

EU policy in the field of integration

DG HOME

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

Some basic data

- Around 21.5 million **third country nationals** in the EU – or 4.2% of the total EU population
- Larger when defined as "**non-EU born**" population : 36.9 million (or 7.2% 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

Unfavourable outcomes in many areas:

- Lower **employment** than host-country nationals (57% vs 73%)
- Even larger gaps among **women** and among those with **tertiary education**
- Much larger risk of **poverty and social exclusion** (49% vs 22%)
- Larger share of **low-education** (43% vs 18%)

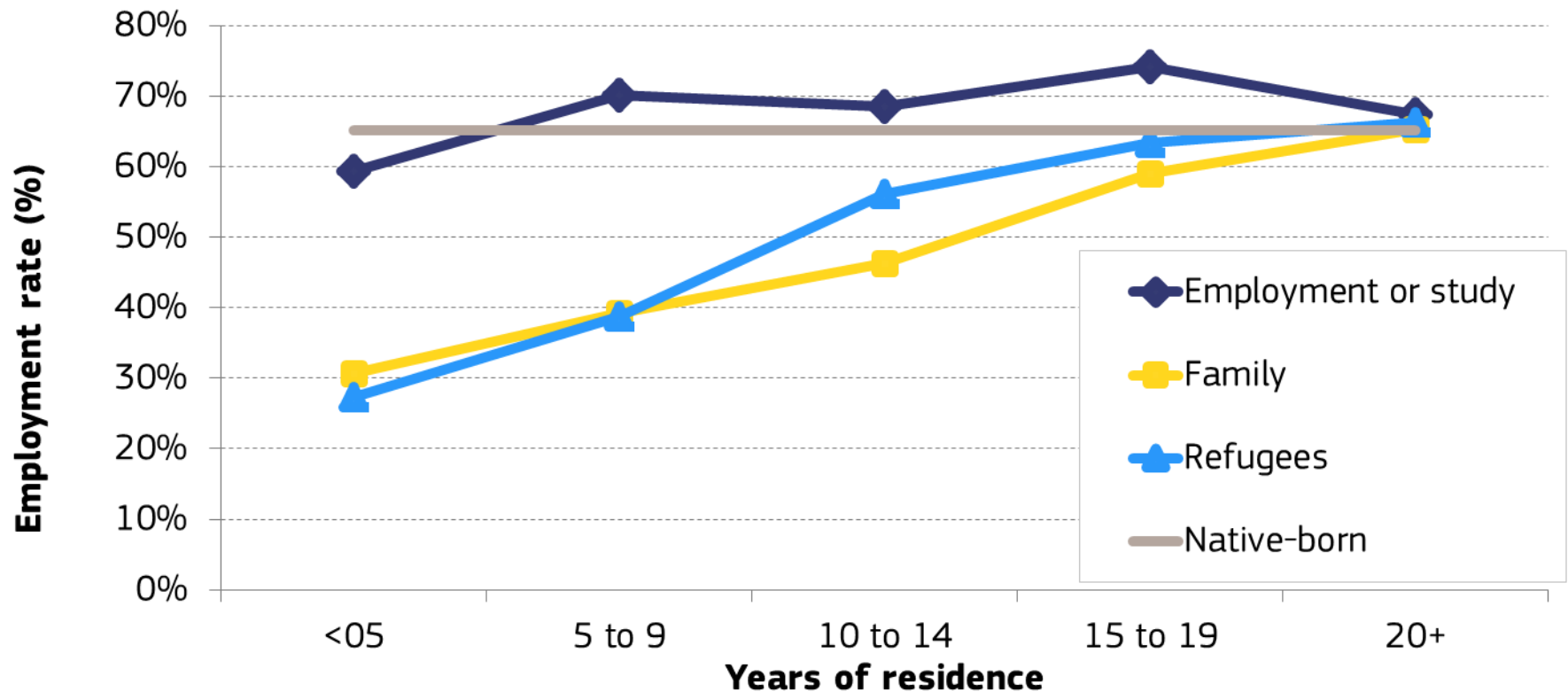
Refugees integration

- Recent data:
(in thousands)

	First time applications	Positive decisions
2013	368	108
2014	563	167
2015	1,257	308
2016	1,206	673
2017	655	438

- Increasing share of refugees among the migrant population residing in the EU will represent a further key challenge for integration.
- At the same time, positive decisions over 2015-17 represent on average 2.8 for 1000 inhabitants in the EU (12.6 in Sweden and 10.1 in Germany but 0.2 or less in 11 EU MS)

Refugees integration – Labour market



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 / main priorities at EU level

1 - General Framework: The 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>

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

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

- Partnership on integration with representatives of economic and social partners

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/e-library/documents/policies/legal-migration/integration/docs/20171220_european_partnership_for_integration_en.pdf

3- Involvement of local authorities – the Urban Agenda Partnership on integration

- Partnership on integration involving cities and Member States, led by the Commission (DG HOME) and the city of Amsterdam
- Action plan to be implemented in 2017-2018 with main following actions:
 - ✓ Proposal for better access to EU funding
 - ✓ Proposal regarding microcredit and blending of funding
 - ✓ Migrant advisory board
 - ✓ Establishment of a Urban academy (training)
 - ✓ Improved indicators at local level

4 – Creation of the European Integration network

- Ex NCPIs with an extended mandate
- Coordination of integration policy at national level
- Mutual learning mandate
- Activities organised in 2017 and 2018: Study visits in SE, DE and PT.

<https://ec.europa.eu/migrant-integration/the-eu-and-integration/networks>

5 – European Semester

- Framework for the coordination of economic policies across the European Union
- Integration has become a more and more prominent topic in the outcome of the semester in the context of labour market and social policies
- In 2018, 4 countries (AT, FR, BE, DE) received a CSR related to integration:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/2017-european-semester-country-specific-recommendations-council-recommendations_en

6 – Eurobarometer Integration-Migration

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/results-special-eurobarometer-integration-immigrants-european-union_en

- Large **divergence** across countries
- Positive correlation with actual size of immigrant population
- Also some differences across socio-demographic groups
- Some negative views but also often some mixed views, reflecting the complexity of these issues
- Issue of information about immigration and integration

6 – Eurobarometer Integration-Migration

- However, overall agreement on the facilitating factors, the obstacles and the measures that could help
- Support for investing in integration
- Support for viewing integration as a two-way process
- Agreement with needs of many actors to be involved
- Support for the role of the EU

Specific results on FI:

http://ec.europa.eu/commfrontoffice/publicopinion/index.cfm/survey/get_surveydetail/instruments/special/surveyky/2169



Next steps

- ❑ Implementation the integration partnership with EU Economic and social partners
- ❑ Monitoring of integration indicators (OECD Settling In 2018 / Country Specific Recommendations European Semester)
- ❑ Upcoming activities of the European Integration Network
- ❑ Ongoing Call for proposals AMIF 2018 – financing of networks of cities and regions in the field on integration (open for submission until 31 January 2020)
- ❑ Preparation of next MFF 2021-2028: ensuring complementarity and synergies between AMF (early interventions) and long-term intervention (ERDF, ESF+)



Questions?

Thank you!