



3rd MEDMEP Session
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Preparation Module | EMPL Committee

Dear Delegates,

We would like to give you a warm welcome to the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs for the MED-MEP session 2019 in Cyprus. In the upcoming weeks, we will be focusing on the issue of qualified migration and its effects on the workforce.

Although economic migration is one of the key opportunities that is offered by living in a Member State of the European Union, it is worth keeping in mind that segregation frequently occurs. Could that, in turn, lead to other pressing issues such as an insufficient number of skilled workers in one region but plethora in another? Could that have devastating outcomes; including the sudden rise in unemployment throughout the EU? Those are only a few of the many intriguing questions that we will investigate and answer together as the EMPL Committee. In order to aid in your preparation for the upcoming session, you may find useful links below related to the subject at hand. Said links include information about the risks that economic migration brings to the EU as a whole, as well as any solutions firmly established in the past; in order to tackle some of the downfalls of economic migration within the EU.

Please study each link carefully as often the most prepared delegates, the most successful ones and those who initiate and engage in fruitful discussion, are the ones who have a detailed understanding of the subject. Some additional tips:

Don't be afraid to come up with your own original ideas when it comes to finding solutions to the pressing issue - original and innovative ideas are always appreciated! The Model European Parliament is all about voicing your own opinions and ideas.

Avoid bias - be careful when it comes to gathering information as it is vital for it to be from a reliable, unbiased source; especially whilst looking for information on the internet. It is always useful to have a look at the sources.

We look forward to meeting you all in Cyprus.

Your CPs,
Zeta Ioannou (CYP) and Marlene Reiser (AUT)



Preparation links

Freedom of movement in the EU and how it's viewed by citizens:

- <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/sheet/147/free-movement-of-persons>
- https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving_country/moving_abroad/freedom_of_movement_within_the_eu/
- <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2018/11/16/opportunity-or-threat-how-europeans-view-freedom-of-movement/>

How economic migration works in the EU:

- https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/legal-migration/work_en
- https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/residence/residence-rights/jobseekers/index_en.htm

High skilled labour migration in Europe and its shortages:

- <https://www.ifo.de/DocDL/dice-report-2018-1-burmann-et-al.pdf>
- <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=457>
- https://www.iemed.org/observatori/arees-danalisi/arxiu-adjunts/anuari/med.2016/IEMed_MedYearBook2016_EUs%20Labour%20Migration%20Policy_Andreia_Ghimis.pdf
- https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/networks/european_migration_network/reports/docs/emn-studies/emn_labour_shortages_synthesis_final.pdf

Germany attracting high skilled migrants:

- <https://www.dw.com/en/germany-increasingly-popular-for-highly-skilled-migrants/a-49056360>

Watch:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMFnru2m4Ss>

Shortage of workforce in certain regions of the EU:

- <https://www.ft.com/content/21c2d25e-a0ba-11e8-85da-eeb7a9ce36e4>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/jan/16/freedom-movement-euroep-foreign-posted-workers-eu>
- https://www.theepochtimes.com/romania-concerned-about-brain-drain-impact-of-eu-free-movement-policy_2726854.html

Solutions to tackle the resulting segregation:

- <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/04/25/eu-launches-a-new-plan-to-deal-with-economic-migration.html>
- <https://www.socialeurope.eu/freedom-of-movement-switzerland> (EU pressing Switzerland)
- https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/programme/sessions/41_en

Changes in countries' economy (e.g. the UK) due to economic migration within the EU:

- <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-45565124>
- <https://www.ft.com/content/0deacb52-178b-11e6-9d98-00386a18e39d>



Watch:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPgafrfiDhs> (Portugal's example)

Setbacks of information on the “brain drain”:

- <https://www.dw.com/en/my-europe-eastern-brain-drain-threatens-all-of-eu/a-46755913>
- <https://cor.europa.eu/en/engage/studies/Documents/addressing-brain-drain/addressing-brain-drain.pdf>
- <https://www.economicshelp.org/blog/glossary/brain-drain-problem/>

Watch:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMsLmoW9N0g>

Please also scan through:

- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/319355532_The_European_Politics_of_Brain_Drain_A_Fast_or_Slow-Burning_Crisis
- <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1496157212325&uri=CELEX:32004L0038>
- <https://cor.europa.eu/en/engage/studies/Documents/addressing-brain-drain/addressing-brain-drain.pdf>