



MOBILEU is an EU funded research project investigating mobile EU citizens' voting rights in national, sub-national elections held in their EU countries of residence and nationality. The project responds to a key EU priority of fostering citizens' full democratic participation at all levels.

Franchise entitlements for emigrants and immigrants vary both within and across EU Member States. The core objective of MOBILEU is to seek to **document and evaluate** these **variations and political inequalities** by focusing on the rights and participation of both emigrant and immigrant groups in local, European Parliament and national elections respectively.

The project further sets out to **increase knowledge on the awareness and views** (stated and real) **on voting entitlements for mobile voters**. In line with this MOBILEU will carry out a survey including a vignette design in a strategic selection of five EU countries (Belgium, Finland, Ireland, Poland, Portugal), directed to the general population in, as well as to EU migrants from these countries.

Furthermore, the project will develop **policy recommendations** aiming to identify **best practice solutions** that align with the preferences of mobile EU citizens as well as a network of election administrators, policy actors and academics who will participate in the project.

MOBILEU has five main objectives:

- Promote awareness by designing an interactive digital tool on mobile EU citizens' voting rights in different elections in home and host EU countries
- Survey the implementation of mobile EU citizens' electoral rights across EU27 to identify best practices of democratic inclusion and efficient ways to tackle participatory challenges
- Assess EU citizens' views on electoral rights of mobile EU citizens in home and host countries
- Provide evidence-based policy recommendations and foster information exchanges with electoral authorities and stakeholders to facilitate participation
- Contribute to the scholarship on transnational political engagement in the EU

The project is led by the University of Helsinki with partners from University College Cork and the University of Liège.

