

## ABSTRACT

### **The RISPI index: a measure of European reception policies towards asylum-seekers**

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Nowadays, policies about the reception of refugees and asylum-seekers are a highly debated topic. Western countries address the topic differently, and although the UN global compact on migration was signed in 2018 (Goodman, 2018), a shared global policy on the issue is still far from being achieved. At the same time, the growing climate crisis will force a large number of people to migrate and, in the future, the ability of western countries to manage migratory flows will be challenged (World Bank, 2017).

This research focused on the European reception policies towards asylum-seekers and developed a standardized method to compare and evaluate them. The first chapters of the study will analyse the theoretical bases on which European reception policies are modelled; while the third chapter will describe the methodology used to develop the composite index (RISPI) (OECD, 2008).

Once developed the new index, the internal consistency of RISPI will be investigated through a Pearson correlation test ( $r$ ) and the Cronbach alpha analysis. Thanks to the results obtained from the RISPI index, the strengths and weaknesses of each reception system examined will be evaluated. In addition, a comparison between RISPI index and the MIPEX (Migrant Integration Policy Index) will show that some European countries discriminate against asylum-seekers by granting more welcoming policies to other categories of immigrants.