

# Foreword

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Integration policy and public governance problems connected with the integration of immigrants are in the focus of this issue. Initial versions of all six papers were presented at the international scientific conference *Looking Beyond the Crises: Impact of Mass Migrations on Local, Regional, National, and EU Governance* held in Dubrovnik in May 2017.

Four papers deal with the integration in national context, analysing national integration policy, administrative capacities for integration, or governance issues of importance for local integration of migrants. In addition, one paper searches for the lessons that can be learned from earlier Israeli case of migrants' integration. The last paper in this issue presents good European integration practices.

Aleksandra Winiarska and Magdalena Wojno (Poland) analyse urban practices and challenges of migrants' integration in the case of Warsaw, Poland. At the beginning, they look into Polish experiences with migration from Vietnam, Ukraine, and Chechnya, proceeding by systematisation of urban integration practice of Warsaw, taking into account the efforts of Warsaw government and the perspective of civil society organizations. The authors call for development of sound legal regulation and systemic governance solutions for migrants' integration in Polish municipalities.

Teo Giljević and Goranka Lalić Novak (Croatia) consider migrants' integration policy as a cross-sectoral wicked problem which requires formal and informal coordination across governance sectors and tiers. Certain coordination structures and instruments can be used in public governance systems for improving effects of integration policy. The authors analyse the Croatian migration and integration policies and practices, and then systematise and present the instruments for coordination and socio-political resources in the Croatian integration policy.

Helena Bauerová puts the Czech Republic migration and integration policies in the context of legal harmonization with the EU law. The au-

thor claims that the recent migration crisis has accelerated change in the Czech integration policy that is at odds with the European standards. She analyses changes of the Czech integration policy in the period 1993-2015, taking into account the relationship between national integration policy and the EU standards. The role of local governments in implementing the integration policy is particularly stressed.

The Hungarian case is analysed by István Temesi. He starts with identifying the main goal of the Hungarian Government, which was reducing the 2015 migration flow over the Hungarian territory to the minimum. The Government relied on various political, legal, administrative, and physical instruments to achieve this goal. The author systematises and presents measures foreseen in various legal documents, concluding that restrictive asylum policy has been promoted in Hungary.

Fred Lazin analyses the Israeli Case and tries to identify the lessons which can be learned from Israeli experiences with integration of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia in 1989-1992. The author has found out that the national government and the Jewish Agency controlled immigration policy, while local mayors had some influence over the implementation. He sees national demographic needs, lack of domestic work force, skilful migrants, and religious homogeneity as an integration policy's success factors.

Snežana Đorđević (Serbia) looks for the best European practices in strengthening local government capacities for integration of migrants. In her search for best practices, she takes into account national regulation, policy regimes, the role of local institutions, and achieved results. Several cases are analysed: Antwerp (Belgium), Midtown (Norway), Malmö (Sweden), and Bologna and Veneto region (Italy). The author advocates for democratisation, development, ecology, and security and peace as the values that have to be respected when searching for best migrant integration practices.

Considering all six papers are insightful and instructive, I wish you a pleasant read.

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