EU policy in the field of integration
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)

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- 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

- 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
- 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:
  
2- Integration in the labour market

- European dialogue on skills and migration – 23 May 2017

- Initiative employers together for integration

- Partnership on integration with representatives of economic and social partners
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.

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:
6 – Eurobarometer Integration-Migration


• 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/getsurveydetail/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!