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Keywords

Climate change – climate/environmental migration – forced displacement – sustainable development – UN 2030 Agenda

Main Research Objective

The main objective of the cluster is to establish an interdisciplinary research group working on urgent, contemporary and interrelated issues related to climate change, environmental migration and sustainable development. According to the IOM World Migration Report 2024, more than 216 million people worldwide will be displaced within and outside their countries by 2050, largely as a result of climate change. This phenomenon can contribute to worsening conditions for vulnerable communities on the move, increase pressure on existing political tensions and conflicts in countries of origin, and more generally influence the dynamics of international relations. Therefore, on the one hand, the aim of the cluster will be to understand how climate/environmental migration can be managed and regulated through a sustainable development approach, in full compatibility with the goals of the UN 2030 Agenda. On the other hand, the cluster will examine whether and how an appropriate and coherent management of climate-induced migration can potentially contribute to a shift towards sustainability of society, leading to an improvement of the well-being of the community, through a rational use of resources and without exacerbating structural inequalities or unequal burdens on environmental resources. It therefore seems necessary to study these issues from a complex perspective, involving and stimulating a dialogue between several scientific disciplines.

Main Research Outcome

Regardless of the resources allocated, the aim of the cluster is to create a permanent network of researchers who are interested in working on common themes and who can therefore survive beyond the end of the single two-year project. The idea is to activate an instrument of scientific collaboration with the aim of collecting and not wasting the knowledge and research results gradually acquired. All members of the cluster will also be invited to apply for incoming mobility programs at the University of Macerata and the other universities involved in the research cluster. The creation of a research cluster on a specific topic also seems to be useful in areas other than research: the activities and research results of the cluster can also be made available to students, doctoral students, researchers and, in general, to the entire scientific community of the various participating universities. The relationships established during the two years of the cluster may also lead to the development of new forms of cooperation and stimulate joint participation in other competitive research calls.

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