

**Question for written answer P-002915/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Cost per migrant employed in Germany: EUR 90 000 per worker (EUR 15 billion for 168 000 workers)

According to a report by the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS) on the integration of refugees<sup>1</sup>, about 1.2 million asylum seekers were registered in Germany in 2015 and 2016 (p. 11). Germany is said to have spent 0.5 % of its GDP (EUR 2 927 billion in 2015), i.e. EUR 15 billion, on integrating the wave of refugees in 2015 (p. 35). By 2016, 86 % of those who had arrived in 2015 had yet to find work (p. 22).

This means that only 168 000 migrants entered the labour market in 2016, at a cost of EUR 89 286 per worker migrating to Germany, only one-third of whom was working full time<sup>2</sup>.

What is the estimated cost per migrant worker in Germany according to the Commission?

Given the high cost, why did the European Commissioner for Migration, Dimitris Avramopoulos, state that 'Europe will need 6 million migrants' even though he himself pointed out that 'terrorism and the wave of immigration have plunged Europe into an existential crisis'<sup>3</sup>?

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<sup>1</sup> Integration of refugees in Austria, Germany and Sweden: Comparative analysis, study by the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS) , January 2018

<sup>2</sup> SOEP Wave report 2016, p. 156, German Institute for Economic Research  
[https://www.diw.de/documents/publikationen/73/diw\\_01.c.560446.de/wave\\_report\\_2016.pdf](https://www.diw.de/documents/publikationen/73/diw_01.c.560446.de/wave_report_2016.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.tdg.ch/monde/L-Europe-va-avoir-besoin-de-6millions-dimmigres/story/19455815>