## INTEGRATION OF MINORITIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION. A COMPARATIVE STUDY REGARDING THE EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL FUNDS FOR MIGRANTS AND MINORITIES DURING 2000-2006 AND 2007-2013

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**Abstract.** It can be stated that only a reduced proportion of European Structural Funds measures involve specific actions targeted directly at migrants and minorities, which can be quantifiable into clear results. Almost all funding targeted towards them is generated through general measures, in which migrants and minorities are reflected among several disadvantaged groups. The 2000-2006 period had a major impact on the EU Member States vision towards migrants and minorities integration, fact that was reflected in the 2007-2013 period.

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