

Report on implementing the project in January – December 2012

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WARNING!

This is a slightly shorter version of the Romanian language report submitted in 2012. We have translated that report at the specific request expressed in December 2014 by the financing agency.

Overview of 2012 activities

Table 1 summarizes the activities fulfilled in 2012. This was a period in which the conceptual background was clearly set up (working package 2), based upon a careful literature review in several domains (WP1): sociology of social values and social change, assimilation theories, analyses of social trust, literature on social capital, theories on subjective wellbeing, literature on political participation, literature on attitudes towards immigrants. In the same time we have done the data collecting for the 2012 Romania wave of the WVS (WP3), with a questionnaire that included country specific questions based on WP2. We have managed to extend the size of the samples by inserting several questions in another research (we can join the databases). In the meanwhile, we have created a list of sources of macro-level data (WP4), some being already used in preliminary analyses (WP5), which already led to dissemination through publication (WP6) and presentations in conferences (WP7). The last two packages had few deliverables this year, since they were planned from the very beginning to be more consistent in 2013 and 2014. Anyway, the existing output exceeds the initial planning.

Table 1. Working packages and the 2012 activities

Working packages		Stadiu (pe scurt)
WP1	Literature review	This was the main activity in 2011 and continued in 2012.
WP2	Setting up the conceptual framework	Outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An internal text on the conceptual background of the project. It provides an integrative vision upon the activities to be undertaken. Decisions upon two fundamental research directions (see the text).
WP3	Data Collecting WVS 2010-2012	Activities: finalizing the questionnaire, the contact forms, the forms for paradata, the sampling framework, the data collecting, the control of the quality of data collecting. Supplementary data collecting (see text).
WP4	Setting up the comparative database of aggregate indicators	Activities: identifying the data sources, setting up a database of references.
WP5	Data analysis	Narrower analyses. Two finalized papers. Five work in progress papers.
WP6	Dissemination	Two published papers. Two submitted papers. Presentations in conferences. (see text)
WP7	Conferences and seminars	Conferences, summer schools.

Details regarding the scientific component of the administrative activities

Team

The team is the same as at the end of 2011, including the members named in the application, the two doctoral student recruited through open competition, the two volunteer researchers from outside Romania. As compared to the previous report, the team also includes, as voluntary member, Paula Tufiş (Universitatea Bucureşti, Departamentul de Sociologie).

Organization matters

E-mail exchanges and Skype meetings are main media to be used within the project. This suits the geographical dispersion of the team (the team members live in 5 cities, in three countries). Face-to-face meetings were also organized. Smaller subgroups worked on narrower themes. The team, as a whole, met in June, then we had a 3-day workshop in October.

Activities and outputs per working package

WP1. Literature review & WP2. Setting up the conceptual framework

The main accomplishment was to finalize the conceptual background, including the decision to follow two paths of analyzing the social change due to international migration. The first is to notice the changes in values, behaviors, and attitudes of immigrants, with a focus on the impact of culture seen as a dual-context> the culture from the society of origin, and the culture from the host country.

Table 2. Specific subdomains for analysis by team members

	"Assimilation" (CC-MLM)	"Remittances" (MMG-MLM)
Social trust	Bogdan	
Participation to associations	Bogdan	
Life Satisfaction / SWB / MH	Marian. Bogdan	
Confidence in Institutions		Claudiu. Bogdan
Political participation	Mircea. Bogdan	Mircea. Bogdan
Gender beliefs		Andreea, Mălina, Bogdan
Preparatory work		
Horațiu: social solidarity		
Bogdan: attitudes towards emigration		
Alexandra. Elena. Monica. Bogdan: effects of acquiescence		
Mălina. Andreea, Bogdan : gender beliefs		

The second direction is to observe the social remittances, more precisely to note how the stayers change due to mediate contact with other culture (through their migrated family, friends and relatives).

For the first direction we use cross-classified multilevel models (CCMLM), run on large scale comparative data bases such as EVS and WVS.

For the second direction, we use multiple-group-membership-multilevel-modelling (MGMLM), on special designed data produced by our team. A specific battery of items, included in the 2012 Romanian WVS wave allows this. The same battery was inserted at our request in the 2012 wave of the Romanian Election Study (RES), by this mean extending the sample and being able to better use the data (we have more cases for each country were the Romanian stayers¹ have contacts).

¹ Romanians that did not migrated abroad.

WP3. Data Collecting WVS 2010-2012

Romanian WVS 2012 data was collected and will be soon made public.

The RES data will be also available soon.

WP5. Data analysis & WP6. Dissemination

2012 was not planned to be very intensive in this package. However, we managed to produce preliminary analysis and to disseminate some of them.

Finalized analyses

ISI papers:

Bogdan Voicu, Monica Șerban. 2012. Immigrant participation in voluntary associations across Europe, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 38(10): 1569-1587. [JCR impact factor (5 years): 1.424]

Mălina Voicu, Ioana Alexandra Rusu. 2012. Immigrants' membership in civic associations: why are some immigrants more active than others?. *International Sociology*, 27(6): 788 – 806. [2011 Impact Factor: 0.480]

Books

Claudiu Tufiș. 2012. *Learning Democracy and Market Economy in Post-Communist Romania*, Iași: Institutul European Press.

Papers in other peer-reviewed journals

Bogdan Voicu. Measuring Child-Rearing Values in the EVS and WVS. A Research Note, accepted by *Social Change Review*

Papers under evaluation in peer-reviewed journals:

5 papers. We do not publish online their titles, to protect the blind-peer-review process.

Work in progress

10 papers. The printed copy of this report includes their preliminary titles and authors.

WP7. Conferences and seminars

A 3-days workshop was organized. Full details are available in our website.

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