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Integration of Middle- and Eastern European migrants in the Netherlands



Integration Middle- and Eastern European migrants

How did it get started?

- Side policies after 1st may 2007 (no restrictions for workers from new EU 10)
- Problematic housing conditions, working conditions, abuse
- Issues in neighbourhoods, language and communication problems, unsafe situations at work
- Settlement versus mobility
- Children / partners coming over



Immigration to the Netherlands

- Immigration increased in 2008
- 142.000 immigrants
- 94.000 'western' immigrants (EU, VS, Canada, Indonesia, Japan)
- 48.000 'non-western'immigrants



Intra EU migration

- Most labour migrants in NL. come from EU
- In 2008: 14.000 from Poland, 5.000 from Bulgaria, 2.000 from Romania
- But also: 8.000 from Germany, 6.000 from the UK



Migration motives

Migration motives in 2007

- 40% as labour migrant (20% in 2000)
- 32% as family migrant (37% in 2000)
- 14% as student (7% in 2000)
- 5 % as refugee (30% in 2000)

These are the statistics on settlement



Labour migration

- 32.000 labour migrants that 'settled'
- 100.000 - 150.000 circular labour migrants from the new EU-countries throughout the year
- Plus: entrepreneurs (not registered)
- Plus: undocumented workers



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Facts and figures

- MOE+ countries: Estland, Letland, Hongarije, Litouwen, Polen, Slovenië, Slowakije, Tsjechië, Roemenië, Bulgarije
- In 2008 between 100.000 – 158.000 workers
- Op 1.1.2008 waren 74.000 MOE+ were settled:
42.000 Polish, 8.500 Roemanian, 7.600 Bulgarian
- > 50% settled after 2004
- In 2007 there were 20.000 new settlements



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Facts and figures

- Recent research on Polish migrants shows that
 - Almost 50% is <30 years old
 - 54% male, 46% female
 - 30 % is low educated (primary level), 23% vocational level, 21 % a university degree
 - 70% speaks no or little Dutch
 - 30% wants to settle for at least 5 years
- Research is made on the whole group of migrants from MOE+ countries



Focus of the Department of Integration and Citizenship:

- Stronger role and responsibilities for employers who have a 'moral obligation to care' for their employees
- Call towards municipalities to offer civic integration programs and a broader integration perspective
- Integration in the education for youth
- Research and network development



Civic Integration for Middle- and Eastern European migrants

- Setting the agenda with employers and municipalities (congress 6th October)
- Initiatives towards a first orientation on language and knowledge of Dutch society (i.r.t. specific demands of this group):
 - DVD 'Naar Nederland' in Polish, Romanian, Bulgarian
 - Language at the workfloor
- Regular civic integration programs for settlers
 - Via municipalities
 - Almost free of charge (€270,- fee)



Other measures

- Development of methods for language at the workfloor
- Development of methods for language in combination with vocational training (example Heemskerk)
- Scenario studies on intra EU-migration / movement in the longer term
- Brochure SZW (Praca I Probyt W Holandii – Werken en Verblijf in Nederland)
- VNG / VI Toolkit 'Housing of labour migrants', combination with social domain



QUESTIONS ?