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Irregular Migrants and Rejected Asylum Seekers Conceptual and Policy Challenges for Europe

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Irregular Migration : A Complex Phenomenon

- Irregular migration – a continuum
- Links between irregular migration and irregular work
- Flows of irregular migrants and rejected asylum seekers (not only real but also administrative)
- Data and estimates
- The question of (forced/voluntary) return



Representations and Realities of Irregular Migration

- Participation without papers
- Performing citizenship
- Deservingness – vulnerability – responsibility



Multi level governance:

EU, national, local

- Contain and control vs solidarity
- Planning vs reality

Criminalising civil society support: a new trend?



Irregular migration as an Economic Factor

in the labour market

skill waste effect

‘quality’ of migrants/asylum seekers

competition with locals and migrants

An economy of reception and protection

Cities and regional authorities

Civil society