

**Call for a volunteer/trainee/intern in Horizon Europe project (migration studies) - Center of Migration Research of the University of Warsaw**

The Center of Migration Research of the University of Warsaw (CMR UW) is looking for **a person who would like to participate in the international scientific project “De-centring the Study of Migrant Returns and Readmission Policies in Europe and Beyond” (GAPs) funded by the EU within the grant HORIZON-CL2-2022 TRANSFORMATIONS-01. The details of cooperation will be determined on the basis of submitted applications.**

**We are looking for a person who:**

- studies at/completed the second or third degree of studies (Master studies or PhD studies);
- speaks English at least on a communicative level – B1;
- speaks Hungarian on a level that allows him/her passive understand it in reading (to carry out desk research and law analysis);
- possesses experience/interest in the topics of migration and asylum (if in the field of returns, it is an additional asset);
- is ready to engage in cooperation in the period from mid-June to mid-September 2023 (at least a month, preferably 3 months), commitment dimension: min. 10 hours a week (details to be agreed).

**The project is a comprehensive study on the drivers of return policies and barriers/enablers in international cooperation on returns.** It examines the disconnects between expectations of return policies and their actual outcomes by de-centering the dominant, one-sided understanding of “return policymaking.” The University of Warsaw is engaged in the following Working Packages (WPs): Concepts & Data on Returns, Legal and Policy Infrastructures of Returns in the EU, Operational Infrastructures of Returns, Return Migration Diplomacy, Public Attitudes on Returns, Return Aspirations and Trajectories of Migrants, Dissemination & Exploitation & Communication, Project Management & Ethical Governance. However, **the person we are looking for will be engaged mostly in the WP on Legal and Policy Infrastructures of Returns in the EU.** This WP aims at:

- mapping the EU’s and selected member states’ policies and legal infrastructures designed for the return and readmission of third-country nationals;
- assessing critical aspects of EU and member states’ laws and policies at the internal and external dimensions;
- evaluating the possible ways and methods to develop evidence-based policy and legal guidelines.

**Below is a list of tasks to be carried out:**

- desk research on legal and policy infrastructures of returns **in Hungary** – a systematic assessment of national legal frameworks from the lenses of a) scope of procedural safeguards for returnees; b) legal mechanisms to facilitate safe and dignified returns; c) legal review of different return practices not explicitly in law but also in the ‘grey zones of policy’ (pushbacks, border rejection, hot-spot returns) that often involve migrants’ irregularisation, and legal scrutiny of formal and informal arrangements

with third countries; d) the application of the 'safe third country concept'; and e) accountability and democratic oversight about return and readmission processes;

– cooperation with other team members on the elaboration of a country dossier on legal infrastructures on returns for Hungary.

**What we offer as part of cooperation:**

– signing an agreement in the period from mid-June to mid-September 2023 (possibility of signing a contract for a longer period), which fulfils the requirement of volunteering cooperation or traineeship/internship within the studies program;

– suitable mode of cooperation: either remote/hybrid/on-site with the possibility to use the office in the Centre of Migration Research (Pasteura Street 7 in Warsaw);

– certificate confirming involvement in the international research project (the possibility of completing student internships, depending on the requirements at each university/research unit);

– the opportunity to participate in closed and open meetings of the Centre of Migration Research;

– the opportunity to acquire knowledge, experience and competencies related to the research on migration policies;

– the possibility to co-author an academic publication;

– the possibility of networking in the environment of the leading migration researchers from Poland.

If you are interested in getting involved in the research project, please submit your application at (motivation letter and CV in English) [m.pachocka@uw.edu.pl](mailto:m.pachocka@uw.edu.pl) by May 25, 2023, at the latest. We will inform the applicants about our decision and the next steps by May 31, 2023, at the latest.

If you have any questions, please contact us by e-mail: [m.pachocka@uw.edu.pl](mailto:m.pachocka@uw.edu.pl)

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