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1. Introduction

The deliverable D11.4 “Technical Webinar 2” has been delivered as a Webinar entitled “Taking Stock of the Migration Data in Europe”, held virtually on 28 May 2021, at 2:00-3:00 pm CET. The main objectives of this webinar were to 1) inform and integrate various stakeholder audiences into the project, particularly data experts and scholars working on migration issues; 2) present the QuantMig Data Inventory on European Migration Stocks and Flows; 3) critically discuss about the state of affairs on migration microdata in Europe with eminent colleagues following the QuantMig Data Inventory presentation.

The second technical Webinar was designed to be the official launch of the “QuantMig Data Inventory on European Migration Stocks and Flows” available at http://www.quantmig.eu/data_inventory/. This database is targeted to quantitative scholars and data-related professionals working on migration issues, as it allows professionals to identify the best database (s) to analyse depending on their empirical goals. Accordingly, the agenda of the Webinar was divided in two parts: while first part was conceived to present the database and its features, in a second part we had a panel discussion on critical assessment of migration microdata in Europe.

2. Description of the Technical Webinar

The Webinar was held on the 28th of May 2021, 2-3 pm CET, online via Zoom Webinar. Before the presentations started, active consent to recording was asked from all participants. The meeting started with a short welcome note and a contextualization on the importance of the data inventory by QuantMig’s Work Package Leader Prof. Mathias Czaika, Head of Department and Professor in Migration and Globalisation, Danube University Krems, Austria. The introduction was followed by the main presentation on the data inventory and its technicalities by Dr Jarl Mooyaart, Researcher at the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI).

The presentations were followed by a Panel Discussion entitled: *Are we sorted? Critical assessment of migration microdata in Europe*. The panel was composed by Dr Cris Beauchemin, Senior Researcher, French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED); Dr Nikola Sander, Research Director on Migration and Mobility, German Federal Institute for Population Research; and Dr Guido Tintori, Policy Analyst at the Joint Research Centre, Demography, Migration and Governance Unit, European Commission. Daniela Vono de Vilhena, Deputy Executive Secretary of Population Europe and coordinator of the dissemination activities for the QuantMig project served as moderator.

On this second part of the event, the conversation among the panelists was based on the following questions: 1) Think back of where we are now compared to say 10 years ago in terms of migration data. What has changed? 2) Reflecting from your position: Which types of microdata are now key to understand migration patterns in Europe? 3) How shall we properly define migration and migrants? Are these definitions still meaningful for data collection in increasingly diverse societies? And 4) What are the main questions for the future and are we prepared for that in terms of data availability? During the whole event, participants had the opportunity to ask questions and offer their reflections on the database and on the topics discussed during the panel debate.

3. Links to watch the Webinar

The webinar can be accessed through the websites:

- Population Europe's Youtube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZ9WJ6lPjLk&t=84s>
- QuantMig's website - http://www.quantmig.eu/news_&_events/?story_id=12
- Population Europe's website - <https://population-europe.eu/resources/videos/recording-webinar-taking-stock-migration-data-europe>

