

***Activities of the European Economic
and Social Committee
in the area of the immigration policy***

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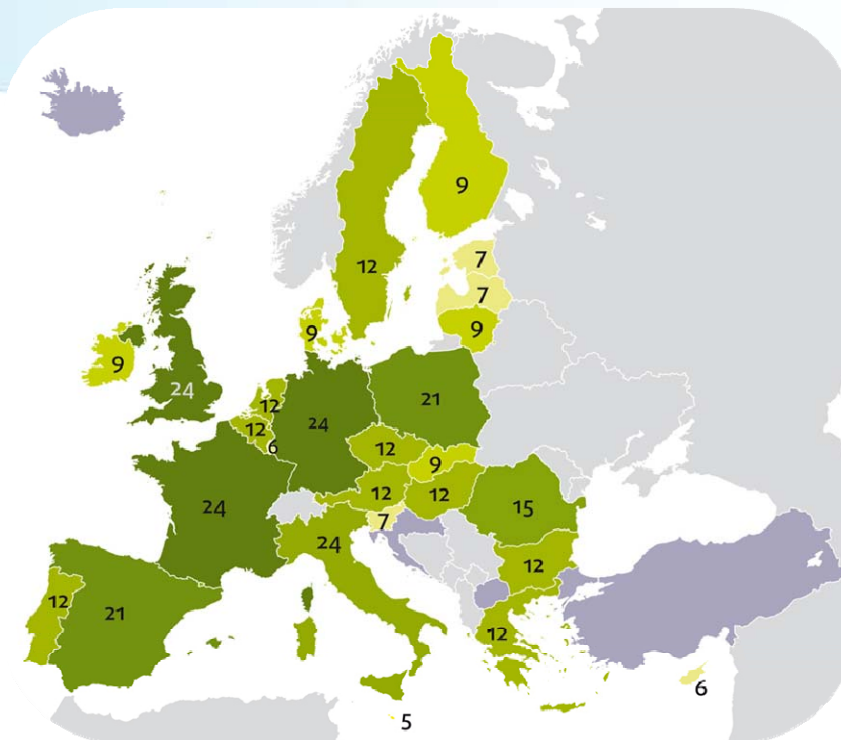
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Institutional position of the EESC



Who sits on the EESC?

- 344 Representatives of organisations of employers, of the employed, of other parties representative of civil society
- 5-year term (Treaty of Lisbon)



EEESC's work in the area of immigration and integration

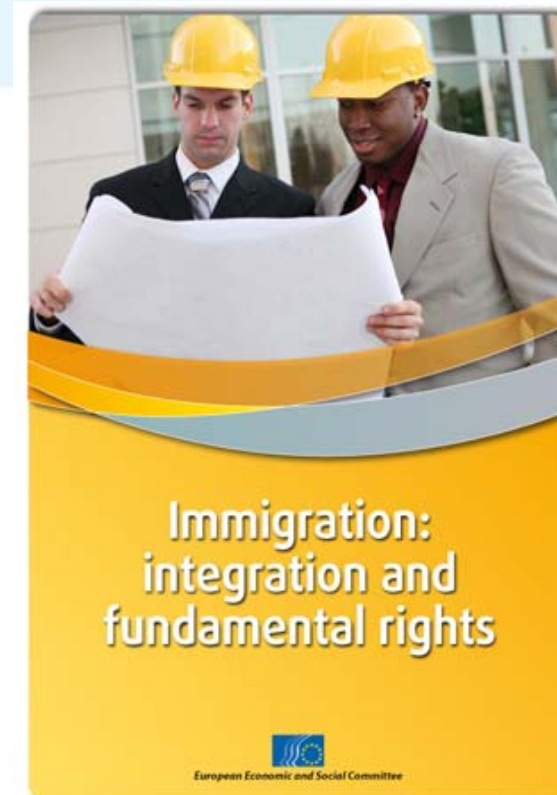
- Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship
- Permanent study group on immigration and integration (21 members), presided by Mr Pariza Castaños



EESC's work in the area of immigration and integration

Recent opinions:

- ***The role of legal immigration in the context of demographic challenges*** (2010)
- ***The new challenges of integration*** (2010)
- ***Integration and the Social Agenda*** (2010)
- ***Integration of immigrant workers*** (2010)
- ***Respect for fundamental rights in European immigration policies and legislation*** (2009)



European Integration Forum



Next, 4th meeting:
6-7th December 2010



European Integration Forum how was it created?

Decided in the 2005 JHA Council conclusions, on the basis of a Commission proposal, but still not entered into force in 2007 when...

the Commission, in charge of its settlement, asked the EESC to reflect on the *elements for the structure, organisation and functioning* and then to co-organise the Forum

First meeting of the Forum was held in **April 2009**

(+ the launch of the integration website)



European Web Site on Integration
www.integration.eu



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European Integration Forum - how does it work?

**100 participants from European and national level
(representatives of the EU network organisations (1/3) and national
organisations (2/3))**

- **2 annual meetings**
- **Agenda based on the
Common Basic Principles
on Integration and the EC's
work plan**





European Integration Forum - what are its tasks?

- Advisory role and elaboration of reports
- Exchange of *know-how and best practice* (local/national/EU level)
- Involvement in the elaboration of integration policies; raising ideas & suggestions in the policy arena
- Assistance in the creation of European level organisations



Our data needs

Quantitative data („*why & how*”) on:

- Participation of migrants in the life of the receiving society
 - Membership in political parties, trade unions and mainstream organisations + their career therein
- Discrimination
- Image of migrants



Our data needs

Quantitative data („*why & how*”) on:

- Education – access, quality
- Employment – access to labour market, career development, discrimination
- Housing conditions, types of districts, evolution over time



Thank you for your attention!

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