



EU policy in the field of integration

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1 - Basic Data – indicators on third-country nationals situation in the EU





Some basic data

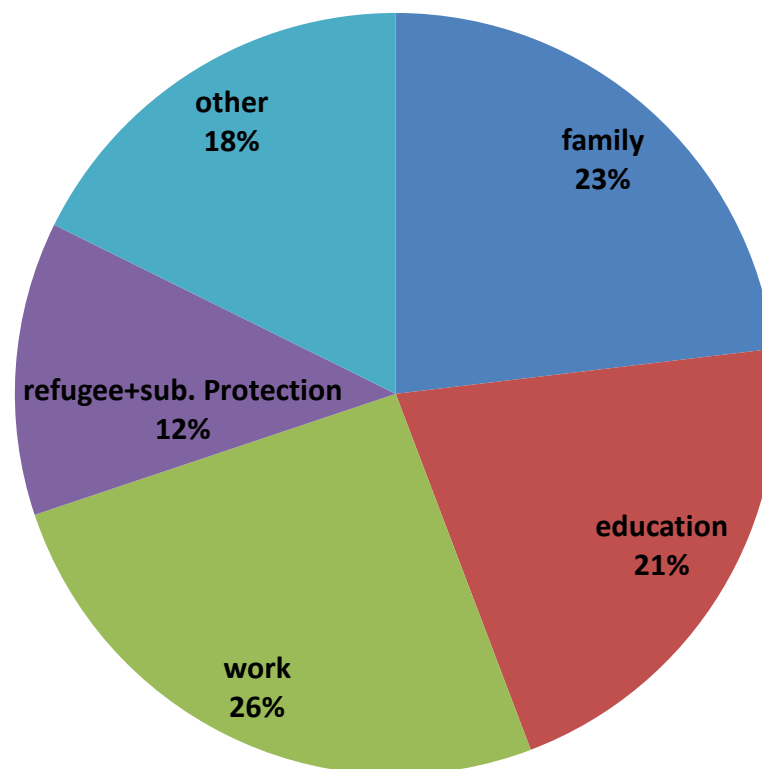
- Around 20 million **third country nationals** in the EU – or 4% of the total EU population
- Larger when defined as "**non-EU born**" population : 34.3 million (or 6.8% of total EU population)
- ¾ are in DE, ES, IT, FR and the UK
- **Diverse situation** in terms of size: <0.5% of pop. in PL, RO and SK to >5% in ES, EL, IT, LU, AT, LV and EE
- Also in terms of origin countries, education level, language, timing, reason for migration
- Main reasons for migration: Family, followed by work. International protection was still under 10% but rising share





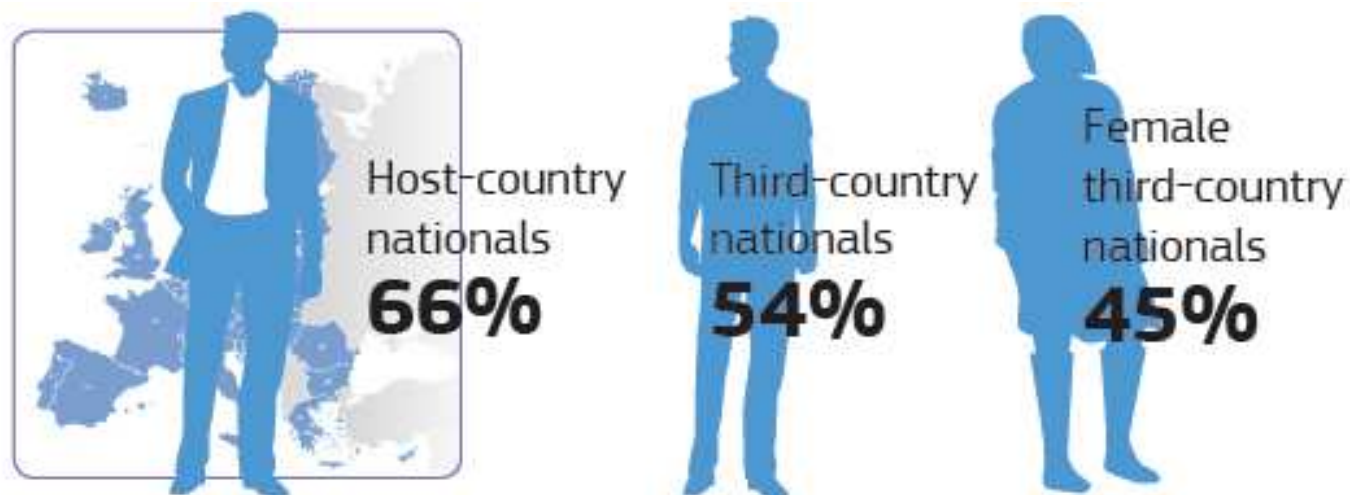
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Reasons for migration to the EU



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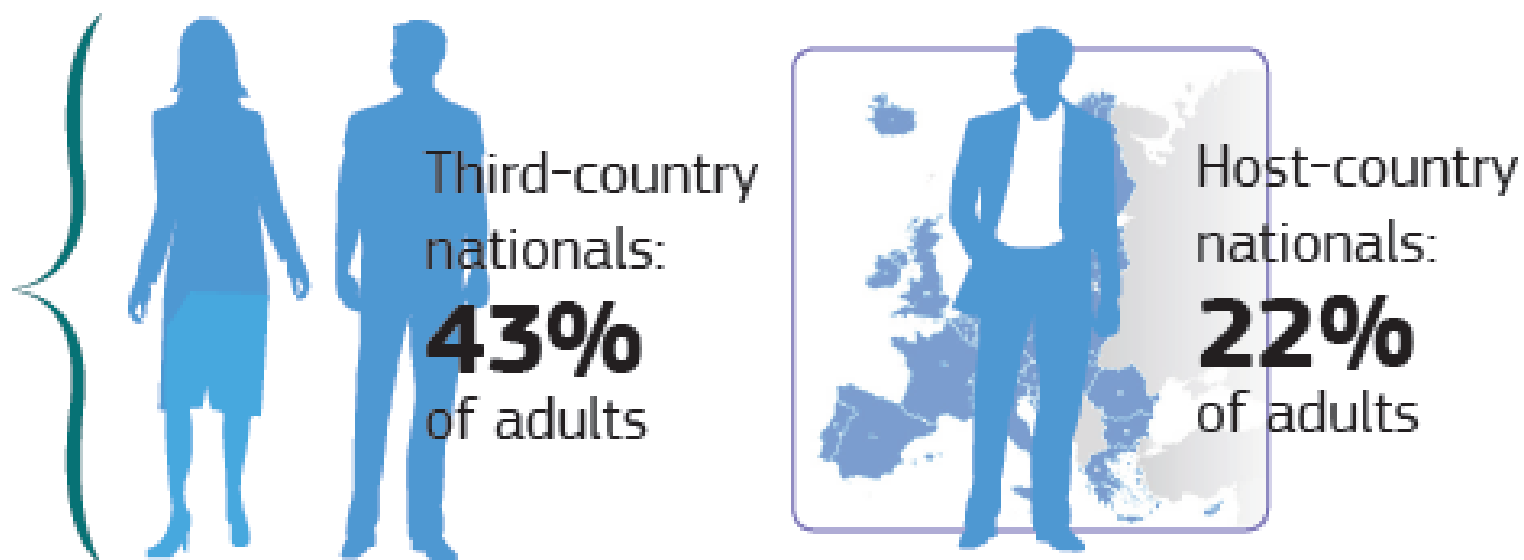
A lower employment rate, in particular for women



Percentage of the host-country nationals and third-country nationals employed in the EU in 2015 (working age 15 to 64)

Context

A lower education level compared with host country nationals



had not achieved upper secondary school level



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Other indicators indicate unfavourable situation of third-country nationals/host country citizens:

- Higher risk of poverty or social exclusion
- Poorer housing conditions
- Higher proportion of early school leavers
- Integration more difficult for refugees and women



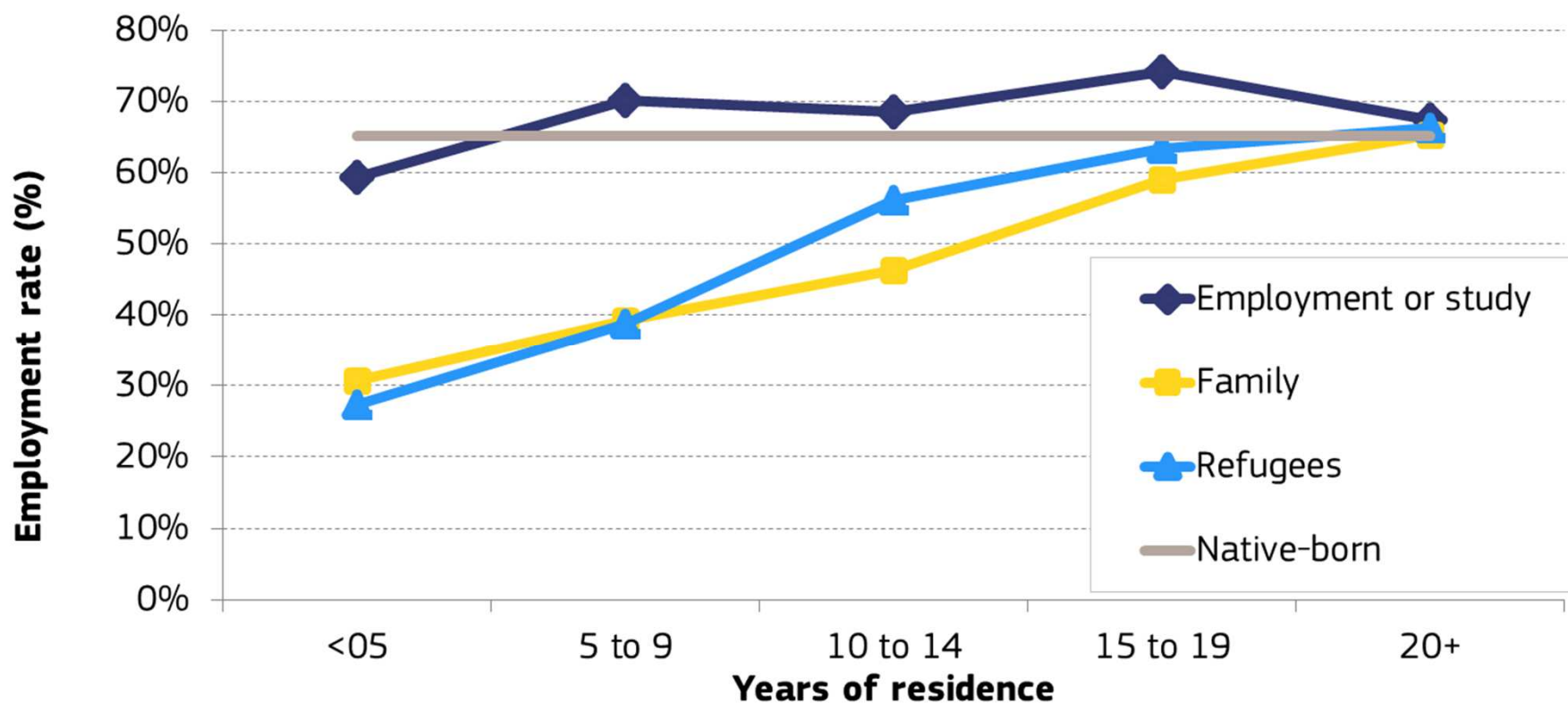
Refugees integration

- Recent data:
(in thousands)

	Asylum applications	Positive decisions
2012	278	91
2013	373	108
2014	563	167
2015	1,256	307
2016	1,204	673

- Rising recognition rate due to origins of asylum seekers
- Increasing share of refugees among the migrant population residing in the EU will represent a further key challenge for integration.

Refugees integration – Labour market



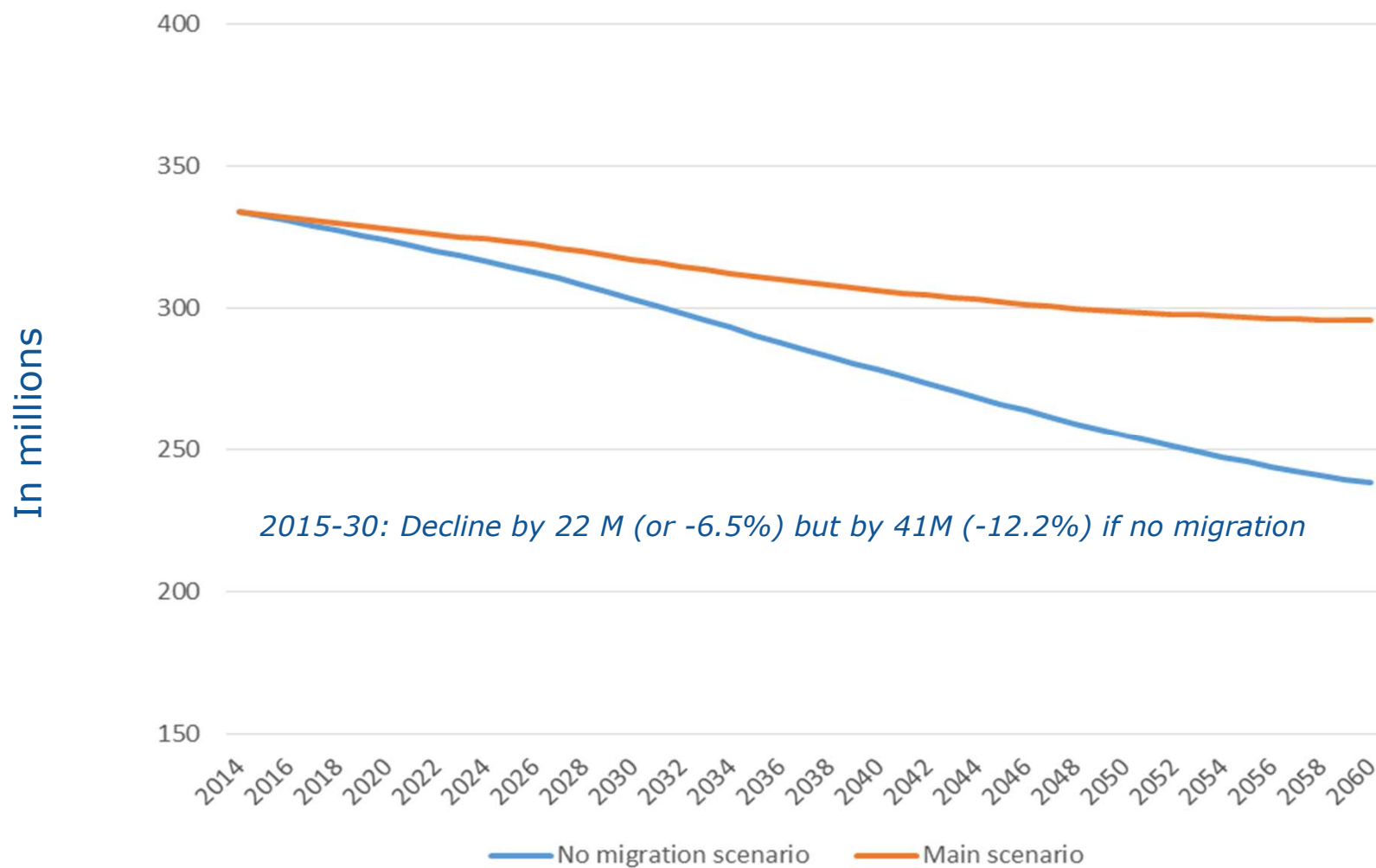
Why an effective integration of refugees and other migrants in the EU is needed?





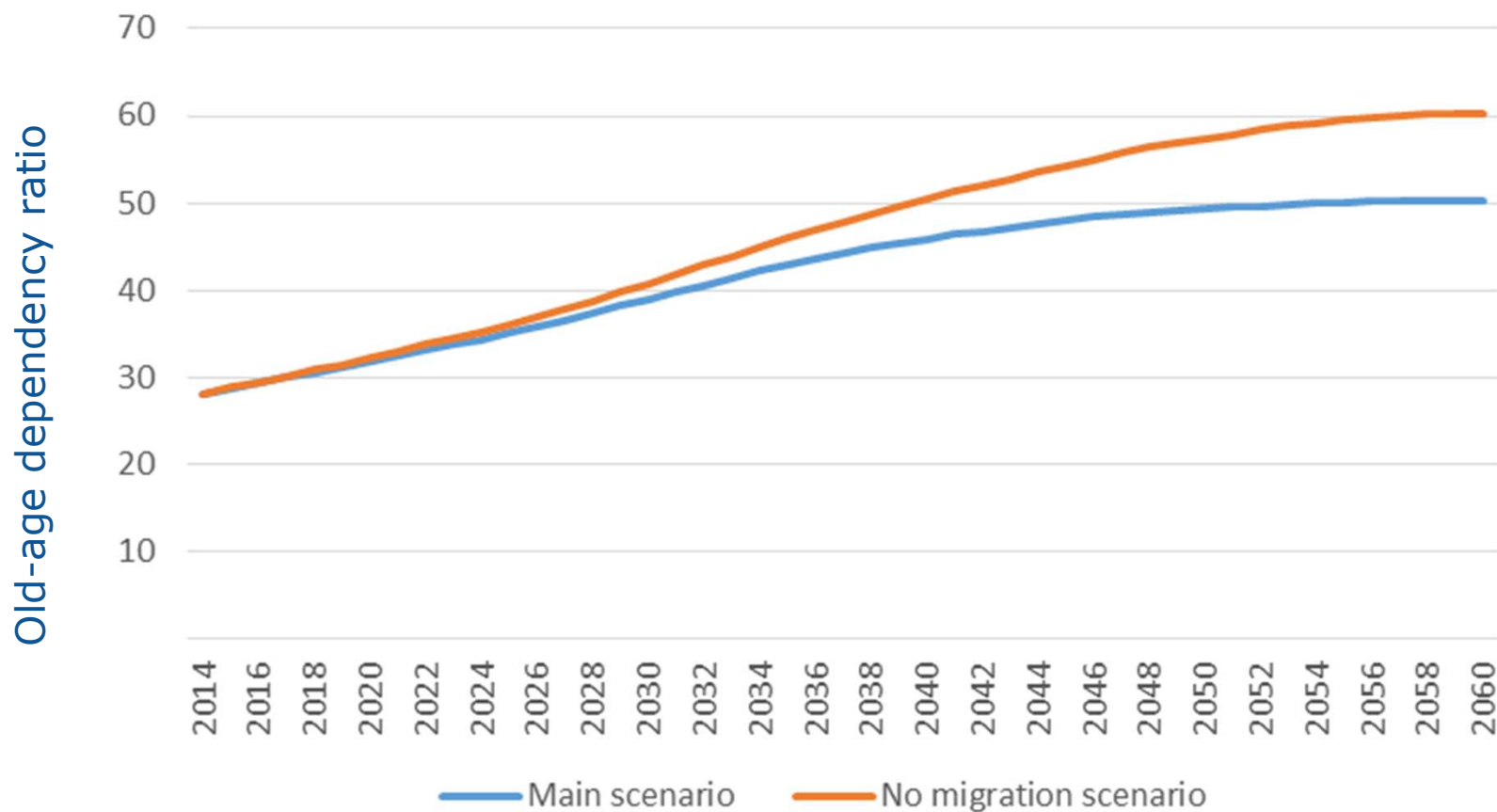
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Working-age pop (15-64) in EU-28



Old age dependency ratio, in EU-28

Ratio between the number of persons 65+ over the number of working-age persons (15 to 64 years)





- **40% of employers in the EU** report that they encounter difficulties in finding employees with the required skills (EU average)
- In many sectors: **labour shortages**: ICT, health & care sectors, science and engineering, managers etc. Trend which will increase
- Migration **and an effective integration of legally residing third-country nationals** can contribute **to maintain the competitiveness of the EU economy**





2 - The EU and integration policy: Mandate and existing tools





EU mandate: what the EU can do in the field of integration of TCNs?

Focus: Integration of **third-country nationals**

No harmonisation of legislation

Art 79(4) TFEU : "... may establish measures to provide incentives and support for the action of Member States with a view to promoting the integration of third-country nationals residing legally in their territories, excluding any harmonization of the laws and regulations of the Member States".

But parts of EU acquis on Asylum concern integration: qualification directive, reception directive, for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection





EU Funding

- Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)
- European Social Fund (ESF)
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- ERASMUS +
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)





Cooperation/Exchange of Practices

- Common Basic Principles on Integration (2004)
- NCPIs => European Integration Network (EIN)
- European Migration Forum
- Dialogue with Local and Regional authorities
- European Website on Integration (EWSI)





Monitoring of EU Indicators of Immigration Integration

- Common indicators in the field of **employment, education, social inclusion** and **active citizenship**
- Adopted in 2010 through Council Conclusions
- Following pilot study with Eurostat
- Available on specific Eurostat webpage <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/migrant-integration/data/database>
- and in Joint report with OECD: [Settling In](#)





3 - Recent Developments





1- Action Plan on the integration of third-country nationals

- General policy framework for the EU work on integration of TCNs adopted in June 2016.
- Action plan focuses on 5 Main priority areas and coordination of integration policy
- Action plan is being implemented: follow-up online tool on the EWSI:

<https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/main-menu/eus-work/actions>





Five priority areas

Five priority areas:

1. Pre-departure/ pre arrival
2. Education
3. Labour market integration and access to vocational training
4. Access to basic services
5. Active participation and social inclusion



1 - Pre-departure/Pre-arrival measures



- Projects supporting pre-departure and pre-arrival measures for local communities (resettlement programmes)
- Strengthening cooperation with selected countries on pre-departure measures

2 - Education



- Online language assessment for newly arrived migrants (Erasmus +)
- Promotion of inclusive education (peer learning events / school education gateway).
- Promotion of upgrading of skills of TCNs (skills agenda)
- Promoting removal of barriers for participation of migrant children in early childhood education

3 – Labour Market integration & vocational training



- Support projects for labour market integration through "fast-track" insertion and vocational training
- Support validation of skills and recognition of qualifications (skills agenda)
- Pilot project to support migrant entrepreneurship
- Promotion of best practices for labour market integration

4 – Access to basic services



- Strengthen cooperation with EIB to fund temporary accommodation/health facilities/social housing
- Develop training modules for health professionals to upgrade capacities to deal with TCNs specific health issues
- Promote exchanges between Member States and cities on housing issues
- Support best practices in care provision for vulnerable TCNs (women, children, old persons)

5 – Active participation and social inclusion

ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION &
SOCIAL INCLUSION



- Promote intercultural dialogue, cultural diversity and European common values
- Promotion of social inclusion through youth and sport (Erasmus +)
- Promotion of participation in social and cultural life
- Promotion of actions to combat discrimination, racism and xenophobia



2- Integration in the labour market

- European dialogue on skills and migration – 23 May 2017

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/legal-migration/european-dialogue-skills-and-migration/second-meeting_en

- Initiative employers together for integration

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- Partnership on integration with representatives of economic and social partners
- Preparation call for proposal 2017 to support policy priorities





Questions?

Thank you!

