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Ending Poverty amongst Migrants

Migration and Employment

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Migrants are not Migrants

- forced vs. unforced
- skilled vs. unskilled
- documented vs. undocumented
- EU-citizens vs. non-EU-citizens
- workers vs. refugees/asylum seekers
- accepted vs. rejected

Highly skilled workers, students, rich private persons, retired people, seasonal workers, trafficked persons,...

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- often DDD: dirty, demanding, dangerous
- Quality of work
- (human and social) rights
- discrimination



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- domestic workers
- undocumented migrants
- trafficked persons



Domestic workers

- inclusion of domestic work in the regular labour market
- Legal prescription of a formal relationship (work contract)
- Creation of domestic work service providers (as a part of home care): rising demand, official permission, ex. service-vouchers)
- Open a channel for low skilled care workers

Undocumented Migrants

- no person is illegal!
- a person is a human being, with rights
- not one-shot mass legalisation (regularisation)
- legalisation after staying in the country for a number of years (depending on the family situation): when the legal power does not succeed to get people out of the country, it is too late after a certain time: integration, neighbours, children, school, language,...
- open legal channels of immigration

Trafficked persons

- fight corruption
- improve police collaboration
- improve protection of victims testifying
- possibilities to stay in the country
- sustainable development in country of origin

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Effects

- pressure on the labour market:
 - wages
 - conditions
- watering down of labour legislation
 - flexibility
- worsening of employment situation

Migration and employment: Conclusions

- do not see Migration as a policy domain per se
- do not see Migration only from a legal point of view (access, receiving, return)
- do not speak about integration

- see Migration as part of the social cohesion process, policy, project in a society
- shift the competence from DG JLS to DG EMPL

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Thank you very much

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