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Struggling for Health Protection. Transnational Health Bricolage of Young Southern European Migrants in Germany

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The growing body of work on freedom of movement and intra-EU mobility has barely explored concerns and arrangements about the health needs of young Europeans who move to another European country and how health concerns can drive and transform the mobility projects of young European and young adults. The paper draws from three ethnographic studies carried out with Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese people (aged 18-45) who moved to Germany for work after 2008. It explores young Europeans' health needs and experiences in relation to transnational health policies and agreements affecting intra-EU migrants. The economic recession of 2008 and the growing welfare chauvinism in the following decade have influenced the health care coverage for the intra-EU migrants within the EU member states. Findings highlight how the research subjects activate practices of transnational health bricolage at destination and origin and show a diversity of experiences due to differentiated insertion in the labor markets: those who have the option of meeting their health needs wherever they want and those who are forced to do transnational health bricolage in order not to lose the right to health.

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