



Projects selected in the framework of the AMIF 2022 call for projects

Axis: Raising public awareness about racism and the fight
against discriminations and ethno-racial stereotypes



Project leader	Luxembourg multi-LEARN Institute
Project title	Ethno-racial stereotypes and stereotyping in the Health sector in Luxembourg (original in French : <i>Stéréotypes ethno-raciaux et stéréotypisation dans le milieu de la santé au Luxembourg</i>)
Project duration	01 January 2023 – 31 December 2024 (24 months)

Project summary

The general objective of the project Ethno-racial stereotypes and stereotyping in the Health sector in Luxembourg (original in French: *Stéréotypes ethno-raciaux et stéréotypisation dans le milieu de la santé au Luxembourg*) is to fight against racial discrimination in the Health sector in Luxembourg. More specifically, it aims to shed light on the mechanisms of categorisation, labelling, and stereotyping, i.e. the mechanisms of assignment operated during a patient/caregiver interaction in the Health sector.

This is both an analytical and practical "research-intervention" project:

- **Analytical:** the project aims to identify, through a scientific methodology (semi-structured interviews with patients/or healthcare givers, focus groups, analysis of speech acts, etc.), the attitudes and behaviours present among care staff that can lead to feelings of stigmatisation among patients.
- **Practical:** the project proposes an in-formative "first aid" guide intended for health care staff, allowing them to limit the negative impact of in/voluntary stigmatising attitudes and behaviours, affecting the the relationship between health care provider and patient, during a medical appointment.
It also offers a module on "Prevention of discrimination in the Health sector in Luxembourg", which can be integrated into the curricula of schools in charge of training health care personnel.
- The project makes the methodological, theoretical and pragmatic choice to not talk about discriminatory acts and racism from the outset, without however denying the existence of discrimination phenomena. In other words, it aims to describe, with caution and sensitivity,



a scale of attitudes that reflects as faithfully as possible the complexity of the care-giver-patient relationship.

Target audience

Health care personnel, students training in the health care professions and third-country nationals.

Main objectives

- Identification/description/analysis of 5 interactional mechanisms of assignment in patient/caregiver relationships.
- Identification/description/analysis of 10 feelings experienced by third-country patients during medical appointments.
- Development of a "first aid" vademecum/guide designed as a teaching aid to raise awareness among healthcare staff of the mechanisms of stereotyping and assignation of the other.
- Creation of an information-awareness session for healthcare staff.
- Creation of a "prevention of discrimination in the Health sector" module.
- Publication of a research report on the theme of Stereotypes and stereotyping in the Health sector in Luxembourg.
- Conducting 40 interviews with third-country nationals, particularly from South America, Africa and Asia.
- Organising of 4 focus groups with intercultural mediator-interpreters (recruited via the interpreting service of the Red Cross, for example, 20 people in total).
- Organising of 3 observation sessions in a medical waiting room.
- Organising 10 interviews with health care staff (different levels of responsibility).
- Production of I) 1 research report, II) 1 vade-mecum/guide and III) 1 pilot information-awareness session

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