

RESULTS:

What can we expect from MO-TRAYL?

Our research will enable us to:

- identify different types of mobility trajectories.
- understand how mobility trajectories affect specific youth outcomes.
- inform policymakers and teachers on how secondary schools can best deal with youth mobility.
- inform policymakers on how different migration policies affect youth outcomes.

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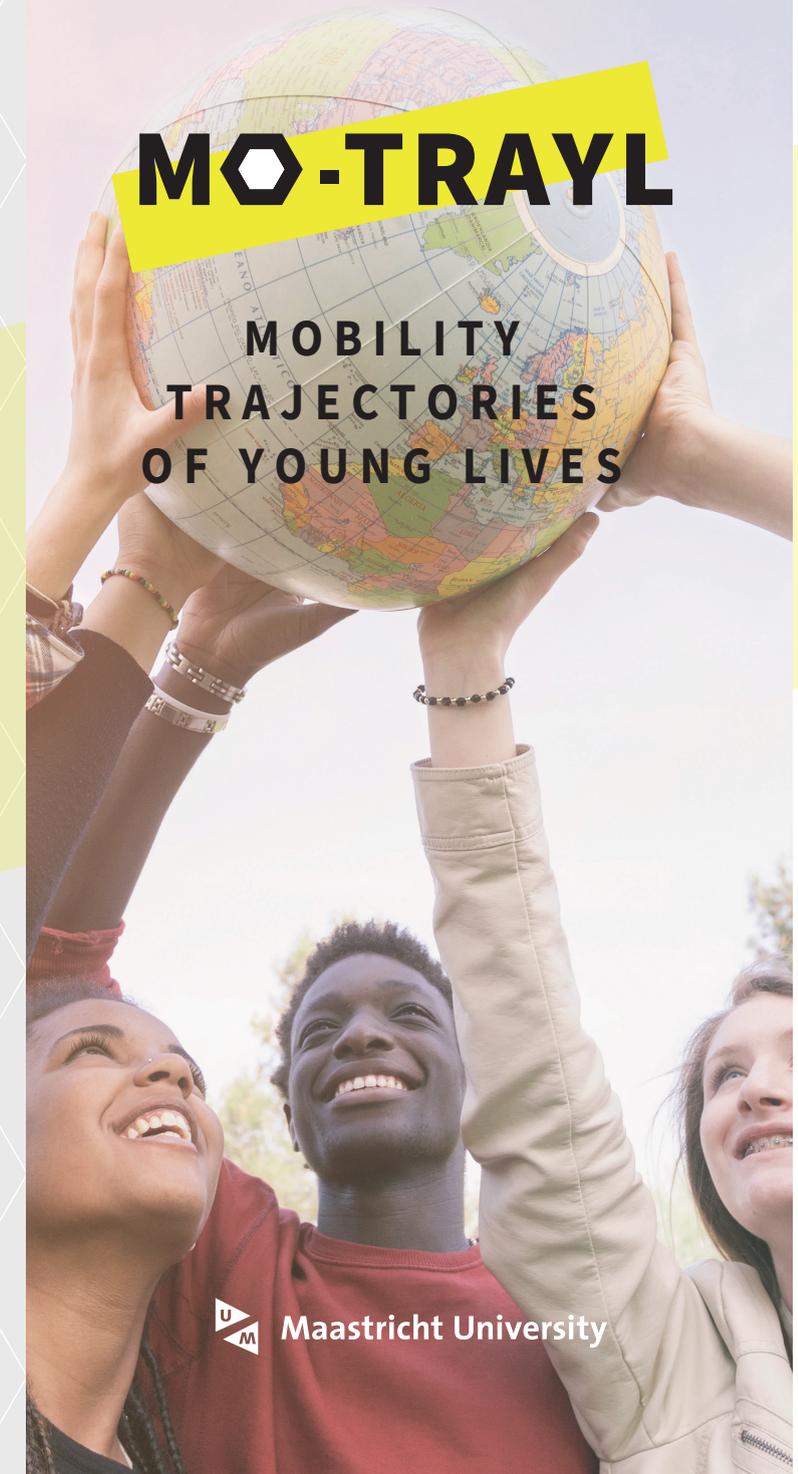
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MO-TRAYL: MOBILITY TRAJECTORIES OF YOUNG LIVES

MO-TRAYL is a five year research project (2017-2021) which aims to develop a better understanding of the relation between migration and young people's life chances.

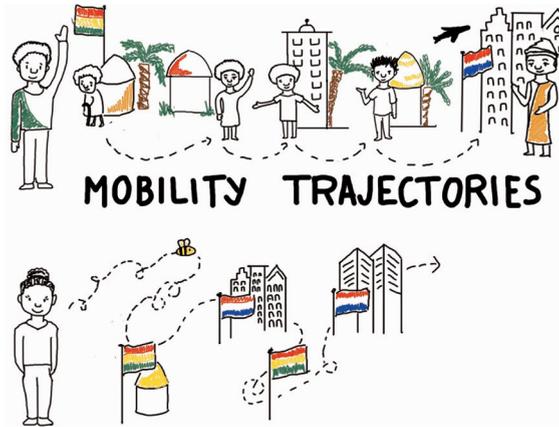
Many young people in today's globalized world have migration as part of their biographies, either because they migrated themselves or because at least one of their parents did.

Whereas European cities witness a growing population of youth with a migrant background, cities in the Global South are faced with significant numbers of 'stay behind' children. Both in migrant receiving and sending countries, the question as to how the different migration experiences of these young people impact their life chances is an area of increasing policy concern.

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Yet knowledge about this is limited because conceptualizations of young people's mobility patterns have to date been overly simplified: either young people move once, or they do not. This results in a lack of data that specifically look at different mobility patterns of young people and hardly any that have a longitudinal dimension.

MO-TRAYL will break new ground by studying mobility trajectories: the geographical moves in space and time that youth and their family members engage in, resulting in changing family constellations over a youth's life course.



We investigate what these mobility trajectories look like, and how they are shaped and influenced by various school systems and migration regimes. MO-TRAYL is the first large-scale study of youth of migrant background to include both migrant origin and receiving countries in the same study.

Six projects will investigate this in four countries: The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and Ghana.

How different mobility trajectories affect educational performance, psychological well-being, and transitions into adulthood is the central focus of our research.



The MO-TRAYL research project uses a mixture of methods:

School survey

We will collect survey data about the mobility trajectories of high school students in The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and Ghana.

Case studies

We will conduct four qualitative in-depth studies with Ghanaian youth in The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and Ghana.

Comparative study

We will bring together the above studies in a comparative framework to understand the impact of migration regimes and school systems on young people's life chances.

Creative writing workshops

We will collect student essays through the organization of three creative writing workshops, which will result in the publication of a book.