

# **Migration and Families in Europe: National and Local Perspectives at a Time of Euroscepticism**

**7-8 February 2017**

**Day 1 - Methods**



Families of migrant origin:  
comparisons across time and place



- Helga de Valk
- Manchester 7 February 2017

- Life course approach in family studies



- ERC starting grant project FaMiLife: Families of Migrant origin a life course perspective



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1. transitions to adulthood
  2. characteristics of intergenerational relations
  3. origin and destination
- Focus on European and non-European origins

- Three example studies on:

1. Changes over time
2. Dynamics between different life transitions
3. Interplay between origin and destination and role of social networks

- Using: different survey data and population register data

- Relationship Trajectories, Living Arrangements and International Migration among Ghanaians

- Joint work with Kim Caarls

- Forthcoming in Population Space and Place

# introduction

- Couples & migration
  - Joint couple migration
  - Successive couple migration
  - Either time before/time after migration
- Transnational families
  - Managing transnational family life
  - Emphasize problematic nature
- Temporariness of transnational family life
  - Migrants want to reunify
  - Migrants want to reunify at destination

# Research objectives

- How are transnational relationships formed and how do they evolve?
  - To what extent are these trajectories similar or different from non-migrants and to what extent are they comparable to trajectories common in the country of origin?
  - If so can we explain these differences by migration, individual and couple characteristics?
- Inclusion of union formation, transformation and dissolution and covering also living arrangements



# The Ghanaian case

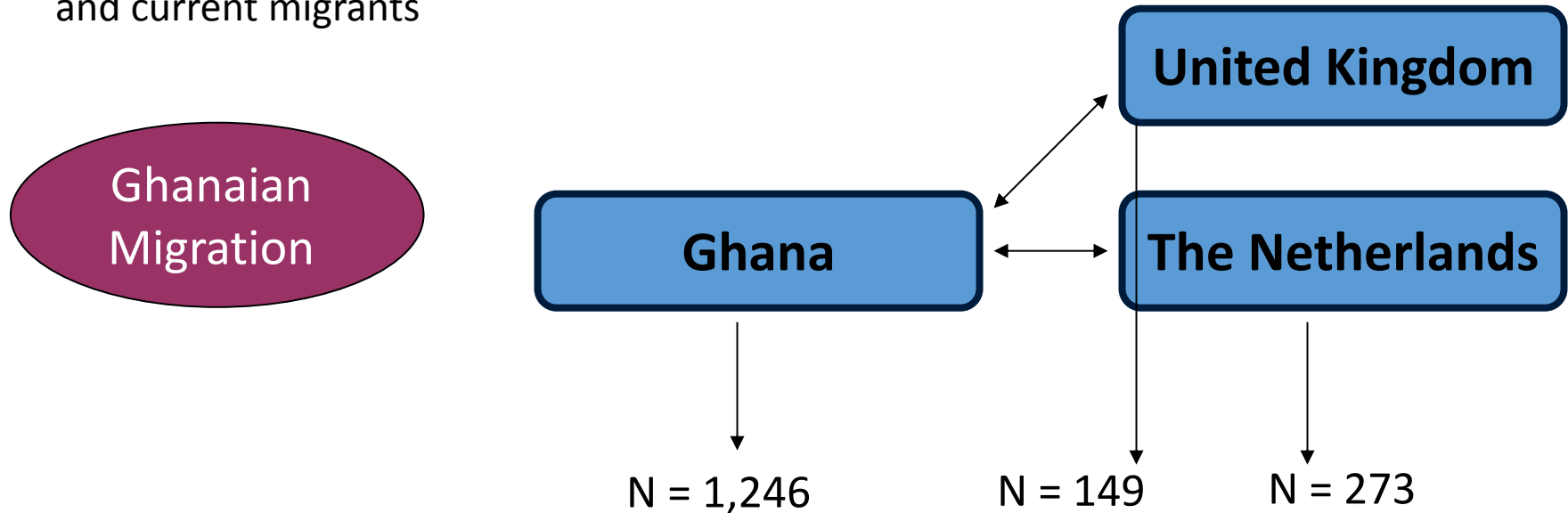
- Migration from Ghana
  - Large migration flows
  - Feminization of migration
- Conjugal life in Ghana
  - Multilocal residence
  - Lineage ties over conjugal bonds

# Mafe-project & ghana data

Retrospective longitudinal data

Transnational, multi-country samples

Identical questions to non-migrants, returnees  
and current migrants



Total  $N = 1,665$

# Analytical sample

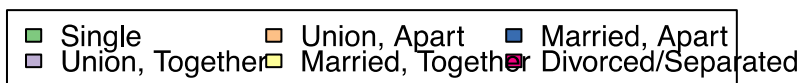
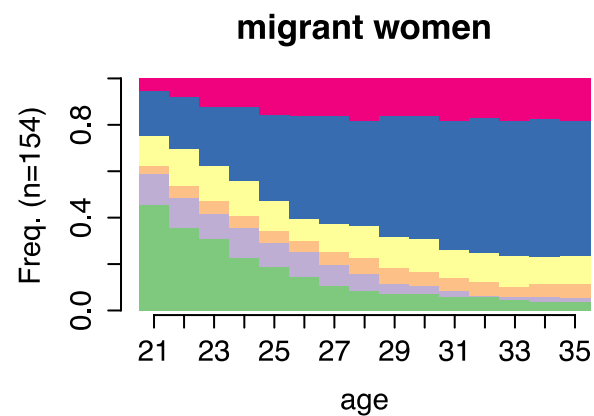
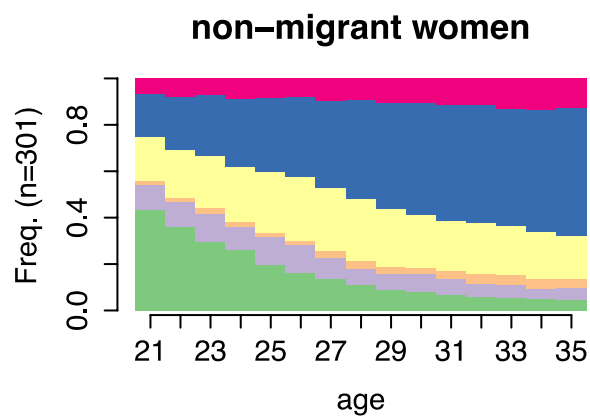
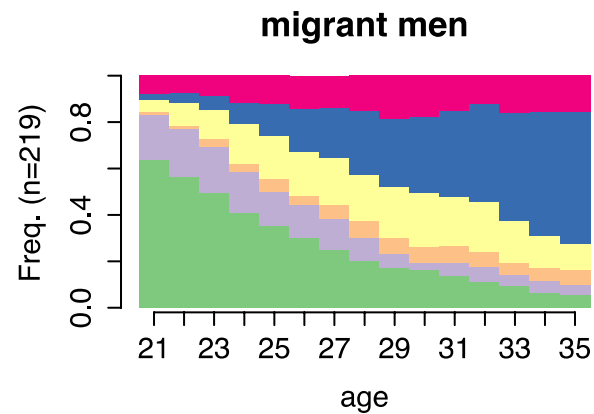
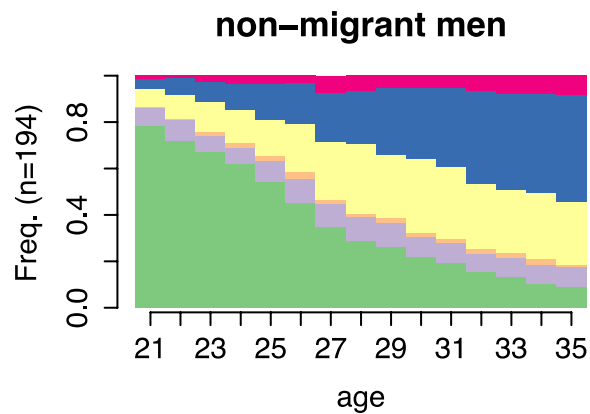
- Restricting the sample to Ghanaians:
  - Between 21 and 35 of age
  - Observation period 15 years
  - Exclude polygamous unions and widowed
- **Study Sample: 886 Ghanaians**

# method

- Sequence analysis
- 1) Single (S),
- 2) in union living together (UT),
- 3) in union living apart (UA),
- 4) being married living together (MT),
- 5) being married living apart (MA),
- 6) divorced / separated (D)
- Migration of couple at least one year abroad between 21 and 35
  - Optimal Matching
  - Multinomial logit on the identified clusters

# Living apart, where and who

|  | Full sample |       | Non-migrants |       | Migrants |       |
|--|-------------|-------|--------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Respondents' living arrangements:        | <i>n</i>    | %     | <i>n</i>     | %     | <i>n</i> | %     |
| ...always single                         | 53          | 6.1   | 34           | 6.9   | 19       | 5.1   |
| ...never LAT                             | 273         | 31.4  | 153          | 30.9  | 120      | 32.2  |
| ...LAT in Ghana only                     | 328         | 37.8  | 308          | 62.2  | 20       | 5.4   |
| ...LAT only because of migration         | 138         | 15.9  | 0            | 0.0   | 138      | 37.0  |
| ...LAT in Ghana and because of migration | 76          | 8.8   | 0            | 0.0   | 76       | 20.4  |
| Total                                    | 868         | 100.0 | 495          | 100.0 | 373      | 100.0 |

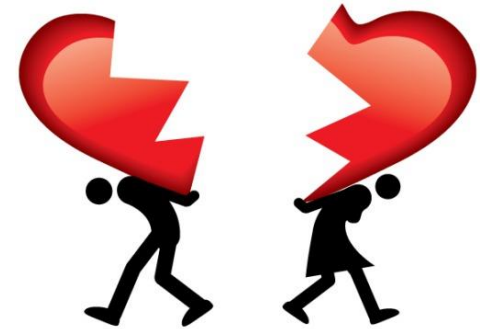



# conclusions

- Relationship trajectories are very diverse
- Non-residential marriages are common
- Migrants and particularly women are more likely to be in the cluster of non residential marriages
- Migrants more likely in mixed cluster dominated by divorces and unmarried unions
- Marriage postponed for migrants suggestion disruption of family events due to migration

- Union dissolution and residential mobility:  
Dutch and non-Western immigrant women  
in the Netherlands
- Joint work with Ilse Rooyackers and Marjolijn Das





- Negative consequences of union dissolution :  
Immigrants may be (doubly) disadvantaged
- Expected differences
  - Union dissolution patterns vary across countries
  - Disruptive effects of migration
- Interdependence of demographic events
  - Union dissolution       Moving out the joint house

# Research questions

1. How do union dissolution rates vary across migrant origin groups?
  - a. To what extent do socio-demographic characteristics explain the variation?
  - b. How do dissolution rates change over immigrants generations?



# Non-Western immigrants in the NL

*4 main migrant groups (62%)*

Turks, Moroccans, Surinamese and Antilleans

*Union patterns*

Netherlands

- Relative high rates of non-marital unions & divorce (since 1965)

Turkey & Morocco

- Marriage is widespread; non-marital unions & divorce are rare

Suriname & Antilles

- High rates of non-marital unions & dissolution; female household heads

# Data & method

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**Residential mobility:** change of address 2008-2009 (yes/no)

# Data & method

## *Independent variables*

|                         |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Family features</b>  | Married (yes/no)                   |
|                         | Number of children in household    |
|                         | Household income                   |
| <b>Housing features</b> | Homeowner/tenant                   |
|                         | In 4 largest municipalities yes/no |
| <b>Individual</b>       | Age                                |
| <b>Migrant</b>          | First/second generation            |
|                         | Dutch partner (yes/no)             |

*Union dissolution of (non)married cohabiting women in the Netherlands,  
by origin group (n=717,539)*

|                      |       |  | Dutch<br>(n=602,899) | Turks<br>(n=43,836) | Moroccans<br>(n=35,980) | Surinamese<br>(n=27,766) | Antilleans<br>(n=7,058) |
|----------------------|-------|--|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Variable             | Range |  | Mean                 | Mean                | Mean                    | Mean                     | Mean                    |
|                      |       |  |                      |                     |                         |                          |                         |
| Separated<br>(1=yes) | 0-1   |  | 3.3%                 | 2.5%                | 2.8%                    | 6.5%                     | 8.2%                    |

## Results LR: union dissolution

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# Discussion

## *Union dissolution*

Socio-demographic compositions matter

Variation across origin groups

- Turks/Moroccans
  - Migration marriages
  - Adaptation to Dutch context?
- Surinamese/Antilleans: continued family patterns?

Differences between

- Recent and more settled immigrants
- Combinations origin/destination country

# Take home messages

- What?
  1. More insight in changes over the life course:  
dynamic studies
- How?
  - More life course data collection and linkage between survey and register data

# Take home messages

- What?
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2. Better assessment of changes over generations and cohorts
- 
- How?
  - Collect data that cover different migrant generations and cohorts in addition to non-migrants

# Take home messages

- What?
- 
3. Assess protective and risk factors by comparing different origins and destinations
- 
- How?
- 
- Study migrants in a comparative perspective using cross national data: need of comparable datasets!

- [Art animations](#)

<http://www.familifeproject.com/animations>



# thank you

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# Challenges in researching the health of ethnic minority children: a focus on neighbourhood effects

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- Challenges based on a cross-national comparison of ethnic density effects on behavioural and cognitive problems among ethnic minority children in England and the US
- Focus on neighbourhood effects (residential concentration of ethnic minorities in neighbourhoods where children live)
- Comparison using England and US, but challenges applicable to other national settings

# Motivation for Study

- Ethnic density effects on mental health found for adults, but is this phenomenon applicable to children?
- For adults, mechanisms related to reduced exposure to racial discrimination and increased social cohesion.
  - Do these mechanisms apply to children?
  - Are ethnic density effects for children are mediated by mother-centred mechanisms?
- For adults, ethnic density is most beneficial for the most disadvantages and racialised groups.
  - Is this the same for children? Across different national settings?

# Comparing England and the US

- Both share similar characteristics of their ethnic minority population:
  - Documented stark inequalities in the health and socioeconomic characteristics of most ethnic groups compared to white population
- But... ethnic groups not the same, and residential concentration varies greatly across countries (US has levels of residential segregation not seen in England).

# Overview of Methods

- US Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Birth Cohort (ECLS-B) and the UK Millennium Cohort Study (MCS). Geocoded to respective census data.
- Analyses estimate the association between own ethnic density and behavioural and cognitive development at 5 years of age
- Ethnic groups in England: Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Black Caribbean, Black African
- Ethnic groups in the US: African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American

# Methodological Challenges

- Challenge 1: Finding and accessing suitable data
  - Same cohort, same period, same age group
  - Both MCS and ECLS-B available under end user license
  - But additional security clearance needed to get geocoded data (ECLS-B particularly difficult to access)
- Solution
  - Thorough search of published and unpublished datasets
  - Collaborate with international colleagues. Michael Kramer and Jennifer Richards at Emory University
  - Plan ahead, not only for access, but also for release of outputs

# Methodological Challenges

- Challenge 2: Comparability of ethnic groups
  - Different ethnic groups across US/English national settings
    - Different histories of migration, forced migration, colonisation
- Solution
  - Contrasting within-country comparisons (are ethnic density effects existent in the US and in England? If so, how do they differ?)
  - Possible to compare same ethnic groups in these two countries (but not with these datasets)



# Methodological Challenges

- Challenge 3: Comparability of neighbourhoods
  - Area boundary not exactly the same. Medium Super Output Area (MSOA) for England and Zip Code Tabulation Areas (ZTCA) for US.
    - MSOA – made for the collection and publication of small area statistics. Designed to provide good basis for national comparison: minimum population of 5,000, with a mean of 7,200.
    - ZTCA – an aggregation of US census blocks that have the same zip code (postcode) – administrative boundaries: median population of 2,800 (Interquartile range: 734 - 12,945).

# Methodological Challenges

- Solution
  - Most analogous boundaries we could find, but still not exactly comparable
    - Unlikely to impact on results since analyses focused on within-country comparisons – so all ethnic groups in one country have same neighbourhood definition
    - BUT may be a real challenge if conducting between-county comparisons of same ethnic groups

# Methodological Challenges

- Challenge 4: Comparability of outcomes
  - Same constructs but different measures
    - Behaviour: SDQ in England; twenty-four individual items measuring behavioural and socioemotional outcomes in US
    - Cognitive: British Ability Scales in England; ECLS-B designed assessment using items from standardised instruments and assessment batteries.
- Solution
  - Careful description and comparison based on constructs.
  - Not a big problem with within-country analyses.

# Methodological Challenges

- Challenge 4b: Comparability of covariates
  - Area-level deprivation is a key variable to adjust for when looking at ethnic density effects
    - IMD in England – a detailed and comprehensive variable measuring several domains of deprivation.
    - Census variables in the US
- Solution
  - Develop similar measures of area-level deprivation. US measure is not as complex as IMD, but as close as it gets.

# Methodological Challenges

- Challenge 5: Interpretation of findings
  - 2 countries, 9 different ethnic groups, 2 different outcomes... lots of findings to discuss.
  - Within-country and cross-national comparison
- Solution
  - Clear a priori hypothesis
  - Focused description of results and implications
    - Peer reviewers helpful in keeping us focused

# Summary of Findings

- In the US, an increase in own ethnic density was associated with improved behavioural outcomes among Native American children.
- In England, increased own ethnic density was associated with worsened behavioural outcomes among black Caribbean children and with improved behavioural outcomes for Bangladeshi children.
- Increased own ethnic density was associated with reduced cognitive scores for most ethnic groups in England, especially for Bangladeshi children.
- In the US, increased own ethnic density tended to result in higher cognitive scores, although results not statistically significant.

# Conclusion - Challenges

- Cross-national comparison studies provide excellent opportunities for research
- Need clear and explicit study aims
- If merged analysis or comparing same ethnic or migrant groups across countries, process is more challenging (need same ethnic groups, same neighbourhood boundaries, same outcomes....)
- Even if conducting within-country comparisons, area boundaries should be as analogous as possible to ensure attribution to differential mechanisms/context/populations, not to different area sizes

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# Family formation among descendants of immigrants in Europe

## The methodological challenges of a six country comparison

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## Work Package 8:

New Europeans - Social Inclusion of  
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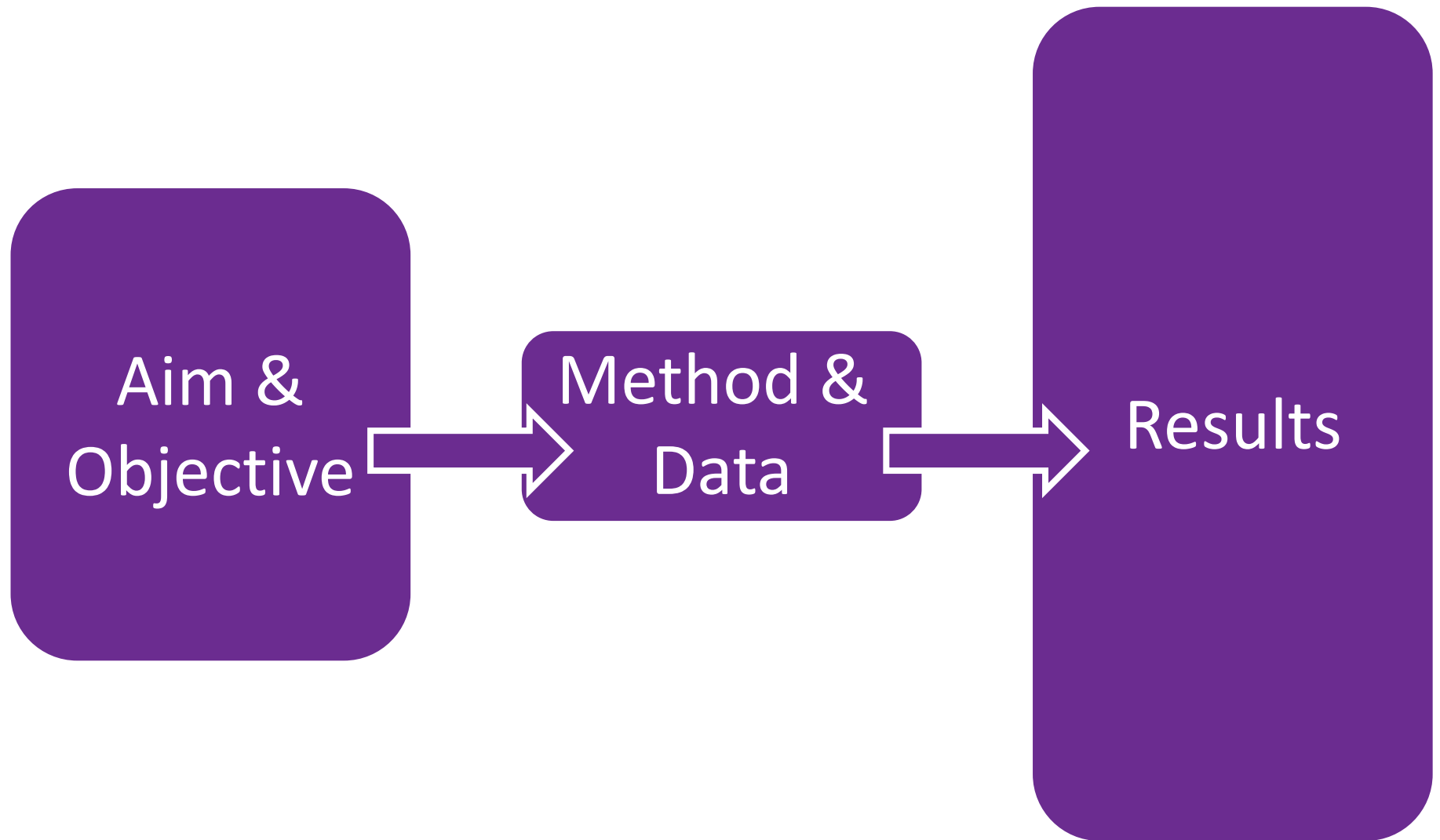
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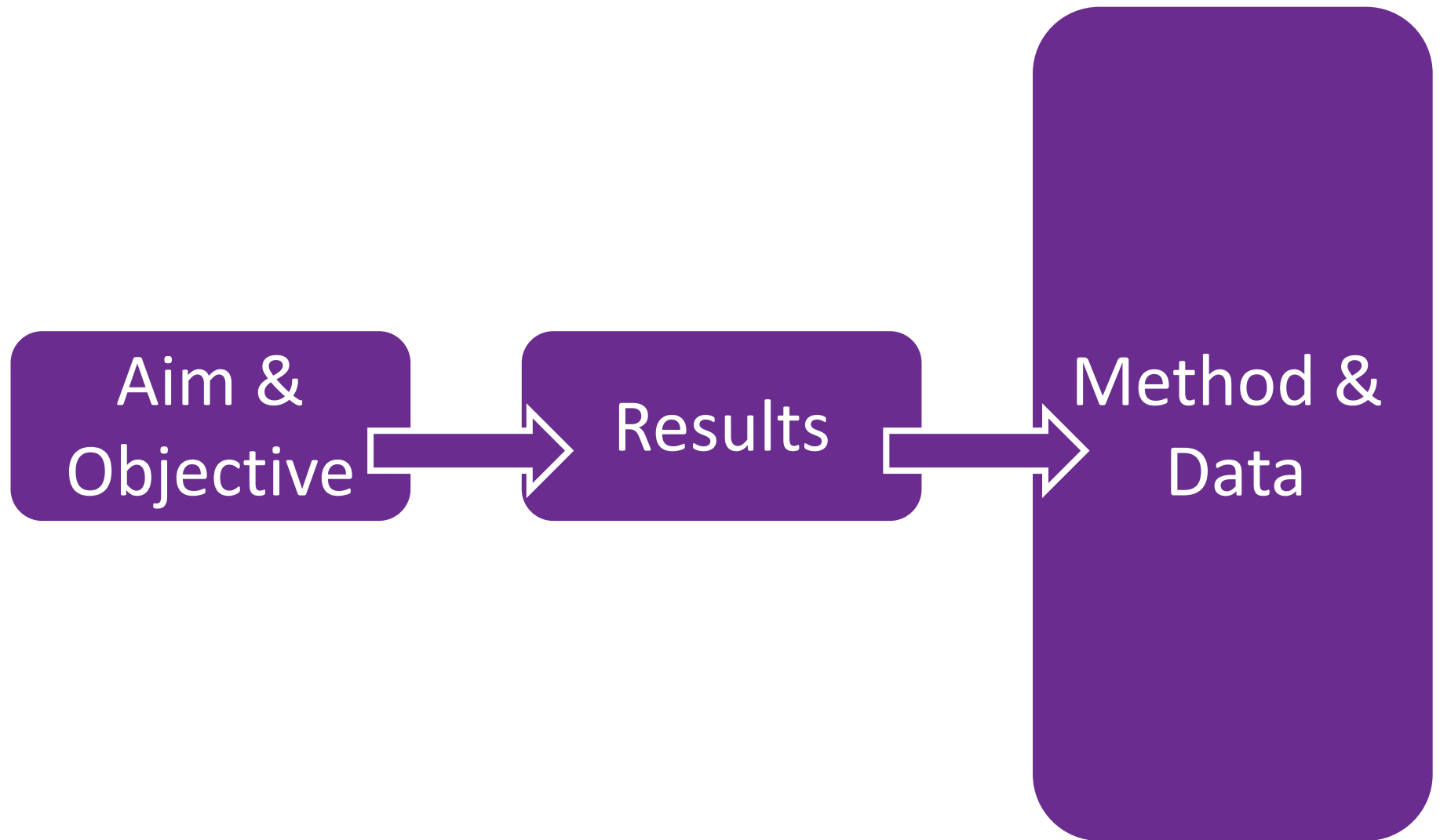
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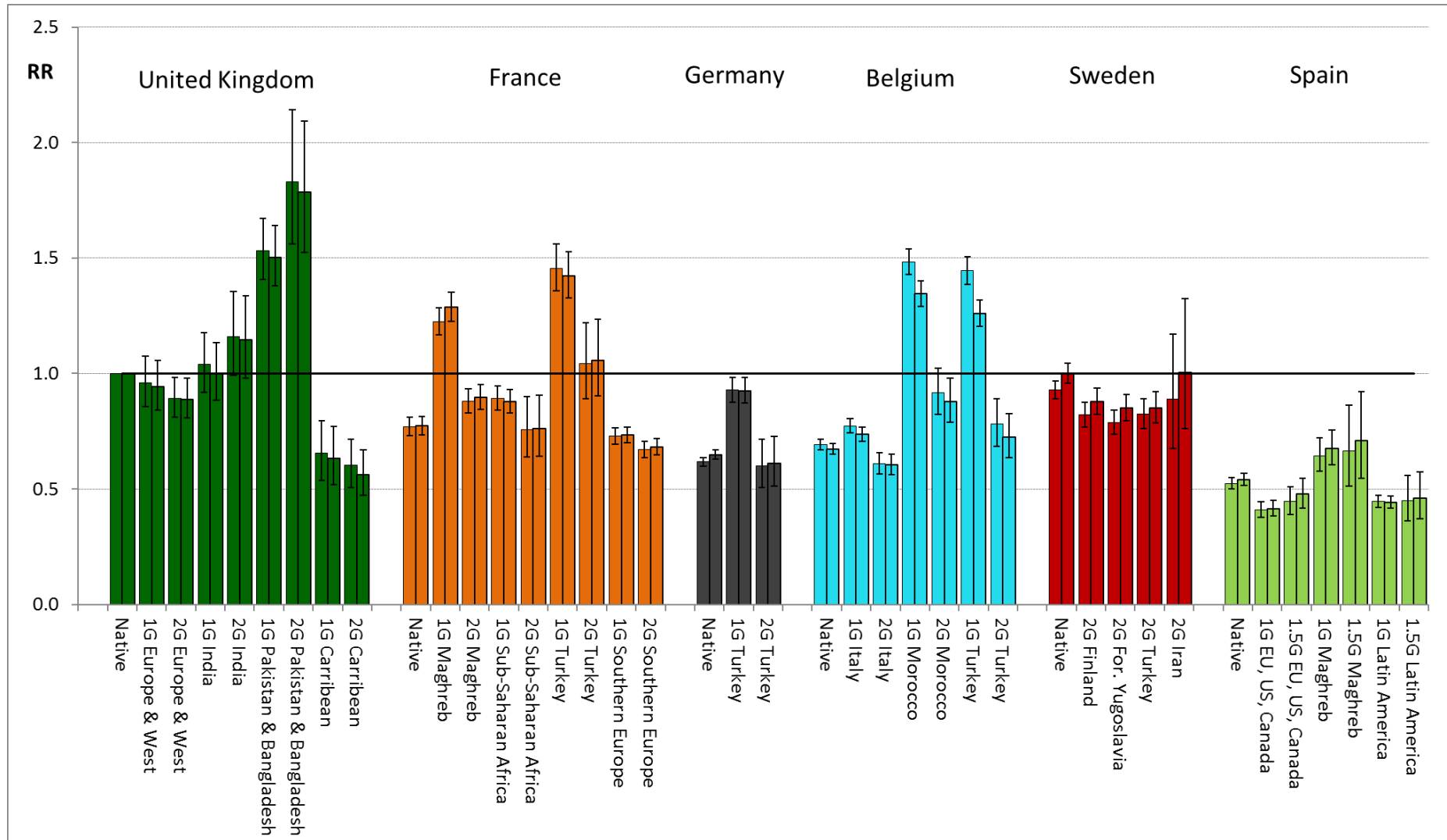
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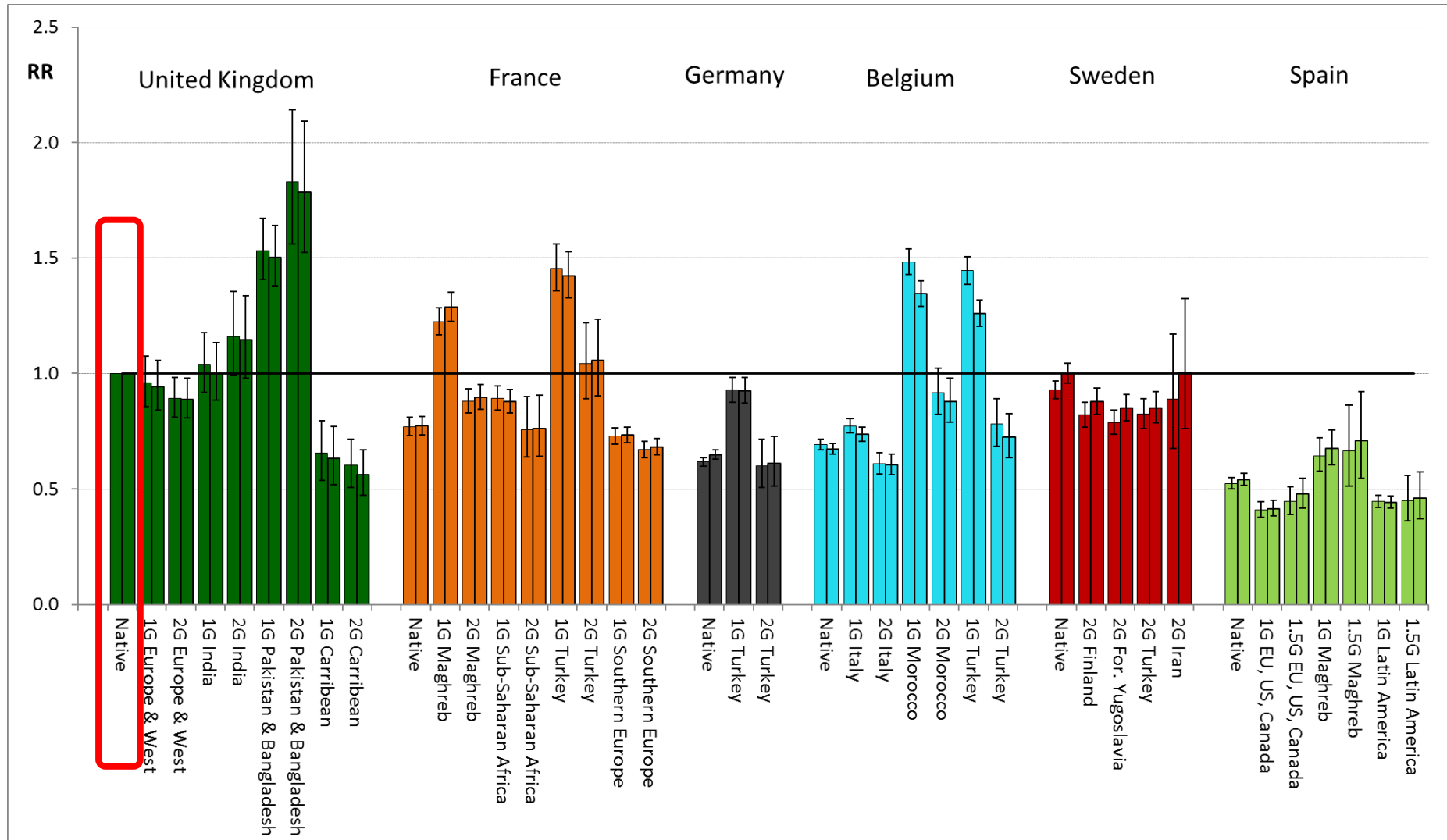
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# Results - Example

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**Easy, right?**



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# Methods and Data - Four Problems

- Data sources
- Definitions, measures, design
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- Migrant/ethnic group
- Age group
- Birth cohort
- Education level

# Methods and Data - Problem #2

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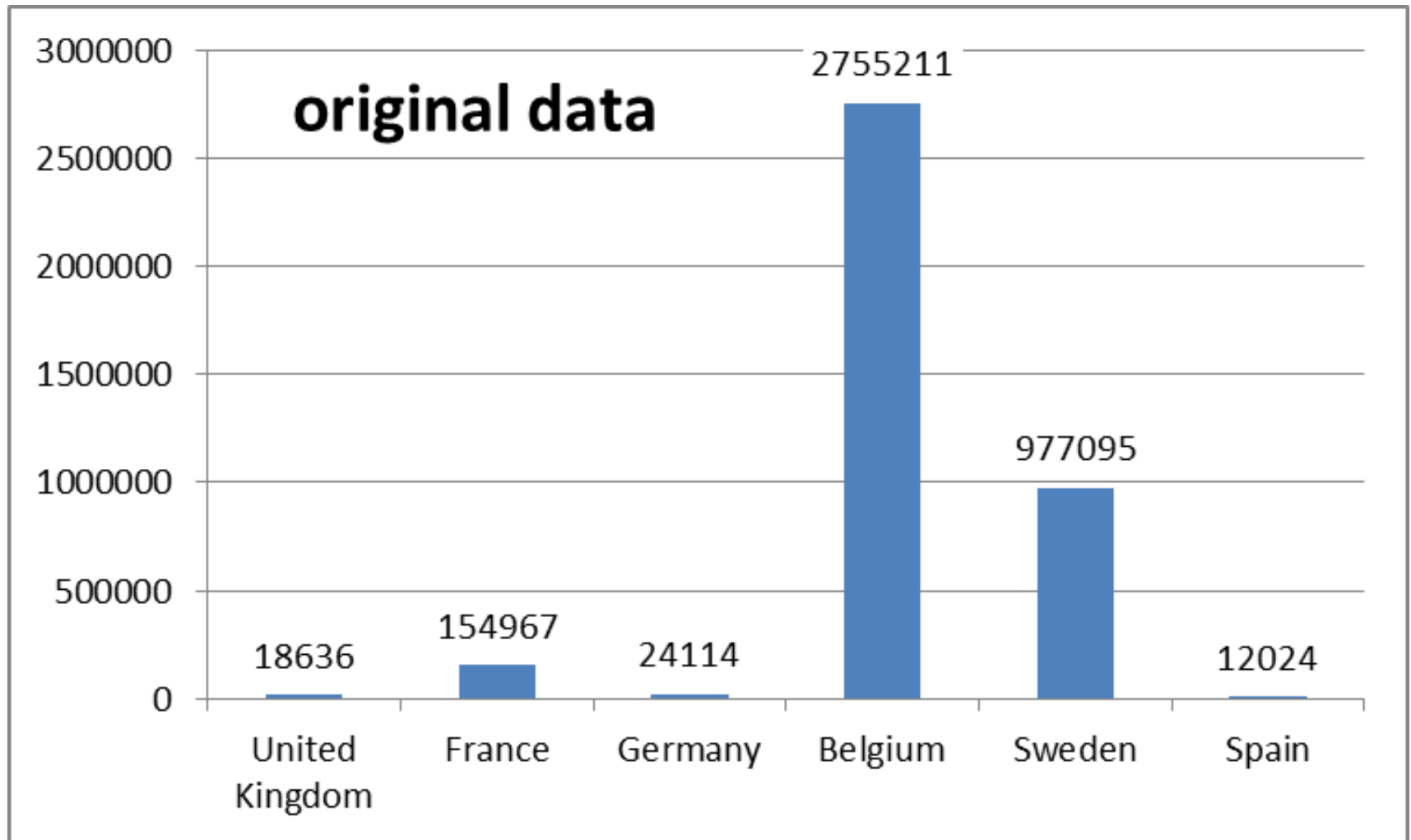
- Definitions, measures, design
  - Unified definitions across data sources
    - Under risk at age 15 / time since previous birth
    - Censored at age 45 or interview date
    - Baseline: age group / time since previous child
    - Specific definition for migrant groups
    - Categories for birth cohort and education

# Methods and Data - Problem #3

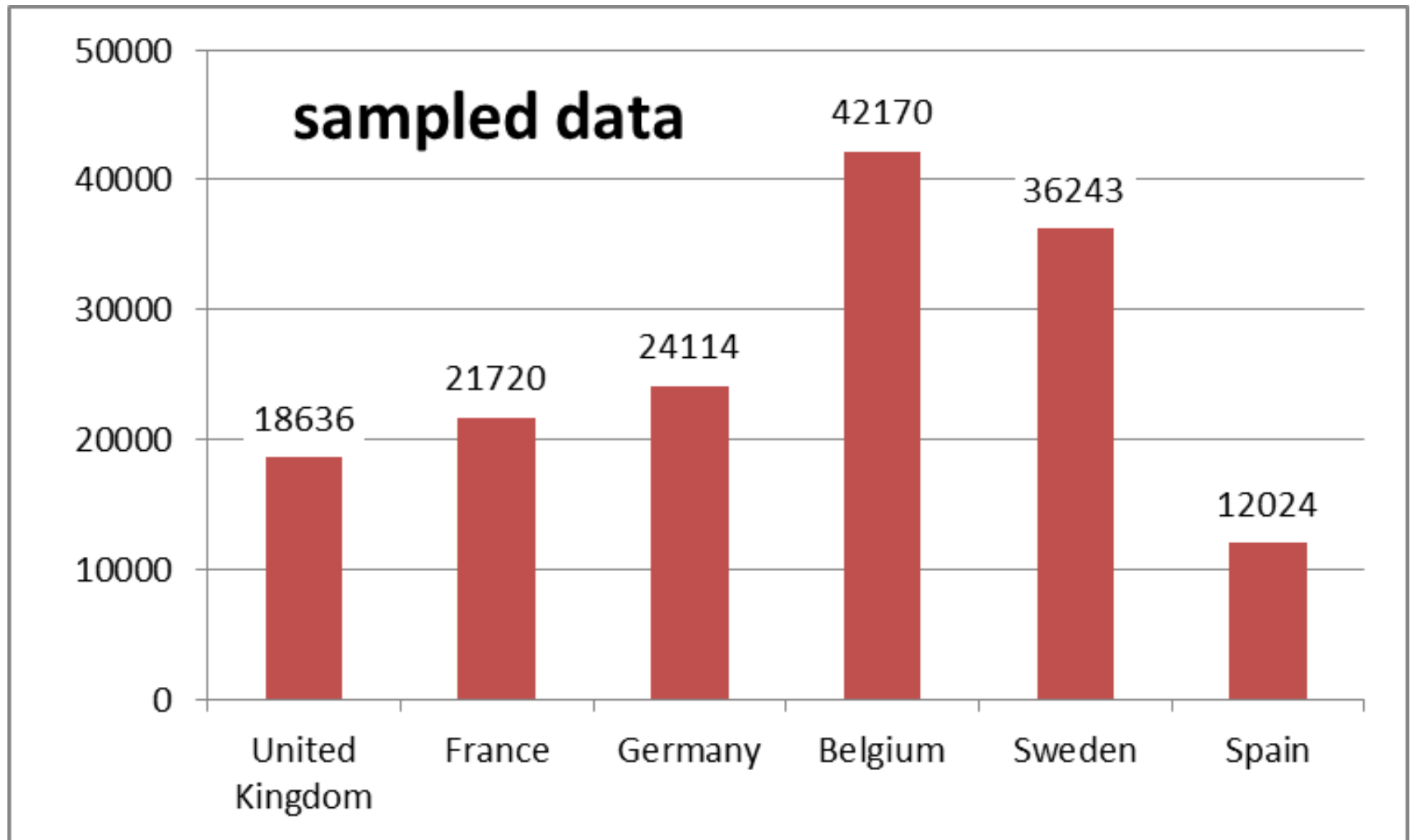
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# Methods and Data - Solution



# Methods and Data - Solutions



# Methods and Data - Problem #4

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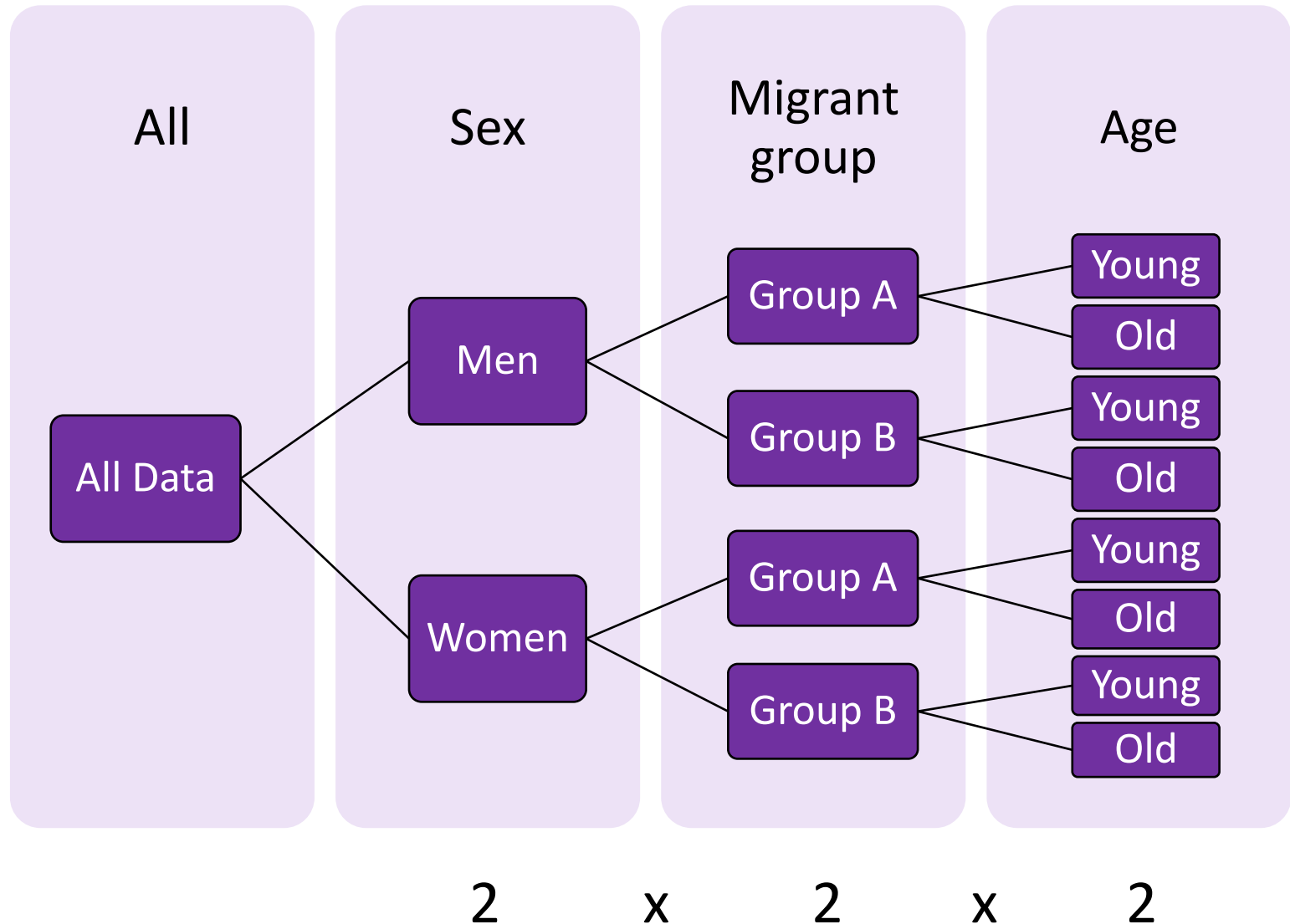
➤ **Count-data approach** (Hoem 1987, Hoem et al. 1976)

- **Aggregate data with cumulated person-months and events (*Occurrences and exposure table*)**

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Six countries: = **3105**

# Count-Data Approach - aggregated data

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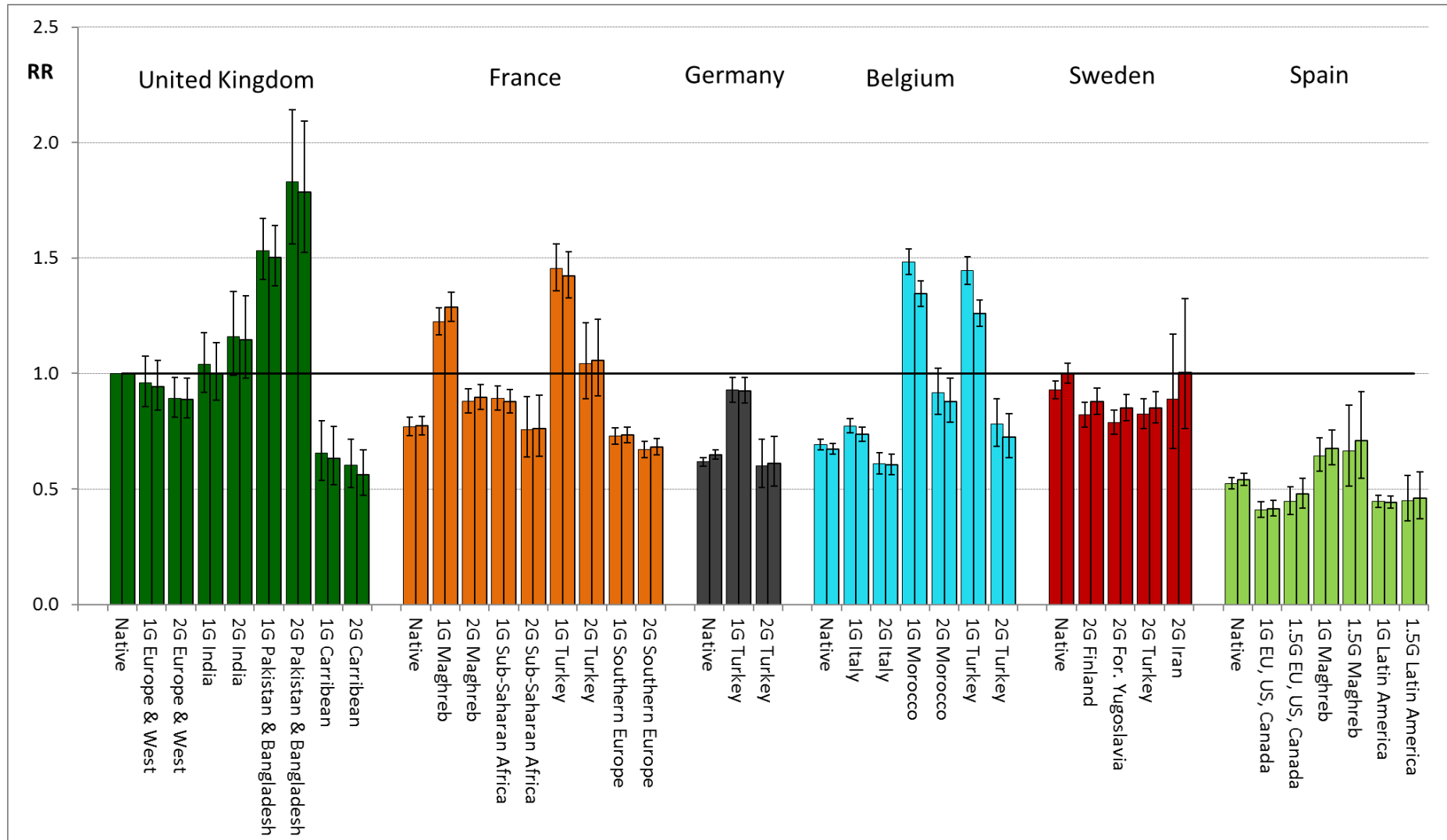
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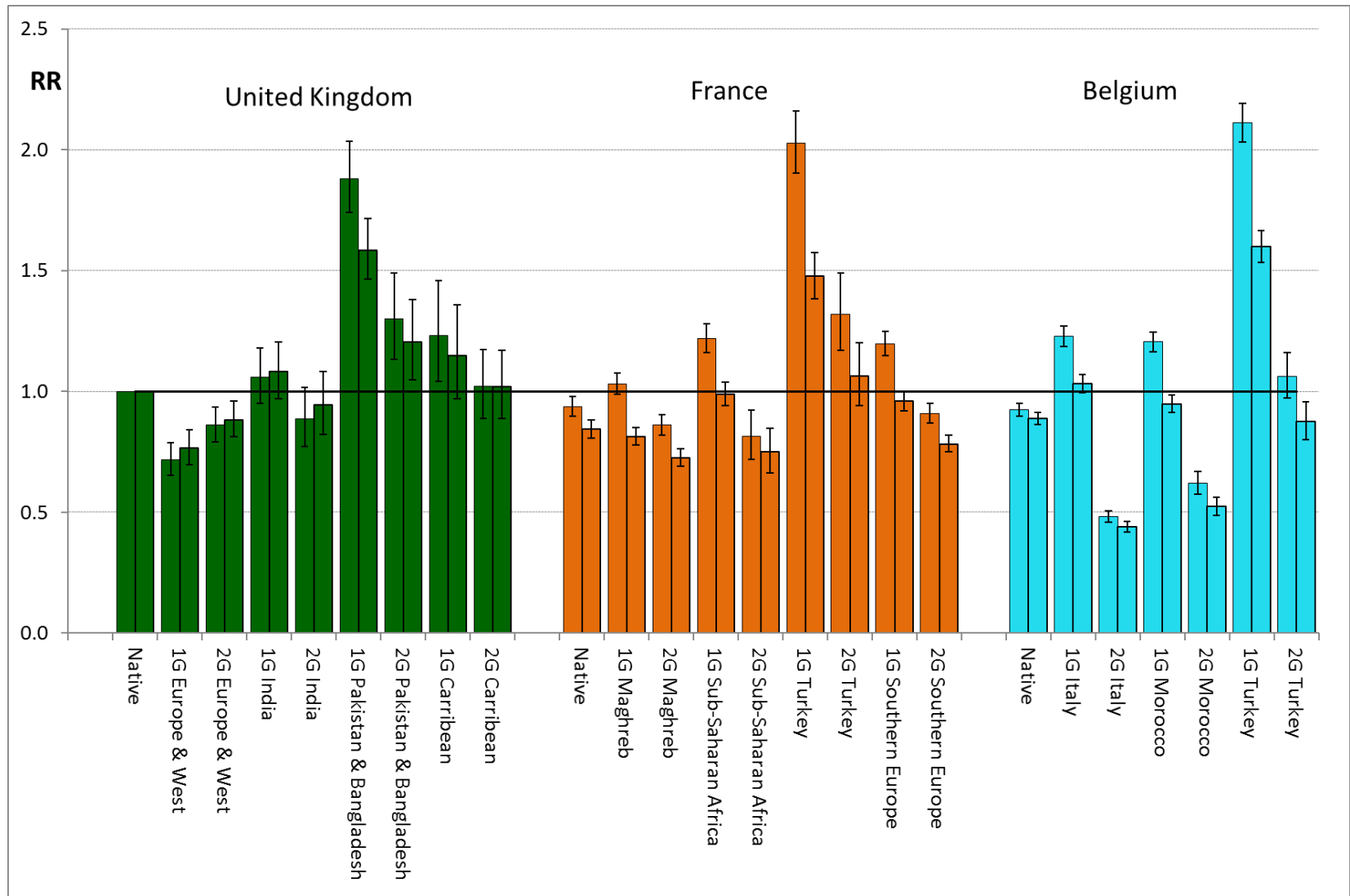
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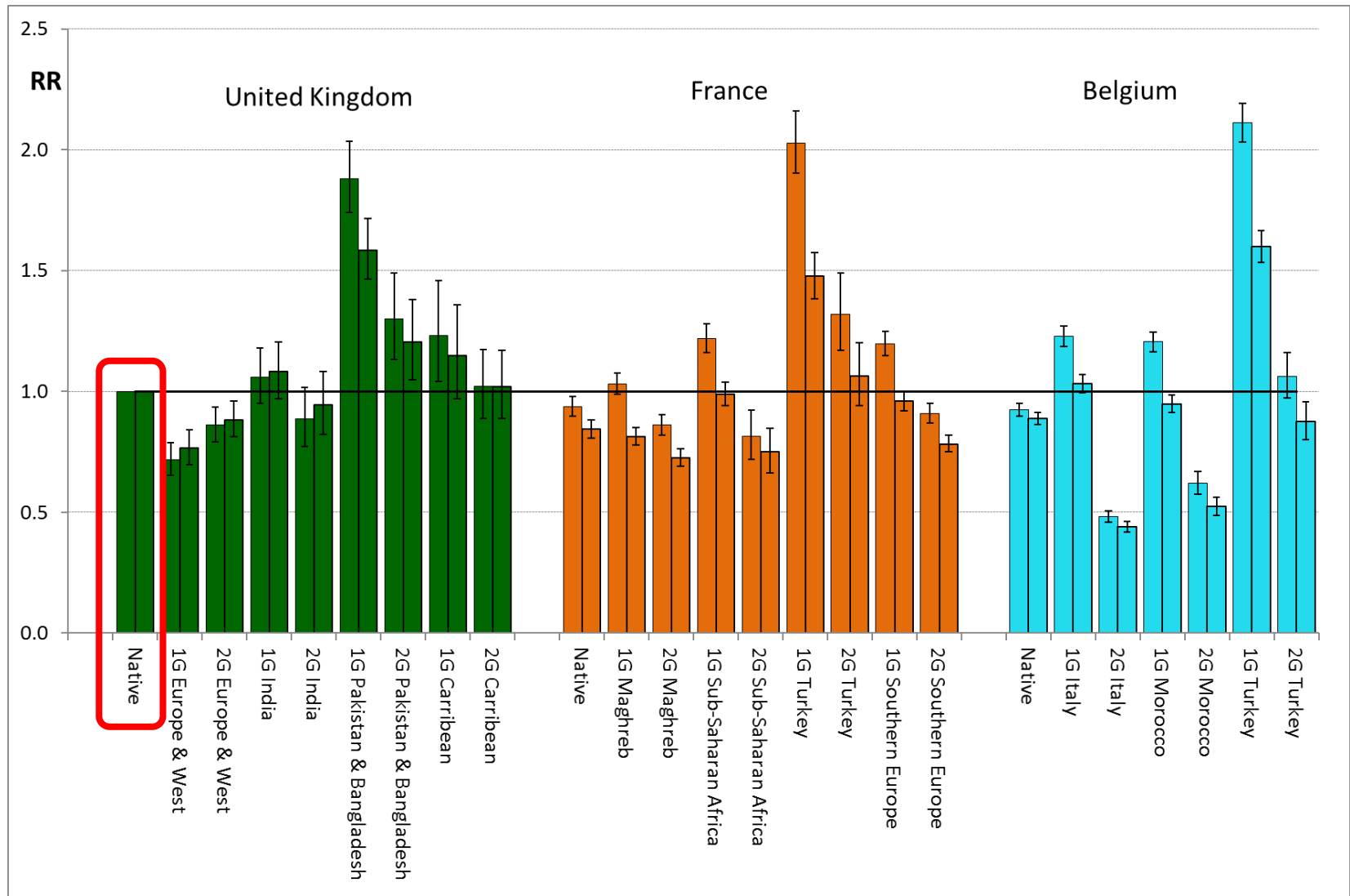
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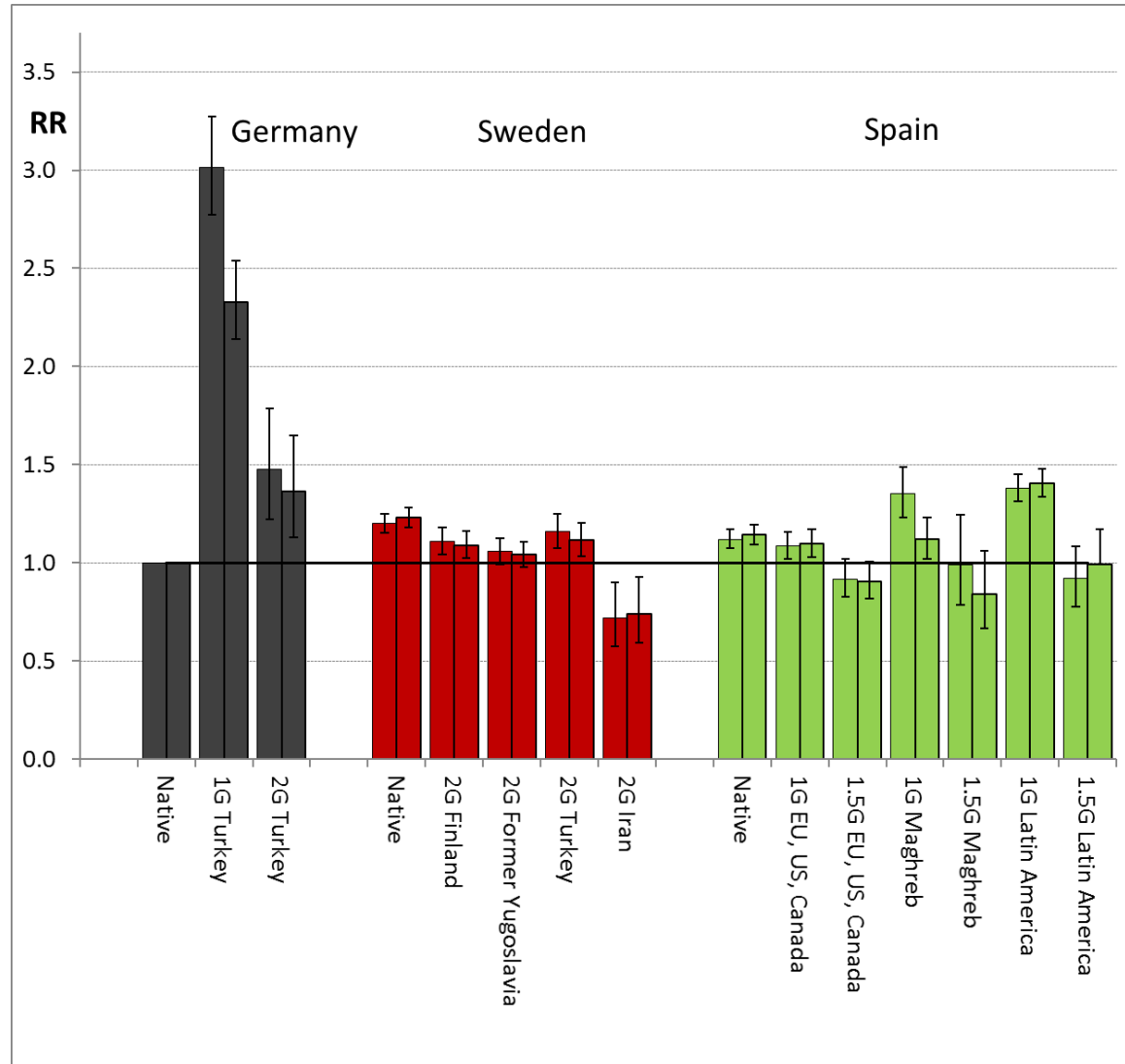
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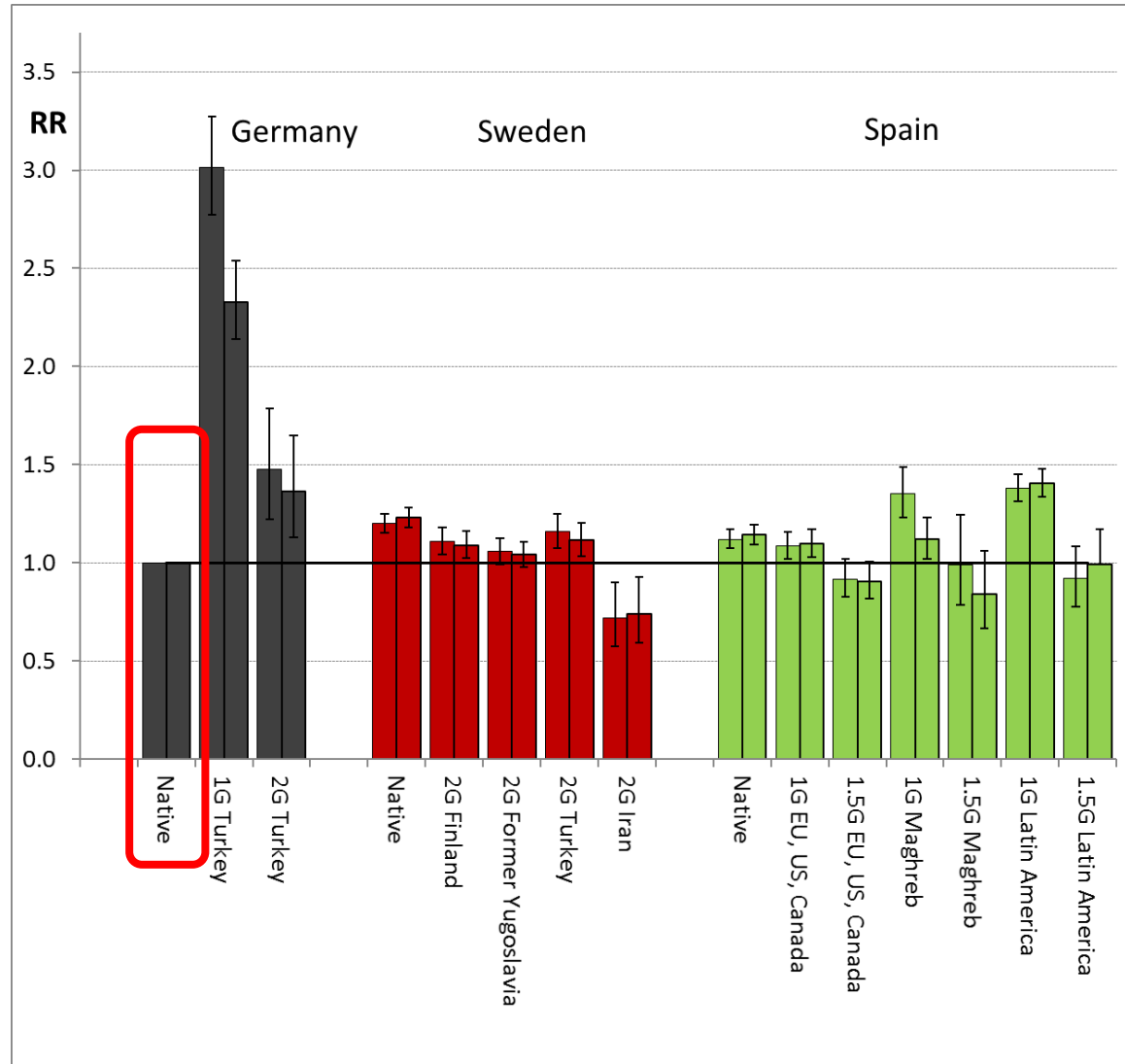
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| UK      | ✓                               | -                   | ✓                               |
| FR      | ✓                               | -                   | ✓                               |
| BE      | ✓                               | -                   | ✓                               |
| DE      | ✓                               | -                   | ✓                               |
| SE      | -                               | -                   | ✓                               |
| EP      | ✓                               | ✓                   | -                               |

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| BE      | ✓                               | -                   | ✓                               | 1-3            |
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# Family formation among descendants of immigrants in Europe

## The methodological challenges of a six country comparison

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**DAMNED IF YOU DO, DAMNED IF  
YOU DON'T: THE CHALLENGES OF  
INCLUDING AND COMPARING THE  
CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS IN  
EUROPEAN SURVEY DATA**

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# CHALLENGE 1: DEFINITIONS

Children of immigrants: who are we talking about?

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First generation: individuals who migrated<sup>4</sup> to the host country as adults (18+);

1.25 generation: individuals who migrated to the host country as teenagers (13-17);

1.5 generation: individuals who migrated to the host country as older children (6-12);

1.75 generation: individuals who migrated as young children (0-5);

Second generation: individuals who were born in the host country but have two migrant parents;

2.5 generation: individuals who were born in the host country but have one migrant parents;

Third generation: individuals born in the host country of host-country born parents, with one or more immigrant grandparents; and

Fourth generation: individuals with parents and grandparents born in the host country.

# CHALLENGE 2: FINDING THE DATA

## Children of immigrants can be identified in...

- General surveys allowing their identification
  - Flexibility in defining target population
  - Ease of comparison with 'benchmark'
  - Need specific questions; numbers often small; data constraints; relevance
  - EU-LFS, EU-SILC, EVS, ESS, PISA, etc.
- Specific surveys
  - Relevance (and wealth) of indicators
  - Target population pre-defined
    - Inclusive and exclusive criteria for inclusion of target group
  - Availability of benchmark
  - CILS4EU, EDUMIGROM, EFFNATIS, GEITONIES, LOCAL MULTIDEM, SCIICS, TIES
    - At time of writing the paper!
- National surveys

# CHALLENGE 3: LEVEL OF ANALYSIS

## Geographies and groups

- Choices have implications: specificity vs. generalisability

## Green's models of comparison (1994)

- Linear (origin -> destination)
- Convergent (many groups in same place)
- Divergent (one group in many places)

## Where does the comparison occur?

- National vs. local

# CHALLENGE 4: BENCHMARKING

Who do we compare the children of immigrants to?

- Non-immigrant population?
- Intergenerational comparisons?
  - Immigrants
  - Parents
- Between/within groups?

# CHALLENGE 5: THE CHOICES WE MAKE...

Choices we make on the issues above have an impact on our research

- And our conclusions!

**Important to think and discuss sources of bias**

- Theoretical frameworks
- National constraints
- Context
- Benchmarks
- Selectivity
- Time



# CONCLUSION

**Challenges are both theoretical and methodological**

- They are important to consider

**Great to have surveys focussing on children of immigrants**

- But may still require more nuance and complexity

**Scope to:**

- Look into transnationalism
- Focus on the processes rather than the outcomes

**THANKS FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION!**

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# PASAR - Participatory Arts and Social Action in Research

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## Aims and Objectives

- 1) To advance methodological understanding of participatory action research (PAR), specifically by integrating walking methods and participatory theatre methods
- 2) To assess opportunities and limits in engaging and collaborating with migrant communities and policy makers and practitioners in the co-production of knowledge

## Aims and Objectives ctd:

- 3) capacity in PAR methods of walking stories and participatory theatre and the production of digital learning resources
- 4) generate methodological insights into the embodied, affective and performative dimensions of research participants' lives

# **Participatory theatre methods for creating and reflecting on convivial modes of sociality**

- Conviviality “the processes of cohabitation and interaction that have made multicultural an ordinary feature of social life in Britain’s urban areas and in postcolonial cities elsewhere” Paul Gilroy
- Conviviality important to challenge racist exclusions against backdrop of ‘climate of hostility’ for migrants and Prevent strategy to surveill parents and young people



## Conviviality helps explore different intersections of

- age,
- gender,
- generation,
- class,
- education
- language
- Etc.

## Strand I

- Group of 16 migrant mothers of primary aged children, North London
- Group of 14 girls in year 8, North London secondary school
- - 11 weeks working separately with each groups
- - brought together for an intergenerational workshops showing each group's scenes to each other





- ‘And coming to the workshop every day is just like oh, we’re going to do something new (...). It’s moving around, you know, like meeting people, like you know, like actually speaking to them. Not... like in class’

- ‘They showed us what we saw in our eyes about parents (...), they showed us what we don’t really see, they showed us what we, like, miss out- We only see the things that we don’t like, like if your parent says, “oh, don’t do something”, you would only see that and not the other times when they tell us ‘go ahead’ with that.” (girls’ group)
- ‘Oh they were a little awkward before they went but once they were there they were very happy. They felt very proud that they could act in front of those girls and that they were appreciated also made them happy.’ (mothers’ group)

‘it was funny, because I can imagine my mum doing stuff like that. And normally I wouldn’t imagine stuff like that, but seeing parents from different countries, it makes me feel like parents can have fun (...) They explained why they tell us off and why sometimes they don’t let us go to parties or parks, and that it’s not always just because we want to make you sad. It’s for bigger reasons. So I enjoyed that.’  
(girls’ group)

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‘Yes, The girls can like pick up and learn, how mothers really feel, to be honest. (...) you know, I’m sure they’ve got a different point of view about mums now as well.’ (mothers’ group)

## Conclusion

- Participatory theatre can
  - deepen processes of convivial, dialogic knowledge creation
  - Strengthen convivial social relations

# REFLECTIONS ON RESEARCHING THE SETTLEMENT OF EU ACCESSION MIGRANT FAMILIES IN THE UK

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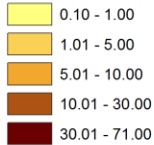
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# EARLY EVIDENCE ON EU ACCESSION MIGRATION

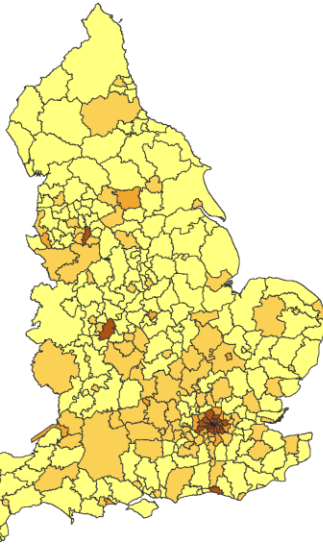
- One of the largest single wave of in-migration ever experienced in Britain (Bauere et al., 2007).
- Between 2004 and 2010 in excess of 1.5 million NINo registrations issued to EU Accession nationals.
- The vast majority of workers registering in the first years post Accession were young, childless in low skilled and temporary jobs.
  - 78% aged 18-34; 8% of registered workers had dependents in UK; routine occupations; 74% earning below £6 per hour and around half were in temporary employment (UK Border Agency et al., 2009).

# EU MIGRANT SETTLEMENT PATTERNS

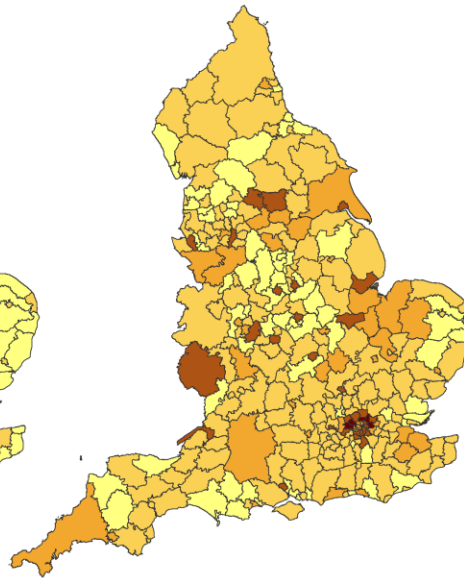
**NINos 2002-2010**  
(thousands)



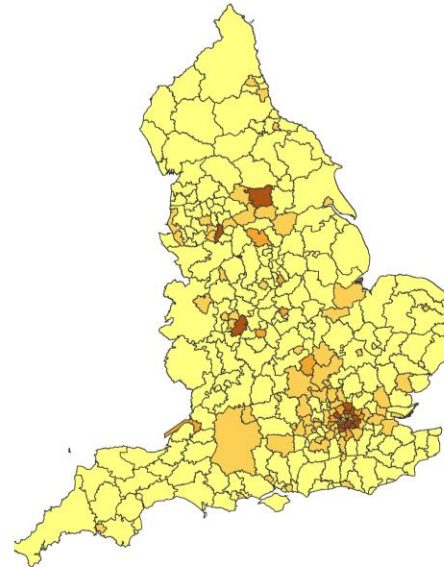
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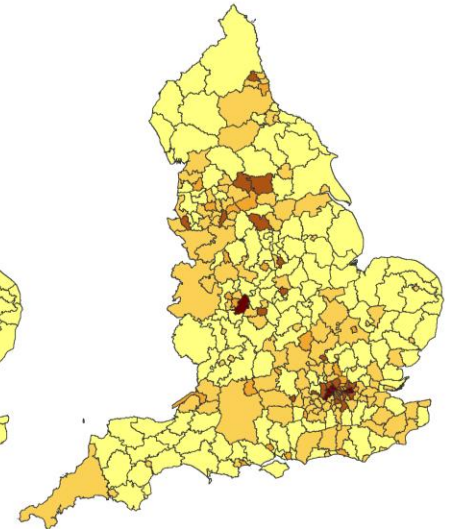
**EU Accession**



**Africa**



**Asia**



‘Spatial pioneers’: settlement patterns associated with early stage of immigrant settlement (Robinson and Reeve 2006) in line with differences in migration motives and entitlements in the UK and (Lymperopoulou 2013).

# EU ACCESSION MIGRANT FAMILIES

- 2011 Census shows 1.1 million people in E&W were born in the EU Accession countries. Polish population increased ten-fold.
- EU Accession settlement not just short-term
  - A third (35%) arrived in 2004-06 and a third (31%) in 2007-09
- The majority of EU Accession migrants are in families
  - 770,885 people born in EU Accession countries in families
  - 320,000 families with a FRP born in EU Accession countries
- They are young families
  - 65% of those arriving post 2001 aged 16-34; 12% aged under 16
  - 53% married couples, 30% cohabiting couple families,
  - 34% no dependent children; 29% with one dependent child



# DATA SOURCES ON EU ACCESSION MIGRATION

|  | DESCRIPTION   | LIMITATIONS   | FERQUENCY/ GEOGRAPHY   |
|--|---|---|--|
| <b>UK Census</b>   | The Census of population covers the entire population in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Migrants are defined as those whose place of residence 12 months was outside the UK. The Census records country of birth, ethnicity, nationality, date of arrival, language spoken at home, proficiency of English and key socio-economic characteristics on households and families.   | As the Census is carried out every ten years it quickly becomes dated and it is not suitable for measuring short term migration trends. The Census only captures immigrants living in the UK at time of the Census but not emigrants.   | Updated every ten years. Available for regional, district, ward, LSOA and output area level. |
| <b>Labour Force Survey (LFS)</b>   | The LFS is a national survey of around 60,000 households drawn from five waves. The LFS collects information on country of origin, ethnicity, nationality, date of arrival to the UK as well as key socio-economic characteristics on households and families.  | Excludes people in CE such as hostels, guest houses, mobile home sites used by migrants. For sub-national geographies and specific groups higher sampling error and less reliable estimates. The LFS is unlikely to capture short-term, temporary and seasonal migrants.            | Available quarterly. Local Authorities and electoral wards                                   |
| <b>International Passenger Survey (IPS)/Long Term International Migration</b>      | The IPS is a survey of passengers at major UK ports and airports of around 300,000 interviews of passengers. Country of origin and nationality is recorded. The IPS combined with LFS and HO data used to produce LTIM statistics. The LFS collects information on country of origin, ethnicity, nationality, date of arrival to the UK as well as key socio-economic characteristics. A person is classified as a migrant if they state that they intend to leave or stay for more than 12 months (UN definition). | Does not cover all migration routes. High sampling variation (just 1.5% classified as migrants) which is higher the lower the geography. Migrants' intentions to stay may not coincide with actual stay. Adjustments need to be made to correct for this effect.                    | Available quarterly. LTIM estimates based on IPS are available at Local Authority level.     |
| <b>National Insurance Numbers (NINos)</b>  | NINos issued to foreign nationals by nationality cover those who intend to work or claim benefits or tax credits in the UK. NINos can be used to monitor the level of immigration by location of Local Authority at time of application by country of nationality, age and gender.  | Only covers those entitled to work and claim benefits in the UK and can be acquired any time after arrival There is no information about duration of stay or emigration.  | Updated annually by and available for LAs and Parliamentary Consistencies.                   |
| <b>Workers Registration Scheme (WRS)/Bulgaria and Romania Accession statistics</b> | The WRS collects information on A8 nationals who intend to work in the UK and who have registered with the scheme. Information on Bulgarian and Romanian nationals applying for an Accession Workers Card or registration certificates Include nationality, gender, age, selected labour market characteristics and information on dependents.  | Excludes those who are not required to register such as the self-employed and those migrants choosing not to register. As registration is upon a fee it has been suggested that many A8 migrants avoid registration. Migrants are allocated to local areas by location of employer. | Quarterly for Local Authority districts 2004-2009 (WRS) and 2007-2009 (AWC)                  |

# COMBINING DATA

## Migrant Worker Towns and Countryside

*High rates of migration from the EU Accession countries, below average levels of migration from other countries*



## Superdiverse London

*High rates of migration from migrants from EU Accession countries and other nationalities, migrant children and elders, student migrants, migrant workers*



# COMBINING DATA

- Quantitative and qualitative methods needed to understand EU Accession settlement.
- Qualitative studies highlight processes involved in migration decision making and settlement decisions of EU Accession families.
  - Importance of family in migration motivations and settlement (Ryan et al, 2009; D'Angelo and Ryan, 2011; White, 2011; Trevena McGhee and Heath, 2013; Ryan and Sales, 2013)
  - Family migration strategies shaped by the needs of children (Ryan et al, 2009; White, 2011; Sime and Fox, 2015).
  - EU Accession migrants' family and kinship (often transnational) networks provide information, resources and support to secure housing and employment help ease the transition process (Ryan et al, 2009).

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

- Migration and family dynamics
- Initial and subsequent settlement and the role of family ties
- Mobility and socio-economic trajectories
- Changes in migration motivations and settlement intentions over time (*Brexit?*)

## Data and methods:

- Mixed methods
- Longitudinal data (e.g. Understanding Society IEMBS, longitudinal qualitative interviewing)
- Census microdata: rich source of information on socio-economic characteristics of EU Accession migrant families in different localities
- Flow data (e.g. 2011 Census Origin and Destination tables)

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# Caring from abroad: educational services supporting long distance parenting between Italy and Countries of origin

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# Context and Reasons of the Research

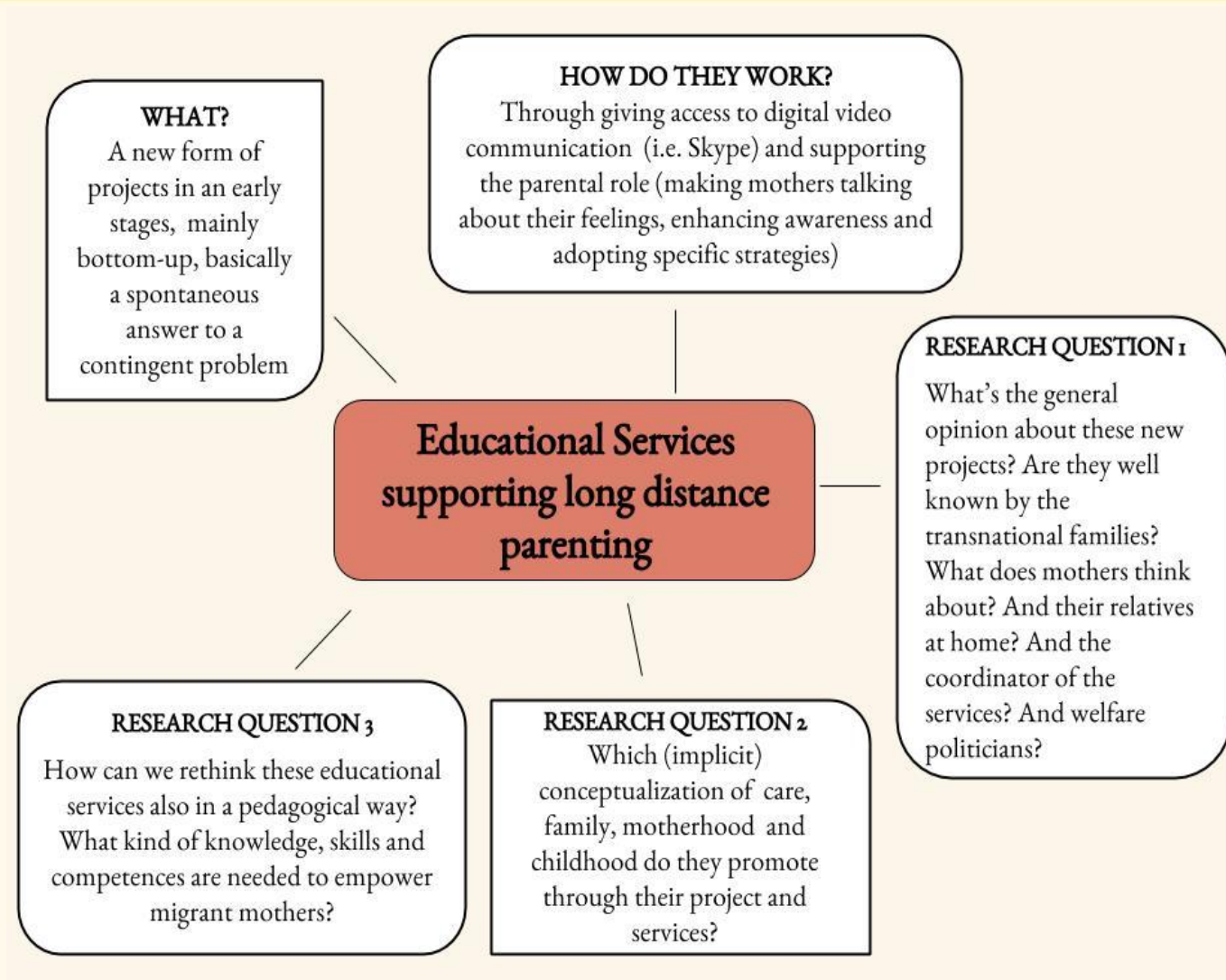
1) Italy is a particularly attractive Country for female migration, due to:

- One of the highest Elderly Rate in the World (22% pop. > 65 YO and 6,5% pop >80 YO)
- “Familistic Welfare State” → where women within families still play a fundamental role
- Culture of “Home Caring” for elders→ subsidized by the State (“cash for care”)

2. Transnational families:

- are a consistent and growing phenomenon in Italy, which is still mostly unexplored by the educational research:
  - “*Taking care of caregivers*” → how can migrant mothers (and fathers) be empowered?  
How can a transnational and European welfare system be promoted? = new and challenging dimension for the Educational Research (Adult Education and Family Education)
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# Research Object





# Methodology

**Exploratory Study** → iterative process design  
(Yin, 2005; Stebbins, 1998)

Three intrinsic case studies

1) *Mum loves you* (Te Iubește Mama), an international network between Italy and Romania (Association of Romanian Women in Italy)

2) *Caresses at the phone: mothers from abroad* (“Carezze al telefono. Madri da lontano” - Municipality of Reggio Emilia and Local Health Board)

3) *Supporting transnational parenting between Italy and Ukraine* (“Progetto di supporto alla genitorialità transnazionale”, Soleterre NGO)

## Collecting Qualitative Data through

Semi-structured interviews to different subjects → triangulation of perspectives and redundancy of information (Stake, 2005)

- 1) Project manager/coordinator of the educational services
- 2) Migrant mothers (recipients) and members of the family left at home (children, grandparents, fathers, teachers..)
- 3) Migrant fathers
- 3) Employees or volunteers within the project
- 4) Stakeholders and welfare politicians

# Methodological challenges and limitations

- **RESEARCH OBJECT:** fluid, spontaneous, precarious and transnational phenomenon → many methodological challenges: gnoseological and epistemological (how and with what kind of procedures and instruments can we properly get to know the object of research)
  - **DIFFICULT ACCESS TO THE FIELD:** long process of negotiation for getting in touch with private, personal life-stories and delicate topics
  - **ARE WE SURE THAT A CASE STUDY IS GOOD ENOUGH?** Iterative process design
  - **WOMEN AND CARE-WORK:** risk of a gender methodological bias (Dumitru, 2014) but the research tries to conceptualize the educational services for both parents, (*i.e.* taking into account the opinion also of migrant fathers)
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Thank you

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# Conceptual Framework

- Pluralistic and cross cultural conceptualization of family, motherhood and childhood
  - Pedagogy WITH and FOR families (not anymore OF the family) (Milani, 2001; Gigli, 2007)
  - Transnational welfare perspective (Tognetti Bordogna & Piperno, 2012)
  - Emancipatory and Transformative Paradigm (Mertens, 1998)
  - Intersectional approach: gender, migration and domestic work perspective
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# Responding to the Mediterranean Refugee Crisis:

TOWARDS A TRANSFORMATIVE  
ENVISIONING OF INTERVENTIONISM  
AND HUMAN SECURITY

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# Key Points

- ▶ Framing and managing a ‘crisis’
  - ▶ Framing a ‘crisis’
  - ▶ Direct Provision: biopolitical app
- ▶ Practicing Participatory Action Research (PAR) and Biographic Narrative Interpretive Method (BNIM):
  - ▶ Tools for enabling a silenced voice



# Framing a ‘crisis’

- ▶ “3,740 lives are reported lost – just short of the 3,771 deaths reported for the whole of 2015. This is the worst we have seen” (Spindler 2016: UNHCR Press Briefing)
- ▶ Accounts rarely “illuminate the circumstances that compel them (refugees) to flee” (Gatrell 2013: 1).
- ▶ “produce[s] the idea of the human who is worthy of recognition and representation” (Butler 2009: 138).

# Direct Provision: strategy or 'asylum industrial complex'

- ▶ Introduced in Ireland in 2000 as a “...response to a housing crisis in Dublin arising from an unprecedented number of people seeking asylum in Ireland (and across the EU)” (Irish Refugee Council 2013: 15)
- ▶ 17 companies receive about €50 million per year to run 34 Direct Provision Centres across the State – for around 4,000 asylum seekers (Irish Times 2014)



# PAR and BNIM: A multi-layered methodology for a multi-layered crisis

- ▶ Participatory Action Research (PAR) & Biographic Narrative Interpretive Method (BNIM)
  - ▶ a means of “revealing wisdom about the history, structure, consequences and the fracture points in unjust social arrangements” (Fine 2008: 215)
- ▶ Imperative that we insist upon ‘marginalized geographies’
  - ▶ Rendering visible human geographies that facilitate a networking of public geographies

# Gaining access: trust building and gatekeepers

- ▶ Using networks gained through a preexisting collaborative project between NUIG and Galway One World Centre in Galway, Ireland
- ▶ Two residential fieldtrips to La Linière Refugee Camp, Dunkirk
- ▶ Five workshops with members of the Direct Provision community in Ireland

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# Europeanisation of Families? Marriages of Convenience and EU Free Movement Law

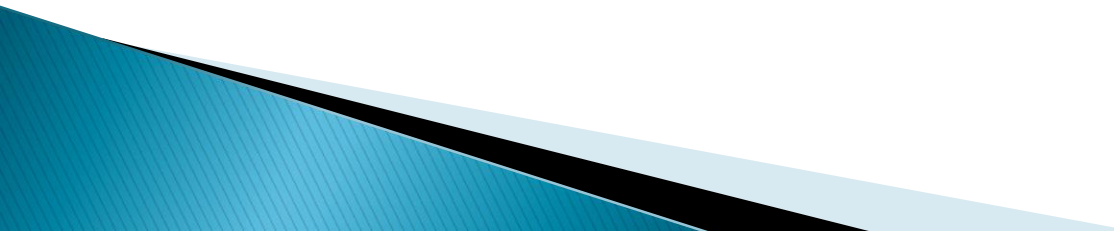
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# Right to family reunification: EU vs Member States

- ▶ Marriage between a TCN and a citizen of a *particular* EU Member State → subject to national immigration control
- ▶ Marriage between a TCN and a citizen of *another* EU Member State → governed by EU law



# National immigration rules

- **Toughening up** of national family reunification policies in several Member States
  - Logic of *selection* and *reduction*
  - Set of criteria: high financial thresholds, integration conditions, language tests
  - Application from abroad
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# EU free movement law

- Logic of *integration* and *facilitation of free movement*
- Directive 2004/38: no additional requirements
- *Metock* (2008): A TCN spouse of an EU national benefits from the provisions of the Directive, **irrespective of when and where their marriage took place and of how the non-EU national entered the host Member State.**



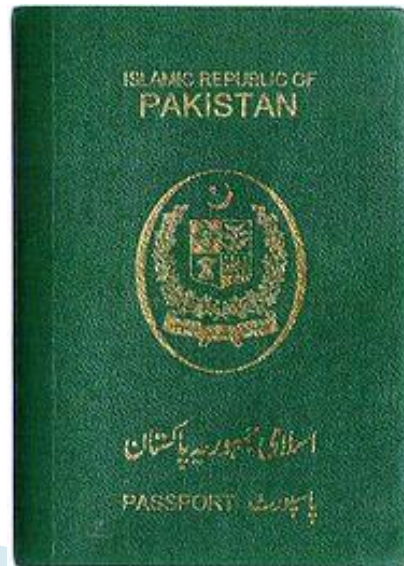
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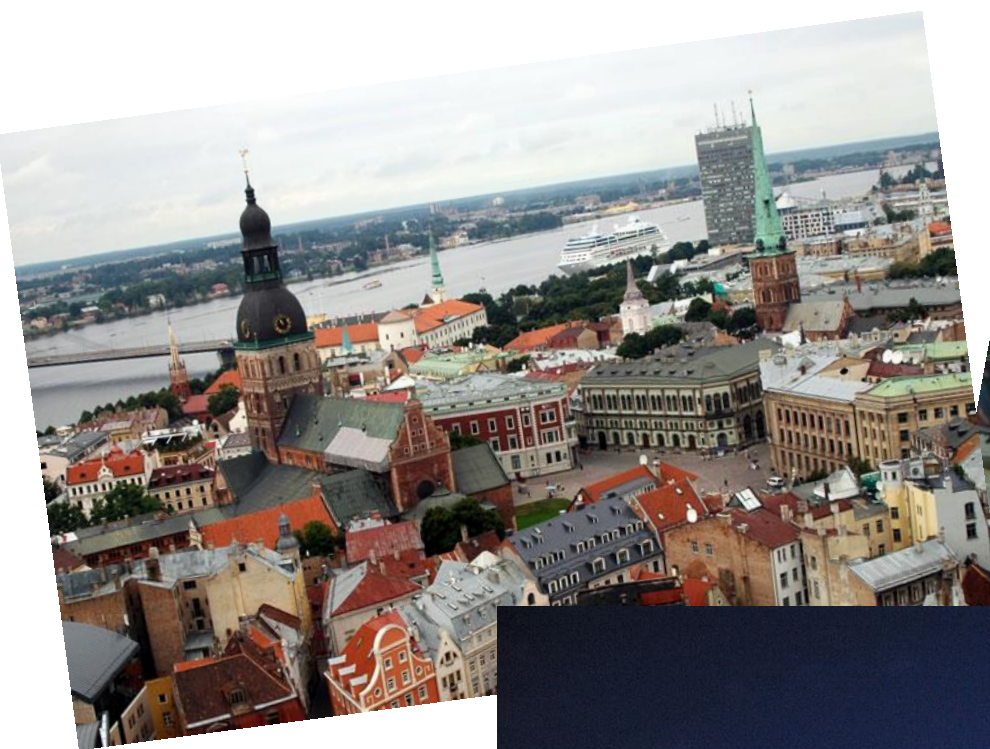
- ▶ Reverse discrimination
- ▶ 2004 and 2007 enlargements → increase in intra-EU migration
- ▶ Claims of abuse of free movement rights → marriages of convenience



# ‘Unusual’ trends

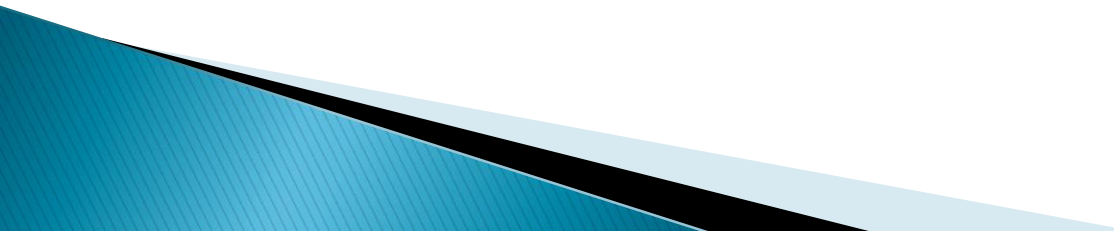
- ▶ Scale of abuse is unclear BUT...
- ▶ Ireland: 10 % of all EU spouses were **Latvian** and 50 % of spouses of such Latvian nationals were **from India or Pakistan**



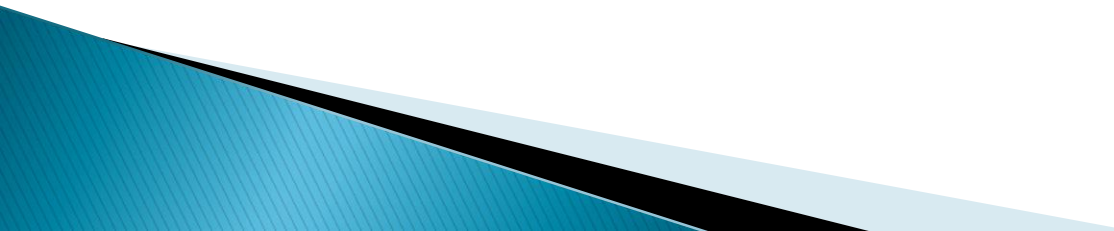




# Commission Handbook on alleged marriages of convenience between EU citizens and non-EU nationals (2014)

- Case-by-case investigations
  - **Definition** of marriages of convenience
  - **Hints** that may trigger an investigation:
    - distilled from national practices across the Member States
    - abusive couples are expected to exhibit them *significantly more often* than genuine couples
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# Definition: focus on intention

- ▶ Marriage of convenience – a marriage contracted for the **sole purpose** of conferring a right of residence under EU law
  - ▶ Absence of **intention** to create a family as a married couple and to lead a genuine marital life
  - ▶ Abusive character represented by mala fide of the spouses **prior to and at the moment** they enter into the marriage
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# Hints

- ▶ 'Suspicious' persons:

1. TCNs who **have not lawfully resided in another EU Member State** before seeking rights in the host Member State
1. EU citizens finding themselves in a **vulnerable position**
  - Incl. marriage by deception
2. Persons whose marriages have been organised by **individual facilitators or organised crime groups**

# Victimisation of EU citizens involved: agency denied

- ▶ Involvement of facilitators → a purely artificial arrangement OR exploitation



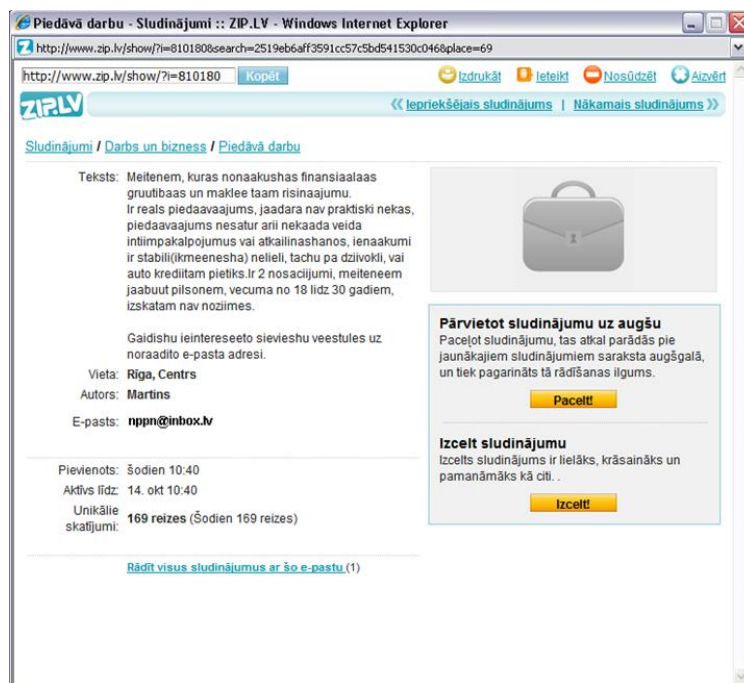
# Official sources

- ▶ Police
- ▶ Embassies
- ▶ Social service providers





# Organised crime or matchmaking?



**Job advert: 'Offer for girls who want to solve their financial problems... No prostitution, stable income. Girls should be [Latvian] citizens, aged 18-30, appearance not important.'**

# Organised crime or matchmaking?

- ▶ Marriage, initially entered into with a **sole purpose** of securing a right of residence for a TCN spouse, later **transforms into a real relationship**
- ▶ **Sole or primary purpose?**
- ▶ **Marriage by deception/exploitation or a failed relationship?**



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# Reflecting on Ethics and Positionality: Evidence from Refugee Families in the UK

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# Resilience : the Case of Arab Refugee Families

In UK <10  
years



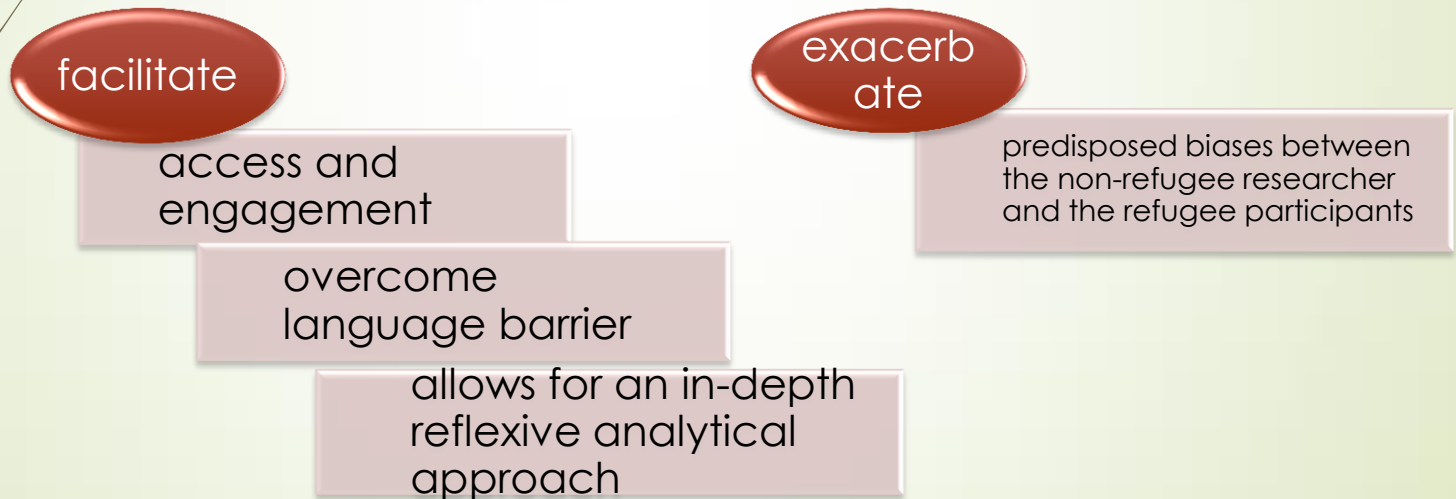
South West & Plymouth (source: Google maps)

Agencies working with refugees in Plymouth are easily identifiable and accessed, very helpful gatekeepers



# Positionality and its multilayer complex effect

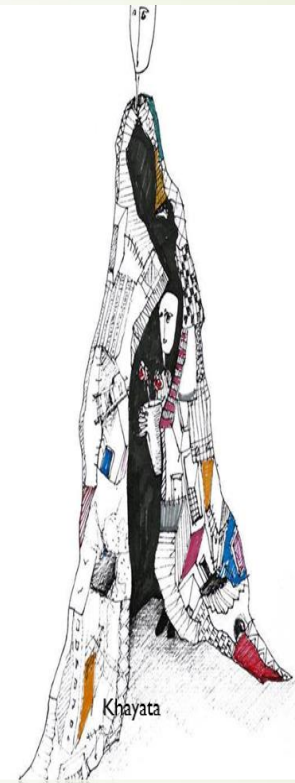
- **Insider:** Arab, female, migrant, sharing this refugee community's language and cultural background.
- **Outsider:** doctoral researcher







Thank you...



**‘Oh no, I won’t be any good for your  
study’: The methodological  
complexities of researching migrant  
identity across three generations of  
families**

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- Accessing all *three* generations:

‘Oh no, I won’t be any good for your study’

‘I moved here so long ago, I can’t really remember much now’

- First family member as ‘sponsor’ for the study (Wigfall *et al*, 2012)
- Keeping things confidential

## **The issues associated with intergenerational research**

- All knowledge is 'situated' (Haraway, 1991) and it is beneficial to think critically about issues of positionality and reflexivity when undertaking and writing about ethnographic research (Sultana, 2007).
- Insider/outsider status and fluid boundaries. **Affected by:**
  - Gender
  - Age
  - Level of education
  - Dad as only 'half-Greek'
  - Language use

**Shifting  
positionality**

# The complexities of studying 'identity'



- Avoid using the term (Anthias, 2002)
- Value of life narratives (Lieblich *et al*, 1998)

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**Thank you for  
listening**

# Italian educational services dealing with the daughters of migrant families

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# Why this research?

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Still an unexplored object in educational research in Italy (due to the Italian model of immigration?)

The biographies of young women with a migration background challenge educational services and welfare state

Age, gender and ethnicity: 3 axes of transformation that need to be analysed in their interaction - the perspective of *intersectionality*



# Methods/1

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## Educational research

### Exploratory research

1. How do the girls perceive their own biography?
2. What strengths and weaknesses of being a young woman with a migration BG?
3. What role is played by educational services in supporting those biographies?

### Engaged research

- **vs girls:** self education and rise of consciousness
- **vs social context:** give voice to a (potentially) marginalized group
- **vs educational services:** sustain educational planning

# Methods/2

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## A qualitative, interpretative approach

Exploring **BIOGRAPHIES**  
through **FOCUS GROUP**

- 8 groups from 5 to 10 girls from 14 to 19 yo
- 3 focus with each group: past, present and future
- Several origins (generational approach)
- 8 schools and educational services
- Various socio-economic areas (urban, suburban, rural) in the North of Italy

2 focus group with **TEACHERS** and **SOCIAL WORKERS** :  
*What is the opinion of professionals about this issue?*

# Challenges/1

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## THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY:

The influence of familiar history of migration on the girl biography

- The meeting between familiar education and social education (racialized gender norms)
- The educational role of the family, when it is far away (transnationalism)
- The relation between the families and italian educational services

# Challenges/2

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- A BIG VARIABILITY of social areas, nationalities, personal stories : generalise without reducing
- ENTER DIFFERENT CONTEXTS AND NOT ONLY THE “ENLIGHTENED” ONES
- KEEP THEORY AND PRACTICE TOGETHER!

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**Thank you!**

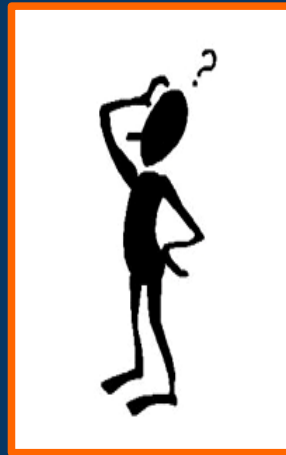
# *Being young, women, with a migration background: Simultaneous contradictory processes..*

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**Individualisation of life  
courses, multiplication  
of opportunities: Self-Made  
Biography** [Beck 2001]

**Rise of gender  
equality** [Iori 2003]

**Multiculturalisation:  
a society going toward  
the superdiversity**  
[Crul, Schneider, Leslie 2013]



**Precarisation,  
identity nomadism,  
new rigidities** [Moro 2003]

**Return of  
gender discrimination  
and sexism (Backlash)**  
[Risman 2012]

**Return of racism and xenophobia**  
[Bauman 2001]

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# DO FAMILY RELATIONS PREDICT INTERETHNIC PARTNERSHIPS? THE ROLE OF COHESION, AFFECTION AND DIVERSITY IN THE FAMILY

# Background



Neighbor  
hood



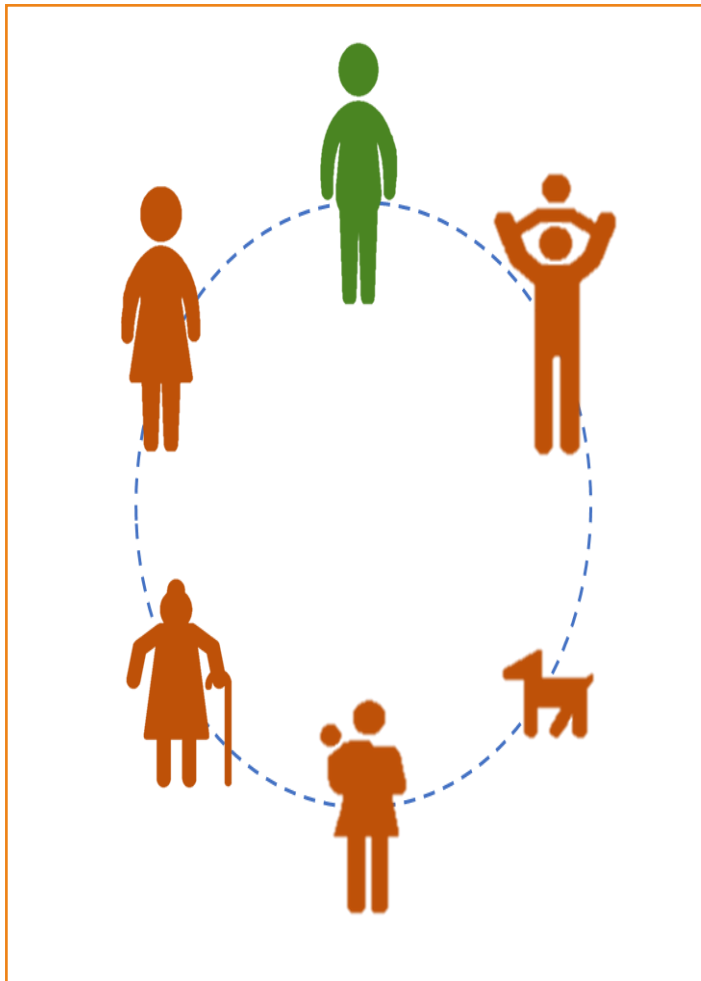
School



Family



# Background



Cohesion

Affection

Diversity

# Study Design - Sample



## The German Family Panel – Wave 5

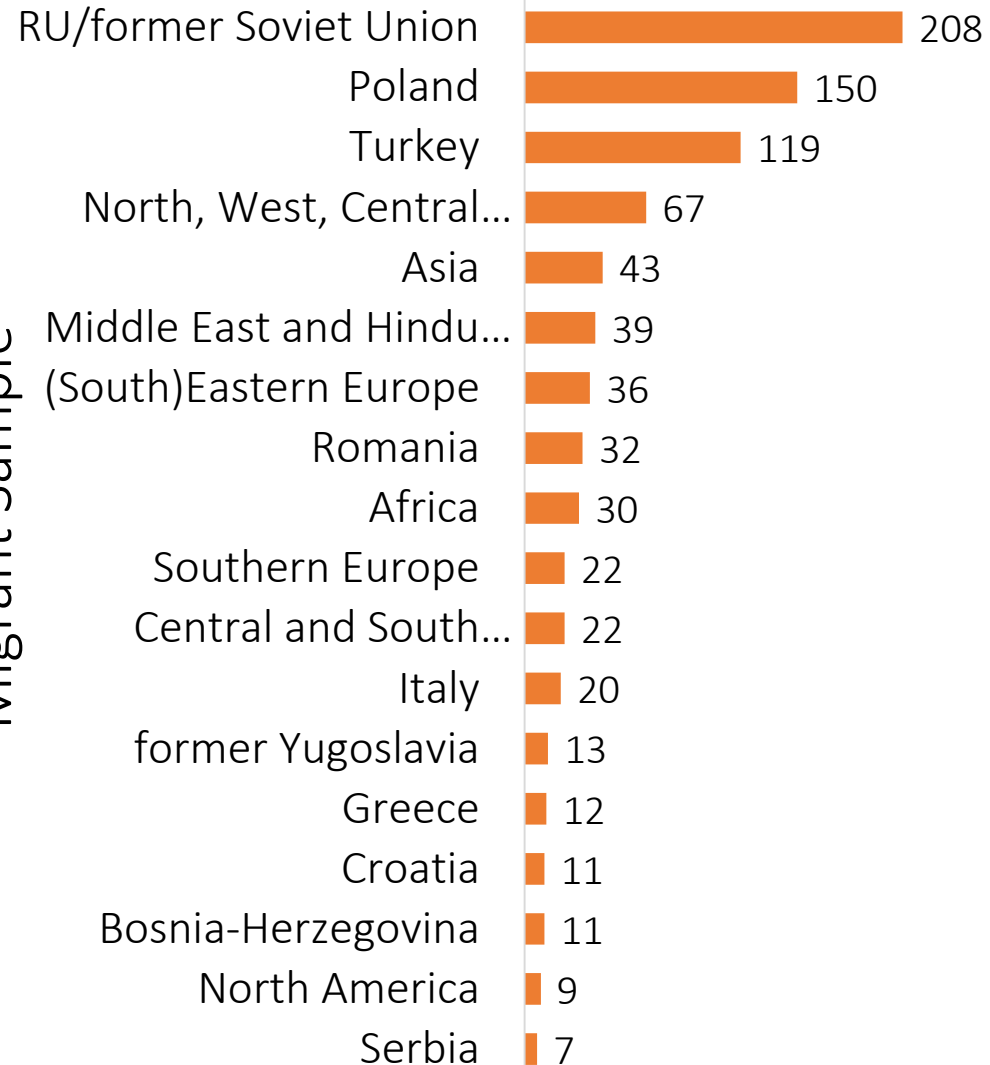
Natives

Migrants

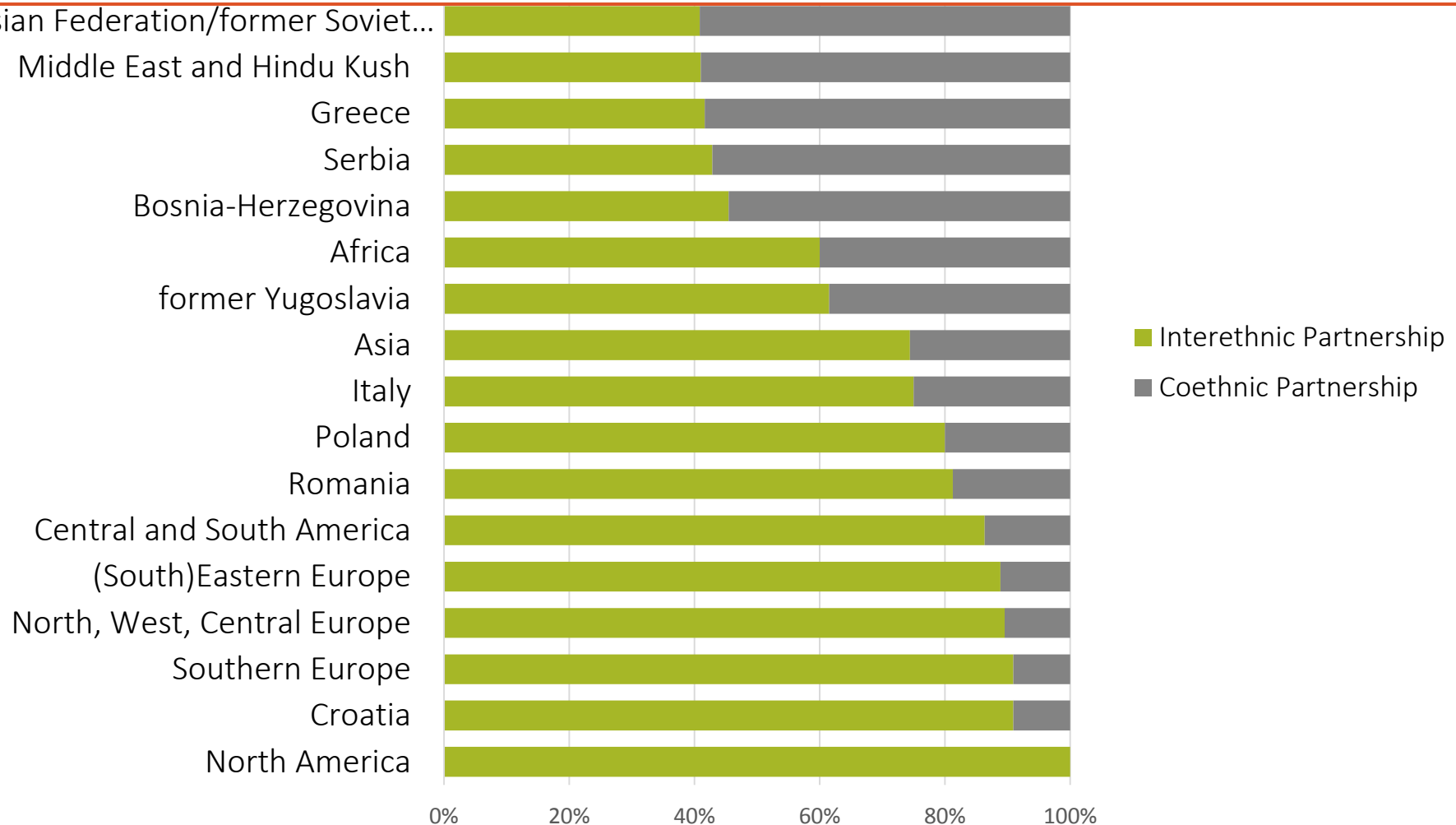


Total Sample

### Migrant Sample

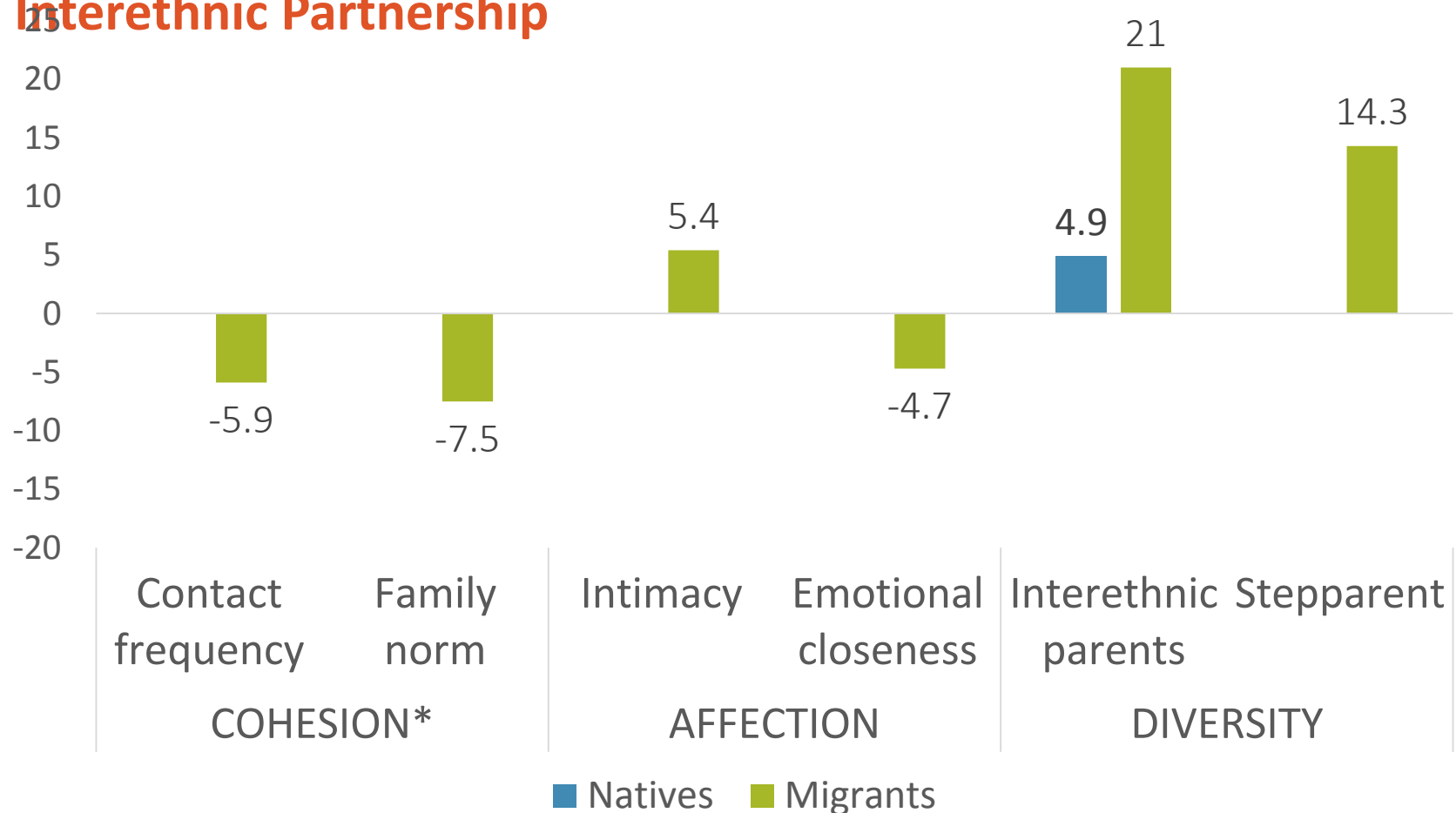


# Study Design – Interethnic Partnerships



# Preliminary Results

## Average Marginal Effects of Being in Interethnic Partnership



\*Geographical distance has no significant effect

Controls: sex, age, cohort, municipality, education, relationship status, religious background



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