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Doing civic research on intra-European migration in Germany and Belgium:

Reflections on collaborations between universities and key stakeholders

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In this joint lecture, we will present two research projects on current intra-European migration from Eastern European countries to Germany and Belgium. We will introduce this phenomenon by drawing on key figures, motivations to migrate, the labour trajectories of migrants and the challenges they encounter. We discuss this migration against the background of the European integration project and the political ambition to foster mobility within the European Union. We will then reflect on the potentialities and challenges of conducting civic research, that is, research that is in close collaboration with local stakeholders -- such as municipalities, migrant associations, employers and trade unions -- and the role that science can play in social change.