European mobility: patterns, characteristics and impact

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STRUCTURE

1 Patterns of European mobility

2 Who are the mobile European citizens and why are they moving?

3 What are the consequences of European mobility for binational union formation, European identification and solidarity?
European mobility at heart of EU unification

In research most emphasis on non-European migrants

...But European migration and mobility increasingly important and directions diversified
Three types of migration:

International migration from outside EU to the EU

Migration between EU countries
  Both EU and non EU nationals

Internal migration within the country of both nationals and Europeans
MIGRATION IN EUROPE

Source: Van Mol & de Valk (2015)
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INTRA-EU MIGRATION

Europeans who live abroad
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Europeans who have ever lived abroad

(PIONEUR project 2006)
INTRA-EU MIGRATION

Europeans who lived and worked abroad
(Eurobarometer 2013)
2013 flow:
1.7 million immigrants to EU28 from non-member countries
1.7 million people migrated between members states

January 2014 stock
33.5 million people born outside of the EU-28
17.9 million persons born in a different EU Member State than where they are currently residing
SHARE OF NON-NATIONALS IN THE RESIDENT POPULATION, 2014

Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr_pop1ctz)
FOREIGN WORKING POPULATION OF EU AND NON-EU ORIGIN, 2012

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TOP TEN AVERAGE INTRA EUROPEAN FLOWS 2008-2011

Source: Van Mol & de Valk (2015)
TOP TEN AVERAGE ANNUAL INTRA-EU MIGRATION FLOWS, 2000-2011 (X 1,000)

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PERCENTAGE INTRA-EU IMMIGRATION AS SHARE OF TOTAL IMMIGRATION FOR SELECTED COUNTRIES, REPORTED BY COUNTRY

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WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EUROPEAN MIGRANTS (FLOW) AND MIGRANT POPULATIONS (STOCK)?

Distribution by sex and age of migration from PL to DE, according to DE, 2008 (%)

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Source: Van Mol & de Valk (2015)
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Distribution by sex and age of migration from PL to NL, according to NL, 2009 (%)

Source: Van Mol & de Valk (2015)
Distribution by sex and age of migration from RO to ES, according to ES, 2008-2011 (%)

Distribution by sex and age of migration from UK to ES, according to ES, 2008-2011 (%)

Source: Van Mol & de Valk (2015)
EUROPEAN BINATIONAL COUPLES

Maastricht Treaty (‘92): European citizen Indicator of European integration
European binational couples = both partners born in a different EU country
Literature focuses on non-EU couples and marriage

ESF funded EUMARR project

Work together with Suzana Koelet, Tom De Winter & Christof Van Mol
Incidence of international and binational marriages (% of all marriages registered in 2009)

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Source: Koelet, de Valk & Willaert (2011)
Consequences of European bi-national relations:
• European identification
• European solidarity
MEASURES

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Take home messages:

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Family life and demographic events are crucial in understanding migration project: we should go beyond the classic origin-destination divide!
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