



## IPOPS

## 1. Noteworthy productions

### 1.1. Outstanding progress regarding research

1.1 State of the art demographic research is essential to the conduct of every institution of contemporary society. Historically French demographers have been world leaders in this field and this remains generally true today. Where it is not the case, the problems lie not with the demographers, but with the political and cultural constraints they work under and cannot easily alter. Some of the research projects undertaken through the IPOPS LABEX do, however, address the problem of data lacunae in the areas of race and ethnic background. Other initiatives LABEX has made possible strengthen traditional areas of French demographic research into issues of gender, ageing, family structures, and life course analysis. On every level the research is of extremely high quality.

### 1.2 Striking progress in other “Labex” fields

#### a. Formation

excellent approach to formation of young researchers

c. excellent international outreach on all levels

#### b. Valorization

b. valorization is mainly through traditional academic and policy publications

#### c. International (outreach, attraction, networking...)

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## 2. Added-value resulting from labelling and funding as a “Laboratoire d’Excellence”

LABEX is making possible the development of large scale surveys which allow IPOPS demographers to address issues not possible in the national data bases. It is also encouraging new partnerships and greater interdisciplinarity.

## 3. Main weaknesses

### 3.1. Main weaknesses that might require corrective actions regarding the research performed in the “Labex”

none indeed

### 3.2 Main weaknesses that might require corrective actions regarding other fields of the “Labex”

#### a. Formation

none at all

#### b. Valorization

none, dada

#### c. International (outreach, attraction, networking...)

there are none

#### 4. “Labex” contribution to structuring the gathered scientific strengths (governance, synergy, common scientific programming, visibility...)

The LABEX label has clearly augmented the profile of French demography in France and elsewhere in the world.  
5. The visibility of French demography has been improved

#### 5. Beyond scientific results specifically obtained by the “Labex”, give an assessment on its contribution to the development, outreach and overall visibility of the concerned institutions and of the corresponding site.

The visibility of French demography has been improved through increased high quality scientific production.

#### 6. Overall opinion and recommendations

The LABEX label, and more importantly the initiatives it has encouraged, have notably raised the scholarly output, the diversity of demographic researchers, and the visibility of demographic research in the worlds of French social science. Demography is a historic strength in French social science and the IPOPS network is attracting a new generation of young women and men to the field. The LABEX funding has added a significant number of new FTE’s to the core of INED demographic researchers. The new summer school is attracting more talent to the field. The support is also freeing up more time among present senior researchers to actually conduct new research and to publish their results in the world’s best journals.

One clear recommendation that emerges from our discussion is that IPOPS researchers be supported in their efforts to field large scale surveys, and small scale, strategically targeted field studies, that address issues of inequality and social mobility, which will also require data about race, ethnicity, citizenship status and other critical variables.