

**Research Activities and Practices of *TransSOL* Project**  
**(*Transnational Solidarity at Times of Crisis*)**

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**Abstract**

This paper presents the research activities of the EU funded project *TransSOL (Transnational Solidarity at Times of Crisis)*. The project aims to provide a rigorous and systematic knowledge regarding the socio-economic, political, legal and institutional context of European transnational solidarity in times of crisis in eight European countries, namely: France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Denmark, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. In addition, *TransSOL* further aims – through the use of both quantitative and qualitative research methods – to develop a multi-dimensional set of data on the attitudes and practices expressed in the forms and levels of transnational solidarity at the individual, organisational and/or organisational fields, the media and the public domain. This complex set of data will help to unveil and better understand the internal dimensions of these various contextual factors, the determinants and the inherent dynamics of solidarity, the impact of the crisis and its responses on various levels of solidarity.

The presentation focuses on the findings and work carried out on Work Packages 1 and 2. For WP1 the Greek team of UoC identified and analyzed critically the socio-economic, cultural and political structure of Greece with a view to providing a more punctual analysis of the institutional and normative frame, with special attention to the three target groups of the project i.e. unemployed, immigrants, and people with disabilities. WP2, which the Greek UoC team coordinates, focuses on monitoring and analysing alternative forms of transnational solidarity in times of crisis. The different research stages of WP2 centre on: a- the mapping, analysis and evaluation of innovative practices to combat economic crisis as exemplified by citizen's initiatives, networks and collective actors engaged in these initiatives in three thematic areas, 1- disabilities, 2- unemployment and 3- immigration, b- the identification and evaluation of good practices for end-users and draft policy implications for policy actors at local, national and European level.