

# **Organisational Networking Strategies among Immigrants in Budapest**

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# Source of Data

- The Research: LOCALMULTIDEM - Multicultural Democracy and Immigrants' Social Capital in Europe: Participation, Organisational Networks, and Public Policies at the Local Level
- Takes place in six European cities: Madrid, Lyon, London, Zürich, Milánó, Budapest
- Partner Institutes: Universidad de Murcia; University of Manchester; Université de Genève, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Università di Trento, University of Bristol; MTA Kisebbségkutató Intézet.
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# Immigrants in Budapest

- 1,7 million inhabitants in the city
- 55.000 immigrants (3,2%)
- 51% of them are ethnic Hungarians
- 11% Chinese
- 5% Muslim
- Long-term immigrants are better educated with a better labour market position than average Hungarians

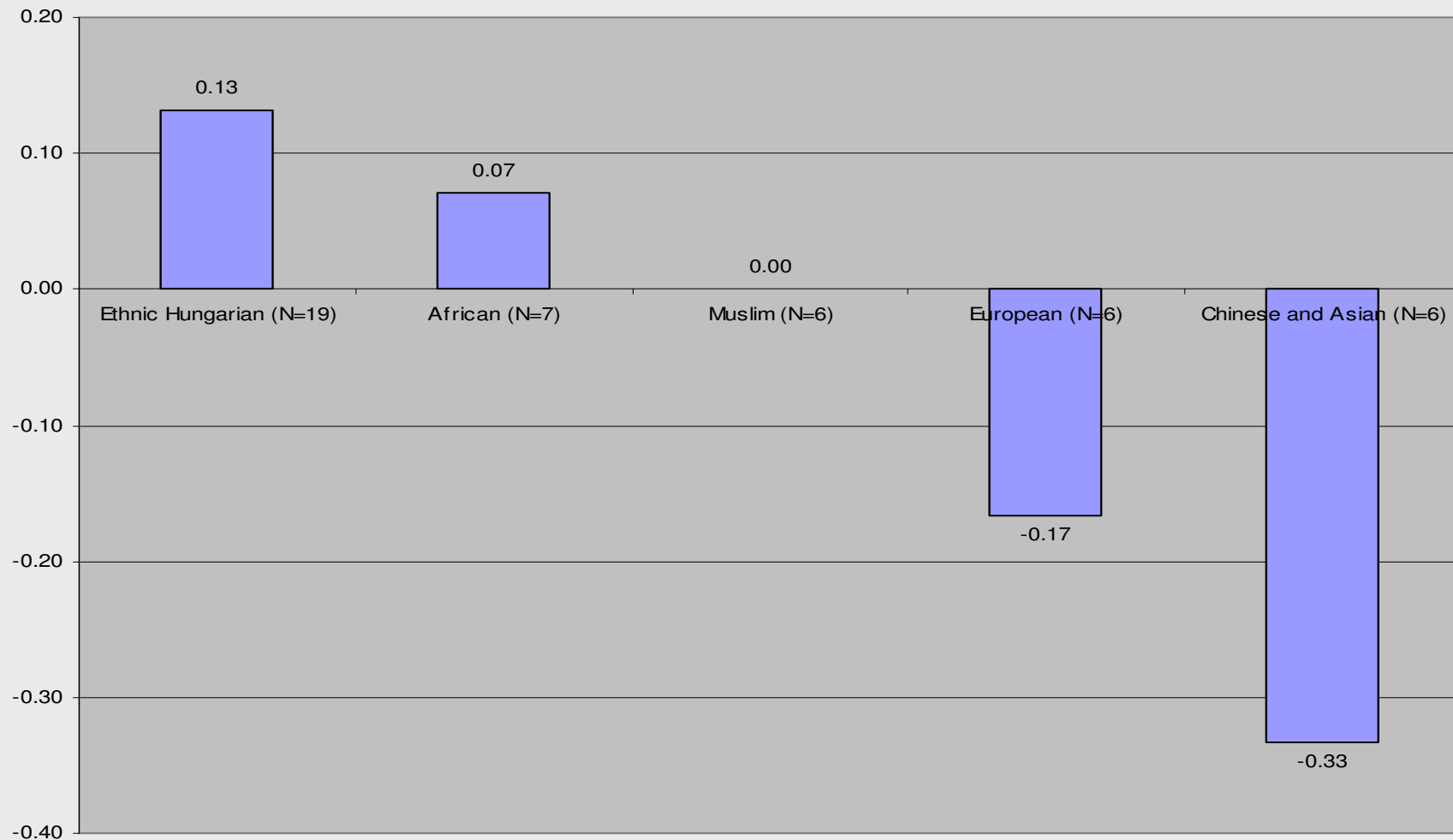
# Immigrant Organisations

- 88 organisations were identified in Budapest
- 47 were interviewed
- Origin:
  - Ethnic Hungarian: 20 (63%)
  - European: 7 (78%)
  - Muslim: 6 (43%)
  - East-Asian: 7 (33%)
  - African: 7 (58%)

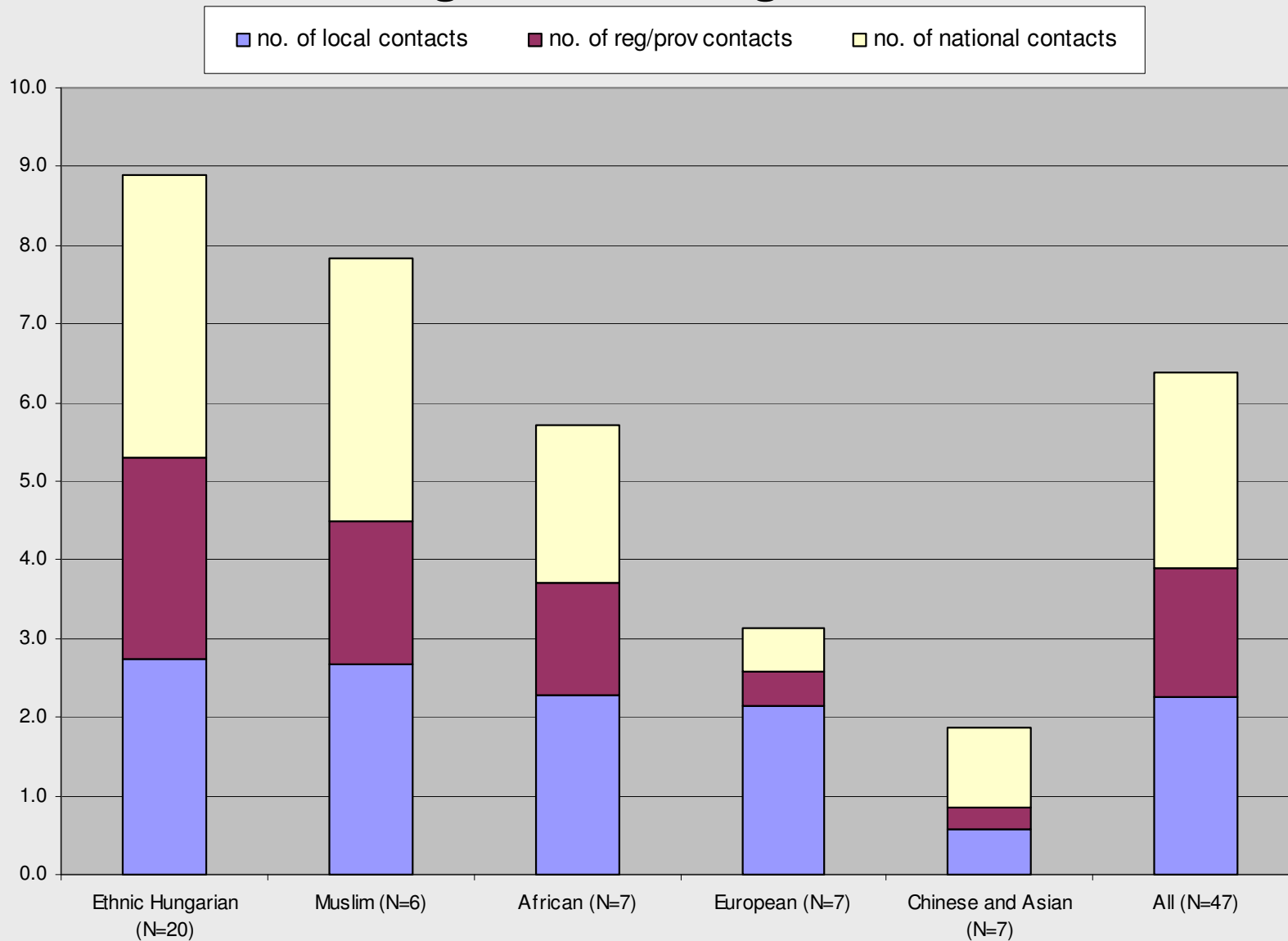
# Dimensions of Political Integration

- Participation in political actions
- Influencing public opinion
- Establishing and maintaining vertical contacts
- Networking with other organisations (bridging and bonding links)

# Differences in the Frequency of Influencing Public Opinion by Ethnic Background

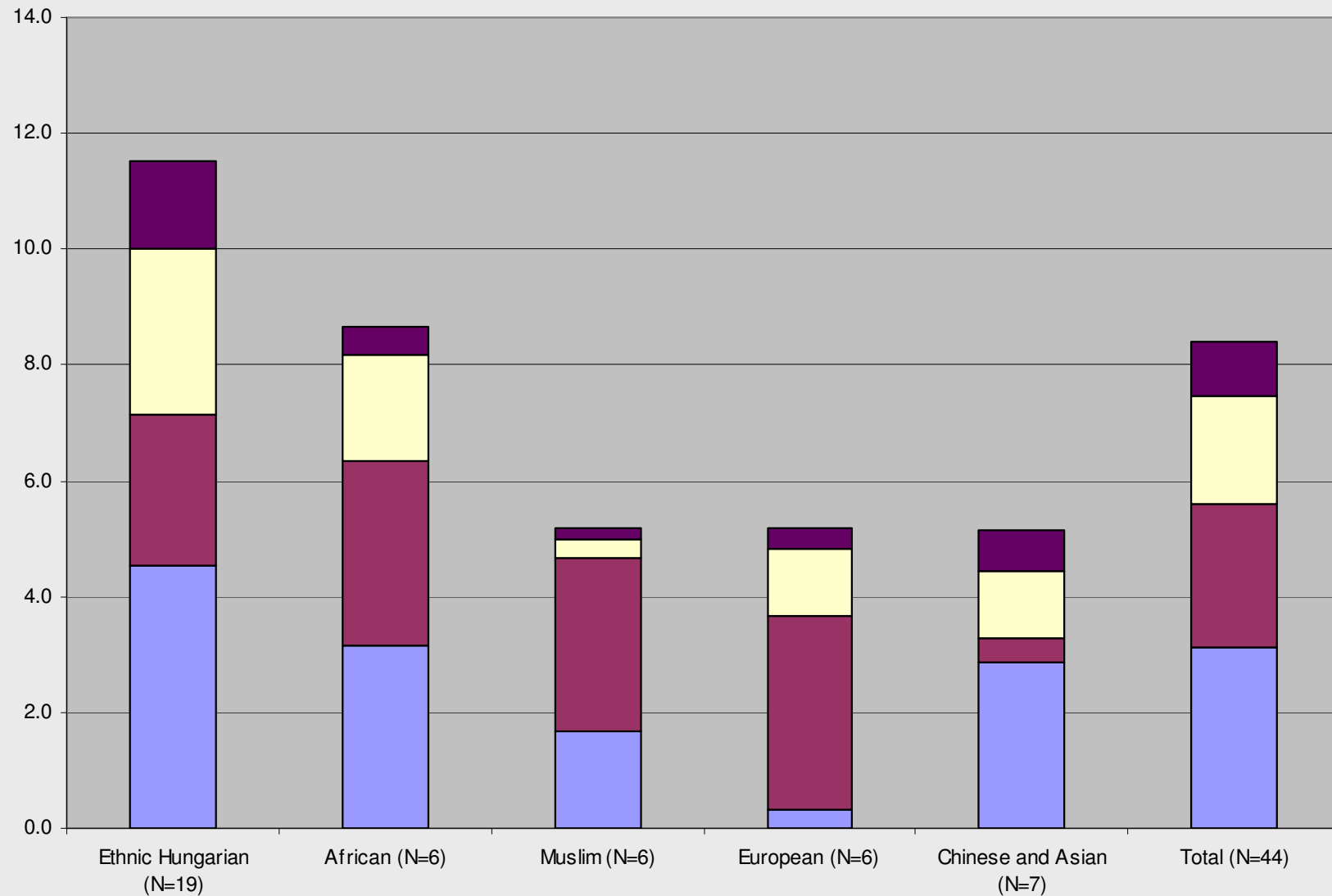


# Average Number of Vertical Contacts by Ethnic Background of Organisation



# Average Number of Horizontal Contacts by Ethnic Background of Organisation

no. immigrant org. contacts   no. autochthonous org. contacts   no. country of origin org. contacts   international org. contacts





# Organisations of Ethnic Hungarian Migrants

<p><b>Activities:</b> Community development</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> focused on society of origin: supporting Hungarian educational or religious institutions, humanitarian aid</p>
<p><b>Networks:</b> mainly migrant ethnic Hungarian organisations, homeland organisations, and Western minority ethnic Hungarian migrant organisations</p>	<p><b>Networks:</b> also autochthonous and Western Hungarian migrant organisations</p>
<p><b>Political activism:</b> not significant, interest representation mainly through vertical personal informal contacts</p>	<p><b>Political activism:</b> oriented toward the situation of the Hungarian minorities</p>

# Chinese and Vietnamese Organisations

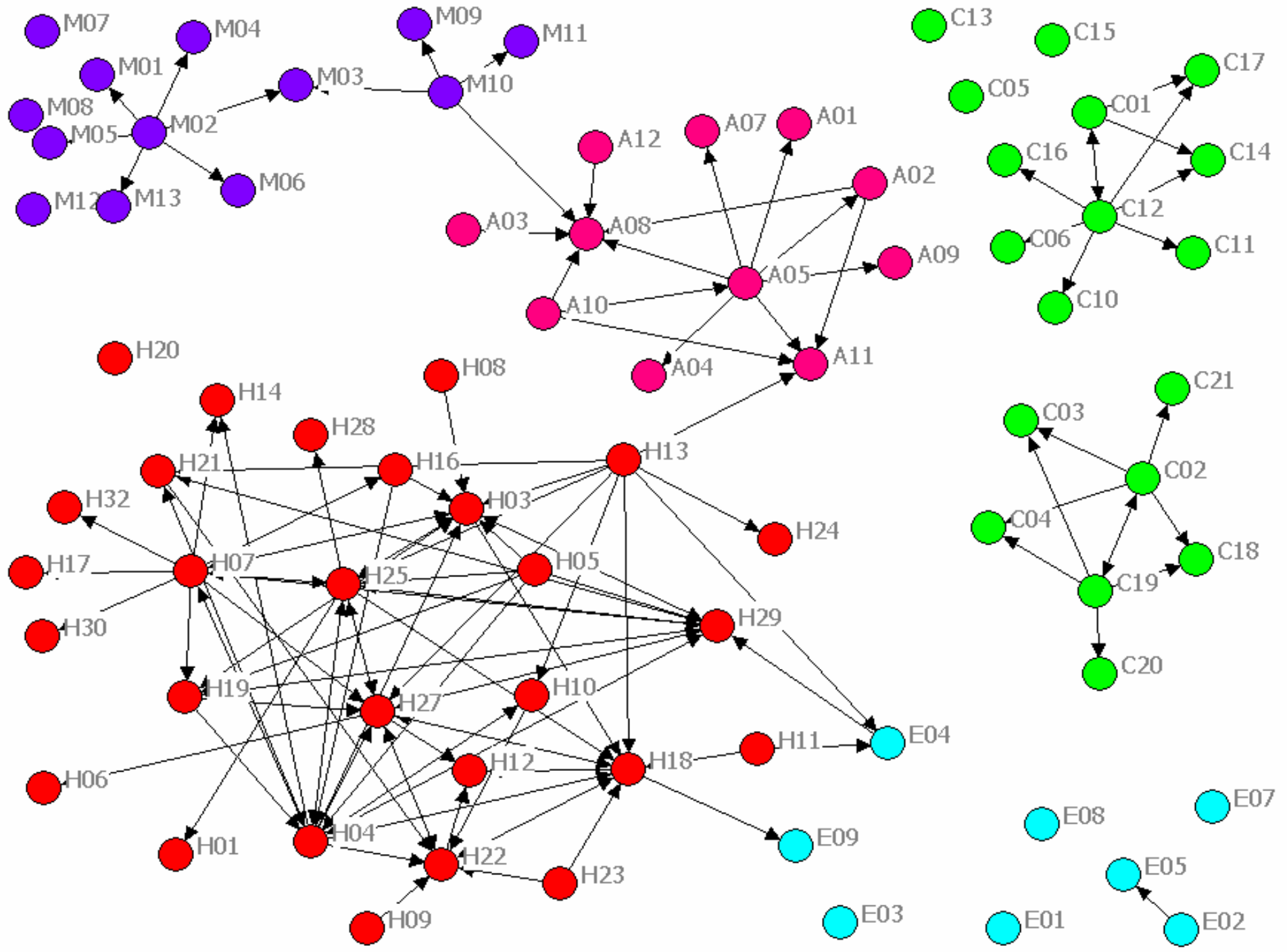
<p><b>Activities:</b> Entrepreneurial, interest representation activities</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> Religious activities (Chinese)</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> Socializing, cultural events</p>
<p><b>Networks:</b> Ethnic homogenous immigrant network Homeland and international ethnic entrepreneurial organisations</p>	<p><b>Networks:</b> Western and global network of Chinese Christian organizations and churches. No immigrant network.</p>	<p><b>Networks:</b> Ethnic homogenous immigrant networks. Homeland organizations focusing on the Chinese diaspora</p>
<p><b>Political activities:</b> Personal local vertical contacts. Chinese political activities - PRC diaspora politics</p>		<p><b>Political activities:</b> Chinese political activities - PRC diaspora politics</p>

# Arabic and Muslim organisations

- Arabic cultural organisations:
  - contacts with migrant and autochthonous organisations,
  - no political activities
- Arabic entrepreneurial - professional organisations:
  - contacts with migrant and autochthonous organisations,
  - interest representation through Hungarian chambers, no political activities
- Muslim cultural and religious organisations:
  - contact with migrant and autochthonous NGOs and churches
  - Political activism and demonstrations, vertical contacts, appearance in the public

# African Organisations

<p><b>Activities:</b> Socializing, cultural, sports activities</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> Legal representation, services in the immigration process, anti-racism campaigns</p>	<p><b>Activities:</b> Humanitarian aid oriented towards society of origin</p>
<p><b>Networks:</b> Very few networks, only with African immigrant organizations</p>	<p><b>Networks:</b> High number of autochthonous contacts</p>	<p><b>Networks:</b> High number of Hungarian autochthonous contacts, as well as African organisations. High number of vertical contacts</p>
<p><b>Political activities:</b> No public appearance, no political action</p>	<p><b>Political activities:</b> High number of vertical contacts. Great representation in the Hungarian public.</p>	<p><b>Political activities:</b> High number of vertical contacts. Great representation in the Hungarian public.</p>



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