

NUMBER 3. The European Union and the global challenge of migration

Organisation:	Rey Juan Carlos University
PROJECT TITLE:	- The challenge of cooperation to manage the external border of Europe. Reluctance, models and outcomes.
Call topics of interest (choose from the list):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG-GLOBALLY-03-2017: The European Union and the global challenge of migration
Submission deadline:	02 February 2017
Short description of project idea:	<p>New challenges on external border crossing have opened in 2015 in a context of a refugee crisis.</p> <p>The European Commission finished the year of 2015 stating that a consistent and clear common immigration policy in the EU requires all actors (Member States, EU institutions, International Organisations, civil society, local authorities and third countries) to work together (COM [2015] 240).</p> <p>Previous mantras in the area of border crossing: intelligence sharing, innovation and cooperation among member states seem to be poorly functioning. The successful management of migration flows is still pending. Current “refugee crisis” calls for a re-evaluation of those principles of border management, public policies and common agencies but also experiences and tools of cooperation with third countries.</p> <p>In this context, cooperation seems to be crucial while some states reluctance to cooperate is evident.</p> <p>The project will deal with cooperation needs, problems and options in order to improve the management of immigration flows in a coherence policy. Three main areas of research can be stated.</p> <p>First, problems of cooperation. Fields, actors, measures in which different member states find difficult to cooperate (with other actors). At the same time, governments are expected to find out opportunities for cooperation. The departure point is that some states prefer bilateral agreements with third and transit countries instead of signing multilateral or EU agreements.</p> <p>Second, successful cooperation initiatives, institutions and tools in the border management field are identified and analysed. Both content and shape are important.</p> <p>Third, a proposal for increasing cooperation will be presented to different actors and evaluated with them. A key part in this objective is the agreement on how to implement the proposals and anticipate possible legal, social and political problems.</p>
Main objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyse cooperation among member states and with third and transit countries in the field of border management. 2. Identify problems for cooperation and needs. 3. Evaluate institutional arrangements and current tools. 4. Propose new areas and tools for increasing cooperation, testing their possibilities among member states.
Expected impact of the project (see call text)	<p>Propose new fields, frameworks and tools to better external border management through cooperation among actors. This will enhance policy coherence and effectiveness and benefit the implementation of European common immigration policy.</p> <p>In order to achieve it, gaps of cooperation are identified, good practices and opportunities too. One important impact is the design of tools that could well functioning and being implemented.</p>

Profile of partners sought and expected role in the proposal:	Good knowledge and, if possible, collaboration with border management institutions is valued. Each country institution will develop the four main objectives in a coordinated way.
Specific countries/regions/cities you are keen to collaborate with:	The Consortium must include one institution from different member states. At least, 3 countries. One with a “sea border”, a country with “airport borders” and a land external border country. The participation of transit and sending countries must be considered.
Previous, relevant EU / non-EU project experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DAFNE –JUST 2014/RDAP/AG/HARM. Project Title : Multi-sectorial academic programme to prevent and combat Female Genital Mutilation. Leader : URJC. Budget : 668.312,50 (2016-2018) - Member of the “Radicalisation Awareness Network”, European Commission. (2015- actually). - “Configuración y continuidad de las respuestas normativas a la crisis”, Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Referencia: DER2013-42600-P. - “Study on the methods through which violent radicals mobilise support for terrorism and find new recruits”. King’s College London. Member of the Spanish team (2007). Budget: 31.250 euros.