ADMIGOV INDICATORS: A NEW ANALYTICAL TOOL FOR GOOD MIGRATION GOVERNANCE

The AdMiGov indicators offer policy makers, academics, and other interested stakeholders an innovative and evidence-based tool to measure and assess good migration governance.

The origin of the indicators takes root in the call for safer, sustainable, and more effective migration governance raised by the international community, and shaped in the 2016 New York Declaration, the 2018 Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and the Global Compact on Refugees, along with Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The novelty of AdMiGov indicators is twofold. Firstly, it makes international standards - and particularly the underlying principles of protection and sustainable development - the core benchmark against which national migration governance systems are evaluated. Secondly, it moves beyond a traditional focus on policies on paper, to also evaluate the implementation of migration governance, such as the use of evidence in policymaking, the access of stakeholders to the policy process, and the transparency of information made available by the government on its practices.

The AdMiGov indicators build upon and complement existing knowledge in the field of migration policy indicators (e.g., MGI, MIPEX) and have been informed by empirical insights from the AdMiGov fieldwork. Indicator construction followed a holistic approach to migration governance, examining its main areas (entry, exit, temporary and circular mobility), elements (actions, actors and resources) and stages (formulation, promulgation, implementation and evaluation).

The result is a set of 68 indicators that can be applied to evaluate national migration governance systems, allowing its users to assess a country's alignment with international standards on protection and sustainable development and to identify areas in need of development and to identify potential best practices.

The results of the pilot carried out in the Netherlands, Spain, and Turkey provide exploratory - but already compelling - results. The AdMiGov indicators have captured crucial gaps in these countries' migration governance systems, including *normative gaps* (affecting the national regulatory frames vis-à-vis international standards), *implementation gaps* (as a result of structural constraints, insufficient resources, and administrative barriers) as well as *administrative gaps* (related to areas such as data collection, budget transparency as well as evaluation tools and mechanisms).

The pilot of the AdMiGov indicators has revealed their value as an indicator set that addresses existing literature gaps and promotes better connections between evidence, norms, and practices in migration governance systems.

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