



PROGRAMUL DE COOPERARE ELVEȚIANO-ROMÂN  
SWISS-ROMANIAN COOPERATION PROGRAMME

## ROMANIAN AGEING MIGRANTS AND THE WELFARE STATE



**Starting Date** 01.01.2013  
**Duration** 36 Months  
**Discipline** sociology, social work, migration studies and family studies

### Main Goals

The project's scope is to advance the state-of-the-art research in the area of ageing migrants and welfare provisions. The project studies four dimensions:

1. The strategies developed by ageing migrants to access welfare provisions
2. The welfare policies and provisions (formal, informal or public, private and third sector) for ageing migrants
3. The informal and voluntary provisions by ageing migrants
4. Transnational ties and the links to welfare.

The data produced would serve to expand the knowledge base of welfare services capable to contribute to the well-being of ageing migrants in Switzerland and beyond.

### Activities

Internships in Geneva and Iași  
Consulting the literature  
Identification and establishment contacts with Romanian migrants aged from Switzerland  
Access to Romanian institutions which can support the project with relevant informations  
Quantitative and qualitative research (interviews, questionnaires) in Switzerland and Romania  
Demographic and statistical analysis  
Participation in congresses, conferences, seminars in Romania, Switzerland, other countries  
Workshops with local stakeholders  
Articles and studies in peer-reviewed journals, individual and collective volumes  
International conferences

### Expected results

The project will contribute to the knowledge production in this area by advancing the theoretical reflections on the topics of

- 1) ageing migrants,
- 2) the strategies of ageing migrants to access welfare provisions,
- 3) the articulation between public, private and third sector in the welfare provisions and
- 4) the role of ageing migrants in the provision of welfare. Just as important, the project will analyse in a comparative manner different groups of Romanian migrants in Switzerland, population that so far has been very little studied.

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