



RESEARCH IN MIGRATION HEALTH: RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Need for research that focuses on achieving change and evaluating the process/outcomes of change initiatives.
2. Inclusion of minority ethnic communities themselves in developing solutions – at all stages and levels of the process
3. Need for more joined up work and thinking – across EU Member States, within the EU itself and with countries of origin
4. Need for a strategic approach to address gaps in EU research and create coherence within commissioned work

Research that creates/evaluates change

- Qualitative research that tests and evaluates ways to make services more responsive
 - Better understanding of processes and levers for change
- Participatory approaches that create a more equal relationship between researchers and researched communities
 - co-negotiation of research questions, design, analysis and dissemination strategy
 - reciprocity ie mutual benefit eg employment/skill
- Use of language that promotes equity (individuals, citizens, people, communities) in place of negative/inaccurate/exclusive language ('foreigner', 'immigrant')



Empowering minority ethnic communities

- Experts on their own experience: powerful voice that needs to be heard directly
- Need for inclusion at all levels:
 - Formulating, validating and prioritising recommendations including those put forward today
 - Capacity-building needed to support involvement
 - As health professionals and managers not just interpreters and outreach workers: addresses determinants of health
 - At all levels in NGOs not just as service recipients
- Improving social and economic conditions of communities – working for social justice

Joined up thinking

- Co-ordination of EU level work
 - Between EU projects on migration and health
 - Between Health and other directorates - Justice/ Immigration/Employment/health determinants - to build on work already developed and support consist approaches eg terminology/codes of practice/standards
 - EU leadership needed to facilitate similar co-ordination within Member States
- Collaboration in Member States to link healthcare with determinants of health/resolve paradoxes
- Collaboration between Member States to support comparable data collection
- Work with countries of origin to address global inequities that create push factors for migration

Strategic direction for research

- Identify and address gaps in research already commissioned – eg research to evaluate training and effectiveness of new initiatives, diversity within/between groups
- Support research that can help harmonise data collection and increase collaboration across EU
- Establish a body that can oversee all EU research in this area to harmonise and evaluate research efforts