

Capstone Project

Methodological Appendix

“G2: Should the EU develop a common migration policy? On what conditions should this be based? What could be its distinguishing features?”

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Approach

Our approach for working with the Capstone Project can be summarized into four main milestones.

1) PROBLEM DEFINITION (October)

- Receive the assigned policy problem
- First meeting with project group to formulate the goal and impact of the Capstone Project
- Kick-off Zoom meeting with project supervisor to discuss the policy topic and schedule a way forward

2) INFORMATION GATHERING & DISCUSSION (October)

- Read previous literature on migration and EU policy documents: in particular, we focused our analysis on the solutions proposed in the New Pact on Migration and Asylum by the European Commission (2020). Other relevant sources for the different sections are listed at the bottom of the appendix
- Project group meetings for discussing what the EU is currently doing, what is not working, and what should be done
- Agreed on taking a rather broad approach looking at four distinct areas of migration policy: integration, cooperation inside the EU, cooperation outside the EU, and border management

3) REPORT WRITING (November)

- Work on the policy paper separately, where each member focused on one of the four areas
- Project group meetings to try to align the policy options so that they work together and reinforce each other
- Meeting with the project supervisor
- CIVICA lecture where Pierre Moscovici and other classmates shared their perspectives on migration

4) FEEDBACK & EVALUATION (December)

- Meeting with the project supervisor to receive final feedback before hand-in
- Finalize the Policy Paper
- Work on Policy Brief and Methodological Appendix

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