

# Migration and Intergenerational Solidarity in Europe

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*ABSTRACT* Intergenerational transfers of money, time and space are important manifestations of functional solidarity in contemporary societies. Previous research on solidarity patterns between family generations has revealed considerable cohesion and support in Europe. Whereas previous empirical studies have mainly addressed the causes and consequences of intergenerational solidarity patterns of natives, the population of foreign origin has often been neglected or limited to a specific (ethnic) population. However, experiences caused by migration as well as the situation in the host country can affect intergenerational relations, not least in respect to support patterns.

But, against the current background of contemporary multi-ethnic and transnational societies, the question of differences between natives and migrants is particularly crucial. Therefore, our proposed contribution focuses on differences and similarities in functional solidarity between migrant and native families in Europe as well as within migrant families. The empirical analyses are based on the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), which is a multidisciplinary and cross-national dataset that offers extensive information on both native and immigrant families. Overall, the empirical analyses prove that European family generations are strongly connected by different forms of functional solidarity. However, we can observe that migration does matter in various ways. In addition to differences between natives and migrants, we also found specific patterns within migrants according to household composition, duration of stay and the country of origin.

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