteristics, such as gender and religion, with contextual factors in the origin and destination countries.

Marie Mallet-Garcia is a researcher at the University of Oxford. Her research interests include immigrants' integration into the host society through access to and use of social services. She is particularly interested in the role of the local context in the inclusion process of migrants with precarious legal status.

Zach Bastick is an expert on digital migration studies and digital politics. His research focuses on how technology empowers and disempowers, and how it might better serve communities and marginalized populations. His recent work has investigated the digital exclusion of migrants, including their attitudes towards technology and exposure to misinformation. His work also examines power structures produced or influenced by digital technologies and multi-level governance related to migration. He is also a research affiliate at the University of Oxford and Harvard University, and he has previously held research and teaching positions at the European University Institute, the Sorbonne University, UC Berkeley, and Sciences Po Paris, among other institutions.

Ouissam Akian is a healthcare professional who has been living in Germany for over seven years, working in the health sector, including three years at the public health department (Gesundheitsamt). As a project team member, she collaborates with the University of Marburg to conduct research on the challenges migrants face in accessing the German healthcare system. Drawing from her own experiences as a migrant, Ouissam provides unique insights into the barriers related to accessibility, cultural differences, and language that migrants encounter when navigating the healthcare system. Her research seeks to inform inclusive policy changes and enhance healthcare accessibility for migrant communities, ensuring that their needs are effectively addressed.

Bernadette Daragics became part of the Menedék Association team in 2020, starting as an intern while completing her studies at Malmö University, Sweden. Upon graduating, she was hired as a project

assistant for two international projects and took on the role of office manager for the Association. At the beginning of 2022, she was promoted to project manager for the AccessIN project.

Vivien Vadasi serves as the legal adviser for the Menedék Association, a role she has been holding since September 2017. In this capacity, she offers legal support to Menedék's clients—migrants living in Hungary—on matters such as residence permits, integration, and everyday challenges they may encounter in Hungary. Vivien contributes to Menedék's efforts through legal analysis, advocacy, and participation in the association's research projects. Since 2022, she has been a member of the management of Menedék Association.