

SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION (STSM) – SCIENTIFIC REPORT

The STSM applicant submits this report for approval to the STSM coordinator

Action number: IS1409 ‘Gender and health impacts of policies extending working life in western countries’

STSM title: Exclusion from civic participation of older migrant workers

STSM start and end date: 23/04/2018 to 30/04/2018

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PURPOSES OF THE STSM

- To write a theoretical paper setting an agenda for civic participation research which is sensitive to the specific of older migrant workers and integrates gender and life-course as key tools of analysis.
- To support exchange and collaboration between the University of Barcelona and the University of Uppsala.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE STSM

(max.500 words)

Following an initial induction session, the grantee and the supervisor met regularly over the course of the STSM in order to plan and develop a scientific publication as a result of the STSM. From their conversations it became clear that the development of a paper which argues the need of a research agenda on exclusion from civic participation of older migrant workers which is sensitive to gender and life-course aspects would be the most meaningful contribution to the overall objectives of the IS1409 Cost Action.

The week spent at the Department of Sociology of Uppsala University provided the opportunity to agree on the structure and contents of the paper. By the end of the STSM, following intensive

discussions, the grantee and supervisor have reviewed the literature to identify previous publications on exclusion from civic participation of older migrants, and agreed on the final structure of the paper. The paper is planned to be submitted to a peer-reviewed, high-impact journal in the field of gerontology -such as *Ageing & Society*, the *Journal of European Social Policy*, or the *European Journal of Ageing*- by December 2018.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN RESULTS OBTAINED

(max. 500 words)

As stated earlier, the week spent by the grantee at the Department of Sociology of Uppsala University provided the opportunity of setting up the structure of a joint scientific publication. This has involved the following activities:

LITERATURE REVIEW

A review of the literature on exclusion from civic participation of older migrant workers has been carried out. This allowed the identification of potential gaps to be addressed in the joint paper. As a result of this literature review supervisor and grantee detected the scarcity of studies addressing older migrants' participation in social and civic activities. One objective has been therefore defined for the joint paper:

- To write a theoretical paper setting an agenda for civic participation research which is sensitive to the specific of older migrant workers and integrates gender and life-course as key tools of analysis.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PAPER

At the end of the STSM, grantee and supervisor have agreed on the final structure of the resulting paper. The paper will rely on previous literature on older migrant workers, and will juxtapose what the literature on old age social exclusion has shown about civic participation with what research on older migrants suggests in this respect. In doing so, this paper aims to set an agenda for civic participation research that is sensitive to the specifics of the migratory life course while arguing that older migrant workers' social exclusion cannot be addressed if we fail to encourage their civic participation.

SUBMISSION TO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Grantee and supervisor has submitted an abstract to the Gerontological Society of America 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting, which will be held next November in Boston. An improved version of the paper is planned to be submitted to a peer-reviewed, high-impact journal in the field of gerontology -such as *Ageing & Society*, the *Journal of European Social Policy*, or the *European Journal of Ageing*- by December 2018.

FUTURE COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)

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As stated earlier, a planned outcome of this STSM is the development of at least one joint scientific publication. Achieving this outcome will imply continue Skype discussion and exchanges to finalize the paper (expected to be submitted by the end of 2018).

The collaboration of the grantee with the host institute will be further strengthened through his continued involvement in the future activities of the IS1409 Cost Action.

FORESEEN PUBLICATIONS

Torres, S. & Serrat, R. (In preparation). Old Age Exclusion from Civic Participation: The Case of Older Migrants