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Economic migration, social cohesion and development: towards an integrated approach

Date: 24 June 2009

Location: Strasbourg (France)

Description: A comprehensive overview about migration in Europe, its impact, benefits, scale and costs, and how to govern it to the benefit of home and host countries launched by the Council of Europe.

The book is prepared by a team of experts under guidance of the European Committee on Migration (CDMG).

It seeks to inform and persuade governments of the Council of Europe member states to put in place effective legislation, policies, institutions and practical measures to regulate migration and ensure rights protection and social cohesion at the national level.

Background information:

More than 45 million foreign-born now live outside their countries of origin in the member states of the Council of Europe. About half of this number, some 22 million, are economically active; in other words employed, self-employed, otherwise engaged in remunerative activity. They make huge contribution to economic development, well being, and productivity.

The book discusses the main challenges to strengthening the contributions migration makes to development, including return of skills, remittances, the "brain drain", the investment of migrants in countries of origin, co-development, and the role of diaspora.

It identifies main policy issues regarding equality of treatment and integration of migrant workers and their families and examines the specific policy factors to effectively regulate migration.

Testimonies: "This book fills a big gap and really tells the story – how migration builds Europe and ensures future economic and social well being. It lays out the agenda for action by all governments and partner stakeholders to ensure that migration benefits the people of countries of destination and of origin, and the migrants themselves." - Patrick Taran, Senior Migration Specialist of the International Labour Organisation, co-author and editorial contributor of the book.

"Independent people who have seen the text have described it in extremely flattering terms; some have gone as far as saying it is one of the defining reports in the history of migration, said Chris Hedges, CDMG Chairman. "The practical information that it contains can be used in many different ways to positively influence a complex and ever-changing policy agenda."

Practical information:

- The interviews can be scheduled by contacting Piotr Walczak, tel. +33 3 88 41 35 62 Piotr.Walczak@coe.int
- To purchase [Economic migration, social cohesion and development: towards an integrated approach](#)

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