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PRESENTATION

The research project “Differentiation in the Naturalisation of Immigrants in Spain” (DNIs) analyses the effects of policies in the access to nationality in Spain.

Given the fact that the naturalisation process is developed on the basis of legal differentiation and high discretion by the hands of the competent authorities, this project aims to analyse the differentiating effect that this system produces. The study seeks to understand the mechanisms by which this procedure creates differentiating situations within the immigrant community, what are its effects are and what type of differentiation is occurring (by origin, gender, age, education, etc.). The DNIs project aims to analyse the legal issues behind this situation, and in turn study the administrative and bureaucratic mechanisms that may be responsible, as well, of discriminatory practices in this process.

OBJECTIVES

- Determine the elements that condition the process of naturalization and that create situations of differentiation
- Develop a clear mapping of differentiation grounds
- Find possible improvements in the current system and make political recommendations
- Generate debate and raise awareness on naturalisation in Spain
- Frame the results within the debate on naturalisation taking place at the European level

OUTPUTS

The main results of this research will be a policy papers presented in two official acts, in Madrid and Brussels, and an academic paper presented in national and international conferences on migration.

METHODOLOGY

The research is based on the analysis and comparison between the results previously collected within the framework of the ACIT project and the results obtained during this project. The new data will mainly come from focus groups and in-depth interviews with the main stakeholders.

COORDINATION

The project is coordinated by Elena Sánchez-Montijano, research fellow, and Gemma Pinyol-Jiménez associate researcher.