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Labour Market Integration of Migrants, Refugees & Asylum Applicants



Whether and how migrants, asylum applicants and refugees integrate into the labour market, and the time it takes for them to do so, will determine:

- their prospects for integrating socially and economically into European societies;
- their capacity to contribute to the overall wellbeing of the continent;
- their **long-term impact** on European **economies**.



The **UNHCR experience** reveals that early integration would be highly desirable for at least three reasons:

- 1. it is the most effective, efficient and meaningful method of facilitating this **target group's integration** into European societies;
- 2. it can alleviate pressure on the **public purse**;
- it can help address current and future labour market shortages in the EU.

UNHCR 2013

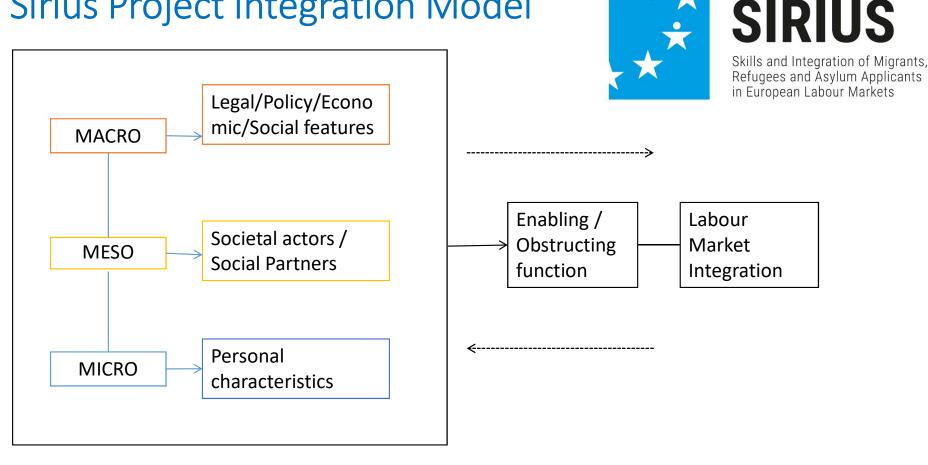
The Sirius Project



- Studying enabling factors and barriers to labour market integration of MRAAs
- Mixed methods
- Seven European countries
- 11 Partners
- 3-year project



The Sirius Project Integration Model



Some preliminary CAVEAT



- NUMBERS
- PERCEPTIONS
- STATUSES & INTEGRATION

Success rate of international protection application 2016

	Number of applications	Positive decisions	Success rate
Czech Republic	1.300	435	33,5%
Denmark	10.410	7.125	68%
Greece	11.455	2.715	23,7%
Finland	20.750	7.070	34%
Italy	89.875	35.405	39,3%
Switzerland	22.580	13.185	58,3%
UK	30.915	9.935	32%

Source: Eurostat

Comparative TRENDS in MIGRATION LAW



- > NARROWING THE ACCESS TO SIRIUS COUNTRIES
 - a. Borders' securisation
 - b. Procedural restrictions
 - c. Reduction of working permits and foreign workers' quota

> LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAGMENTATION

- a. Primary Vs secondary legislation
- b. Multiplicity of entities involved in the "multilevel" and subsidiary-based management of migration flows

➤ RIGHTS DOWNSIZING

Right to family unity- SIRIUS Countries

	Asylum Applicants	Refugees	Subs. Prot	Nationa temporary protection	Econ. migrants, short term	Econ. migrants - long term	Undocum migrants
Czech Rep.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Denmark	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
Finland	NO	YES (econ. cond.)	YES (econ. cond.)		YES (econ. Cond.)	YES (econ. cond.)	NO
Greece	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES -After two years	NO
Italy	NO	Yes	YES	NO	NO	YES (econ. & housing cond.)	NO
СН	NO families can apply together)	YES	•	YES, after 3 years and econ. & housing cond.	_	YES	NO
UK	May be included in the application	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	No with exceptions

Integration in the Labour Markets



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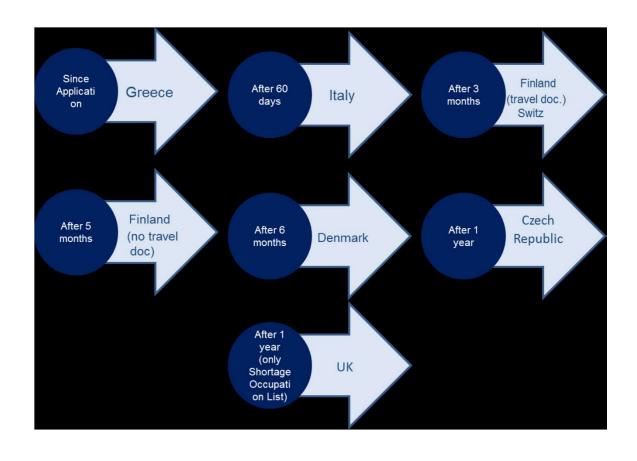
- 1) access to the labour market (translated into a rights language means the right to work) with its corollaries (recognition of qualifications, vocational training, etc...),
- 2) non-discriminatory working conditions (that translated into a rights language means right to both formal and substantial equality) and its corollaries of benefits and duties deriving from the fact of being part of the labour market

Right to work

	Asylum Applicants	Refugees	Subs. Prot	National protection	Econ. migrants, short term	Econ. migrants - long term	Undocum migrants
Czech Rep.	YES after 1 year stay	YES	YES	YES	YES if the worker has a contract prior to entering the country	YES	NO
Denmark	YES after 6 months stay	YES	YES	YES	YES but with a work permit	YES but with a work permit	NO
Finland	YES after 3 months with travel docs/5 without	YES	YES		YES but with a work permit	YES but with a work permit	NO
Greece	YES since the application	YES	YES		YES subject to the labour market's demand	YES	NO
Italy	YES after 60 days from application	YES	YES	YES	YES subject to the labour market's demand	•	NO – but if they work, they have certain labour rights
Switzerland	Yes, after 3 months	YES	YES.	YES, after request for work permit	YES if allowed by the conditions for permit to stay	YES	NO – but if they work, they have certain labour rights
UK	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES with specific visa	NO

Time limits to Asylum Applicants' access to national labour markets





Working as nationals do.....



- LANGUAGE SKILLS
- RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCES
- VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

LANGUAGE SKILLS

	Asylum Applicants	Refugees	Subs. Prot	Nationa temporary protection	Econ. migrants, short term	Econ. migrants - long term	Undocum migrants
Czech Rep.	Yes, offered at facilities	Yes, one year language course by Ministry of Education	Yes, one year language course.	no policies defined by law	YES- by State Integration Centres	Yes- by State Integration Centres	NO, Provided only by NGOs
Denmark	Yes, by reception centr.	YES	Not specified by law	YES	YES, by municipalities	YES, by municipalities	NO
Finland	YES	YES, part of the integration training	YES, part of the integration training		YES, part of the integration training	YES, part of the integration training	No, offered by NGOs.
Greece	YES, mostly provided by NGOs.	YES, mostly provided by NGOs	YES, mostly provided by NGOs	YES, mostly provided by NGOs	YES, mostly provided by NGOs	YES, mostly provided by NGOs	
Italy	Yes in SPRAR; highly limited in reception centers.	Yes	YES	Yes,	YES	YES	NO, except from children
СН	Not by law, by cantons or associations	YES, part of the integration measures	YES, part of the integration measures	Yes , part of the integration measures	Yes, but not necessarily for free	Yes, but not necessarily for free	Not by law, provided by associations
UK		YES but competing with other individuals for free access	YES but competing for free access	YES	YES (not free access)	YES (not free access)	Not by law

Qualifications & competences

	Asylum Applicants	Refugees	Subs. Prot	National protection	Econ. migrants, short term	Econ. migrants - long term	Undocum migrants
Czech Rep.	YES upon evidence of formal qualifications	formal	formal	YES upon evidence of formal qualifications	·	YES upon evidence of formal qualifications	
Denmark Finland	NO YES but with proof of citizenship	YES but	YES but	YES	YES but with	YES but with proof of citizenship	
Greece	YES upon evidence of formal qualifications	YES upon evidence of formal qualifications	YES upon evidence of formal qualifications		YES upon evidence of formal qualifications	YES upon evidence of formal qualifications	
Italy	YES upon evidence of formal qualifications	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
CH UK	YES NO	YES NO	YES. NO	YES NO	YES Depending from country of origin	YES Depending from country of origin	NOs NO

Vocational Training

	Asylum Applicants	Refugees	Subs. Prot	Nationa temporary protection	Econ. migrants, short term	Econ. migrants - long term	Undocum migrants
Czech Rep.	YES	YES – also in case of unemployment		YES – also in case of unemployment		YES – also in case of unemployment	
Denmark	YES, provided by the asylum center.	YES, part of the integration training	Limited	YES, part of the integration training	Yes, vocational training courses organized by unions.	Yes, vocational training courses organized by unions.	NO
Finland	Asylum seekers may take part in vocation training in schools.	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	NO
Greece	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals			YES- as nationals	NO
Italy	Yes, In SPRAR facilities if courses are organised	YES- as nationals		YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	NO
СН	Yes, in cases where trainings are short.	YES	YES	Yes if they will probably stay in CH enough time	YES	YES	YES.
UK	Not based on legal framework (In Scotland yes, in England it is more difficult to be included)	Yes - Not based on legal framework	Yes - Not based on legal framework	Yes - Not based on legal framework	Yes but it should not be your main reason of visit	Yes but with a specific visa	NO

Unemployment benefits

	Asylum Applicants	Refugees	Subs. Prot	Nationa temporary protection	Econ. migrants, short term	Econ. migrants - long term	Undocum migrants
Czech Rep.	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
Denmark	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	ONLY permanent residents	NO
Finland	NO	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	NO	YES- as nationals	NO
Greece	NO	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals		NO	YES- as nationals	NO
Italy	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	NO
СН	Yes, but with restrictions.	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	YES- as nationals	NO
UK	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	ONLY permanent residents	NO

To sum up



Refugees, beneficiaries of **subsidiary protection** and **long-term migrants** are at the **top of the hierarchy**, endowed with the broader and stronger sets of rights, including those related to accessing the labour market, workers' rights and benefits.

At the **bottom of the hierarchy** we find **irregular migrants**, and just above them, **asylum seekers**, both categories of migrants with the most restrictive access to rights and entitlements allowing them entering an integration path.

Widening the access to top status or enlarging rights and benefits connected with other status would multiply the enabling effect of asylum and protection



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