



DG INTERNAL POLICIES
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
– Secretariat –

PUBLIC HEARING

"The Integration of economic migrant workers"
8 October, 4 pm
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Programme

The experts invited to the hearing will present their briefing papers, with regard to the following questions asked by the EMPL committee:

1. Is migration an answer to the Member States ageing problem and working-age population decline?
2. If so should the Member States focus on the high-skilled workers or a mix of them including the low-skilled?
3. Can the Australian or Canadian cases, based on quotas by economic sector, be taken as examples for the European Union?
4. What kind of residence status should be given to economic migrants entering the EU, long-term, short-term and what impact these arrangements have on the integration of migrants?
5. Should third-country migrants enjoy the same labour and social rights granted to the EU citizens?
6. What would be the best way of guaranteeing third-country immigrants the transferability to their home countries of social security entitlements acquired when working in the EU?
7. What policies and actions have been more successful in achieving the integration of third-country workers and what possible role could the social partners, the NGO and the civil society play in this context?

The presentations will be followed by an exchange of views with EMPL committee members.

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