

3rd LAS Youth Forum: Youth Migration

Documentation of the workshop: **Migration and the economic crisis**

SUMMARY FOR THE PRESENTATION

: Migration and the economic crisis

- Definition of migration, economical crisis and their relationship, influences
- Impact of economical crisis on labour market and economy in hosting country
 - ⇒ immigrants improve the cashflow of the hosting country, help the economy
 - ⇒ local people are afraid of losing jobs because immigrants accept lower paid jobs
- „negative“ influence of media on migration, portraits of host countries, immigrants
 - host countries portrayed as a paradise, then immigrants looked down on by media when they arrive
 - ⇒ media should provide relevant and objective information containing both positive and negative aspects of host countries
- Situation of migrants in different countries, their organization, reasons to come
 - immigrants lack effective organization of workers in host countries – by this they discriminate themselves within the local well organized civic society
 - ⇒ better and more efficient organization will help them achieve a better position on a labour market
 - ⇒ immigrants should come with a clear education & working profile and thus be stronger and better approachable with the system
- Projects
 - Ngo advocacy - Capacity building project for NGO's
 - Courses for young immigrants about means of non verbal communication
 - Establishing organizations helping immigrants with visas and finding jobs

Getting to know each other

- Games to remember our names – in a circle
- We are:
Tarek (France), Sidahmed (Morocco), Federico (Italy / Estonia), Hassan (Bahrain), Brigitte (Denmark), Naima (France), Taha (?), Mena (Egypt), Iman (Morocco), Marek (Czech Republic), Zizi (Bahrain), Radu (Romania)

Sharing with others our hopes for the workshop and the forum to achieve

- Putting stickers on a flipchart
- Hopes to start on time, come with successful projects

Defining the migration, economic crisis and their relationship

- what it influences, what is it influenced by

Migration – definition

- Voluntary move from one place (country) to another to generally improve living conditions – reasons to do it can be political, economic, religious...
- People search for improvement of their life condition:
 - Have a better paid job, gain new skills and get a better education, escape political crisis, find security, be with their family

Economical crisis – impact

- Felt differently on different places
- People have a lack of tolerance to migrants because of the economic crisis
- Hosting countries close borders even more to „protect“ local businesses, because they are afraid the local people will lose jobs because of migrants who can be satisfied with lower salaries – that is also seen as a positive aspect of migration that migrants actually help the host country to grow from the crisis
- Connection between economic crisis and migration is a relatively new trend
- Due to economical crisis a lot of people lost their jobs, quality of their life decreased.

The problem migrants realize about media is that in the potential hosting countries are presented like paradise to move to. On the contrary, when migrants come to their new country, they are presented by media in a negative light. The media has a negative influence on migrants in this issue. In addition, potential host countries should be presented in a realistic way and with all their problems.

Opinions

- Migrants in a host countries should be more organized and profiliate more their specialization
- The fact that they are not efficiently organized actually excludes them, because local workers are usually organized in a groups with a big power to lobby for better conditions.

UN should take care about the contracts between countries of OPEC and other countries who provide weapons in return for the privilege to get oil.

Situation of migrants in different countries:

Czech Republic

Immingrants mainly from eastern countries – Russia, Ukraine, Slovakia, also China, Vietnam. Local and migrant poeple are paid differently on the same position in their job.

Denmark

Local people think that they are hated by Arabs, prejudice and stereotypes play a big role.

Bahrain

Migrants come for:

- Studying – be doctors or make their MBA
- People from Asia (India, Bangladesh) have low paid lobs
- High managers positions are occupied by migrants as well.
- They have also Egyptian teachers.

European economies do not seem to be afraid of immigrant (~ foreign) labour.
On the other side, Maghreb countires seem to be afraid
They stopped giving contracts to chinese people

40% of people from south of Morocco immigrate for work – to Spain, Italy

Miration improves cash flow of hosting countries.

Discussion in a circle about what happened in the grup so far.

Frustration about the appeal, missing the process of a longer discussion and preparation of the result. The draft received too short time before the actual session about it.

Plenaries were not so interesting for everyone, problems with translation.

More participation on plenaries would be needed, at the same time better content of the presentation (or make more interesting, acceptable for the listeners)

Preparation of projects for project fair.