



Session 8: Regional Frameworks

Free Movement in the EU

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Entry and Residence rights

- **Article 45** of TFEU provides the EU citizens with **the right of residence** on the territory of another EU Member State.
- ‘EU migrant workers’ have *practically equal rights* as nationals of the host Member State.





Other favourable provisions

- **Coordination of social security systems:** Social security benefits acquired by workers, the self-employed and their dependants are not lost when they move to another country within the EU (EEA).
- **Recognition of professional qualifications:** **Directive 2005/36** facilitates the mutual recognition of professional qualifications between the Member States.
- **Community preference as regards access to the labour market :** Articles 1-6 of Regulation 1612/68 require that EU Member States “give preference to workers who are nationals of other EU Member State over workers who are nationals of third countries.”





The overall economic impact of intra-EU mobility has been positive both for the EU and the migrants themselves.

However, despite its substantial rise, intra-EU mobility remains a relatively limited phenomenon compared to migration from outside the EU.

Share in Total EU Population in 2010

Citizens of another EU Member-State: ...2.6%

Citizens of non EU country:4.0%)





Trends in intra-EU mobility

- Before 2004 enlargement: Europe enjoyed an encouraging convergence pattern in terms of economic growth which acted as a disincentive to intra-EU mobility;
- The 2004 Enlargement increased intra-EU mobility arriving at a peak annual net inflow of 1 million people in 2007; But at the year, inflows from non-EU countries were almost twice as high;
- Since 2008, net inflows for the purpose of work have declined severely with the decline of intra-EU migrants to be more important than that of the non-EU migrants.

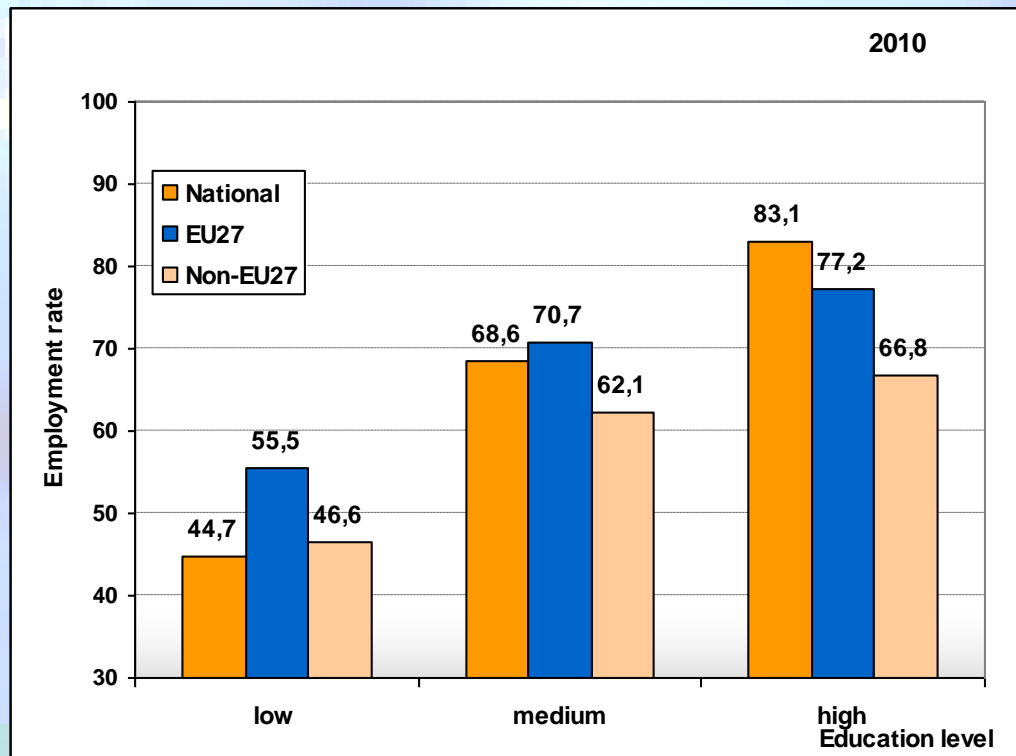




Key issues

- Language issues
- The recognition of professional qualifications
- Discrimination

EU-27: EMPL. RATES BY EDUCATION LEVEL AND BY CITIZENSHIP IN 2010





More information

Websites

- Employment in Europe 2008 and 2011 (to be published in November)

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=681&langId=en>

- Free movement of workers

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=457&langId=en>

- EUR-lex (legislation and case law)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>

Communication “Reaffirming the Free Movement of Workers: rights and major developments” in July 2010





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