

How much evidence based policymaking can contribute to adaptable and sustainable policies for migration problem in Kosovo

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Abstract The aim of this paper is to analyze the Evidence Based Policy (EBP) in Kosovo migration problem. The scope is on policymakers within the public sector, specifically in Ministry of Work and Social Welfare of Kosovo and other relevant selected institutions during this analysis. The period of analysis will cover years 2017-2020. This paper is conducted based on three research questions. The first research question aims to analyze how evidence is integrated into policymaking in public institutions in Kosovo regarding migration. The second research question is focused on how evidence is used in policy decision process related to migration problem in Kosovo. The third research question aims to learn what are the outcomes of EBP of migration problem in Kosovo.

This research will use different methods and instruments to conduct the analysis. Qualitative and quantitative analysis will be used. Also, comparative analysis will be used in order to highlight the differences and similarities with other countries that will be selected during the analysis. Specifically, the analysis of documents will be very important method, such as public official reports, official sources of information and statistical data.

Analysis shows that in Kosovo EBP in migration is less established as a result of lack of accountability, transparency and limited access to official documents. These prevents the adaptable and sustainable migration policies in Kosovo. Recently, there are many cases when evidence in migration policy is incomplete. For example, insufficient data on precise number of migrants, lack of transparency on the data on migration, which is highlighted in relevant public institutions in Kosovo.

Independently of the fact that many policies are drafted to improve transparency they are never implemented. Moreover, as a consequence these public institutions have ignored the evidence of what causes the lack of transparency, accountability and responsibility. Developing EBP can produce reliable data to aid significantly the sustainable and adaptable policies for migration. Kosovo needs EBP that can serve as an advocate to inform policy decisions with rational analysis in every policy process.