

## Open Call for Papers Special Issue in International Migration

### Integration by Detours: Dual Agencies of Ukrainian Forced Migrants and Integrated Civic–Economic Ecosystems across Europe

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#### **Theme and Rationale**

This special issue explores how Ukrainian forced migrants navigate integration through **dual agency**—combining entrepreneurial and civic engagement strategies—and how these practices co-create **civic–economic ecosystems** across Europe. Moving beyond linear models of integration, this special issue invites contributions that examine the interplay between economic and civic participation, the systemic contexts shaping these processes, and the translocal linkages that sustain them.

#### **Key Questions and Topics**

We welcome theoretical, empirical, and case or comparative studies addressing (but not limited to):

- **Systemic contexts:** How do national and local institutions enable or constrain refugee entrepreneurship and civic engagement?
- **Dual agency:** How do migrants combine business and civic roles to navigate integration and resilience?
- **Ecosystem dynamics:** How do civic and economic actors co-create new spaces for inclusion and innovation?
- **Gendered and intersectional perspectives:** How do gender and intersectional factors shape migrant entrepreneurship and civic participation?
- **Transnational and translocal strategies:** How do migrants sustain ties with their home country while integrating into host societies?
- **Policy and governance approaches:** How can policy and governance frameworks promote inclusive integration models in the EU?

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- **Abstracts (max 150 words): Due by 1 October 2025**
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 6 October 2025
- Full Papers (up to 8,000 words): Due by 31 January 2026
- All submissions must be original, unpublished work and adhere to *International Migration's* author guidelines.

Abstracts should clearly state the research question, outline the methodological approach and data sources, and provide an overview of the main hypotheses or preliminary findings.

#### **Important Dates**

The selected authors commit to the following timeline for submissions (early submissions before the indicated deadlines are welcome):

- 16-17 October 2025: Authors of selected abstracts invited to present their abstracts at the online meeting of all contributors.
- February–April 2026: Internal review and revisions of paper drafts.
- May–July 2026: Submission to *International Migration* for peer review.
- Expected Publication: September 2027.

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#### **How to Submit**

Please send your abstract and a short bio (max 150 words) to:  [inna.melnykovska@eui.eu](mailto:inna.melnykovska@eui.eu)  
include **Subject: International Migration SI – Abstract Submission**