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# **Keywords**

Migration, Borders, Vulnerability, Gender, Young people, Interdisciplinarit, Narrative.

# Main Research Objective

The overarching objective of our study will be to address the vulnerabilities at the borders of the EU from a thoroughly interdisciplinary perspective, bringing together researchers from all our borders and universities across various fields of inquiry that can complement and enrich one another. Legal, political, and social explanations are essential to understanding these vulnerabilities; however, this CLUSTER seeks, in an original and often underexplored manner, to integrate anthropological, psychological, educational sciences, arts, and cultural analyses—areas of strength in the universities of the ERUA Alliance.

We address the circumstances in which people on the move, and particularly people migrating from the Global South to countries of the Global North are rendered vulnerable through restrictive immigration and asylum policies, the militarization of borders and the "slow violence" of state abandonment. We will develop an analysis of the intersectional production of vulnerabilities at EU borders both physical and virtual. Examining the ways in which legislation and policy that prioritise security and control produce violence and insecurity for those crossing borders. How can we change policy to seek to balance legal and safe migration pathways, improve reception conditions, and fostering genuine cooperation among Member States recognises the right to free movement.

### **Main Research Outcome**

The expected outcomes are reflected in the creation of a solid and mature research group by the end of the CLUSTER's lifespan and share working methods to highlight the vulnerabilities at the border, scientifically study their causes and ways to mitigate them, raise public awareness about the need to eradicate these situations, and provide civil society with strategies and tools to help prevent them. The specific achievements expected are:

- To increase the participation of CLUSTER members in the Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility Program for Academic Staff.
- To hold a academic and social meeting meeting of all CLUSTER researchers, future researchers and civil society. This meeting will explore explore common challenges, how to address them, and potential solutions.
- To participate in various public debates, citing the ERUA CLUSTER as the source of such interventions and in Join European Projects (MAC-COMPASS).
- To hold an internal methodological workshop to reflect on how research can be conducted with migrants in vulnerable situations, aiming to develop a methodology to be applied in the second year of the project.

• To hold a multidisciplinary workshop on boundaries, vulnerabilities, and borders, aiming to draw conclusions from the CLUSTER's work over the two years.

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