

Do migrants in Europe age well? A mixed methods and intervention study in four countries (MIG-AGE)

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Aging and international migration pose enormous challenges to Europe. Healthy and active aging depends on individual, network, sociocultural, economic, and contextual factors. This project addresses the question of what it means for different groups of migrants in Europe to be old and age well, specifically for first-generation retired labor migrants from Italy and Turkey living in Germany and the Netherlands and for retirement migrants from Germany and the Netherlands living in Italy and Turkey. The team adopts a life course perspective and analyzes change over time through the biographies and social relationships of older migrants. They have four main objectives: 1. to investigate the relationship between individual well-being and personal networks among older migrants across Europe from a quantitative perspective using existing surveys; 2. to study the subjective meanings of aging and aging well from the perspective of older mobile Europeans using qualitative research methods of walking interviews; 3. to design a culturally sensitive intervention as pilot with a group of Turkish labor migrants of advanced age in Germany; 4. to produce short video documentaries that depict the aging experiences of all eight migrant groups in the four country contexts to raise awareness of aging among the academic and non-academic public. The team consists of four established sociology researchers, 3 Phds and 3 junior postdoctoral researchers from Germany, the Netherlands, Italy and Turkey. The main expected outcome is an indepth understanding and a comparative perspective of the macro-level socio structural determinants of aging well of migrants, the micro-level meanings, and the associated inequalities in Europe.

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