



Intra-EU mobility

The Eurobarometer survey on “Geographical and labour market mobility” (2009) and other data sources

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- Need for data on intra-EU mobility because :
 - Relative success of the single market means less statistics on persons moving inside the EU
 - Geographical and labour mobility are key instruments in the Europe 2020 strategy
 - Free movement of workers, enlargement and transitional arrangements
 - Analysis of migrants and “mobile workers”
- Data used in the context of intra-EU mobility
 - EU wide surveys (LFS, EU-SILC)
 - Eurostat Population statistics
 - National data
 - EURES (European Job mobility portal)
 - Administrative data (e.g. : E101 certificates for posted workers)
 - ...and Eurobarometers



Eurobarometer on geographical and labour mobility (2009)



- Repetitions of 2005 and 2007 surveys (but with some topics added and not full comparability)

Various topics addressed in the 2009 version :

- Respondent's opinions about the impact of people moving across regions or countries within the EU on...
- Respondents' experiences of living, working and/or studying abroad
- Respondents' plans to work abroad in future
- Positive and negative experiences of those who have already worked abroad
- Motivations and disincentives for working abroad
- Perceived issues to be faced when working abroad
- Ways respondents think they would find work abroad
- Respondents' knowledge of EURES and the services they would look for in an employment service



Eurobarometer on geographical and labour mobility (2009)



Specifications

- Survey conducted in November-December 2009 by TNS Opinion & Social
- Among 26.761 Europeans (around 1.000 in each MS except 500 in CY, LU and MT)
- Only EU nationals, aged 15+
- Published in June 2010 (Special EB 337 – wave 72.5) :
http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/archives/ebs/ebs_337_en.pdf





Some results (1)

- Majority of Europeans think that moving countries or regions is good for European integration; half think that it is good for the economy, the labour market, and individuals, but fewer think mobility is good for families.
- ..but a relatively small share of 10% of respondents has actually lived and worked abroad.
- Experience abroad, be it for work or study, makes people more likely to consider moving abroad for work in the future. Having a relative or friend who has lived or worked abroad also predisposes people to consider moving abroad.
- Around a third of Europeans (34%) rate the chances of finding a job in another country better than those in their own country; close to one in five (17%) envisages working abroad at some point in the future.



Some results (2)



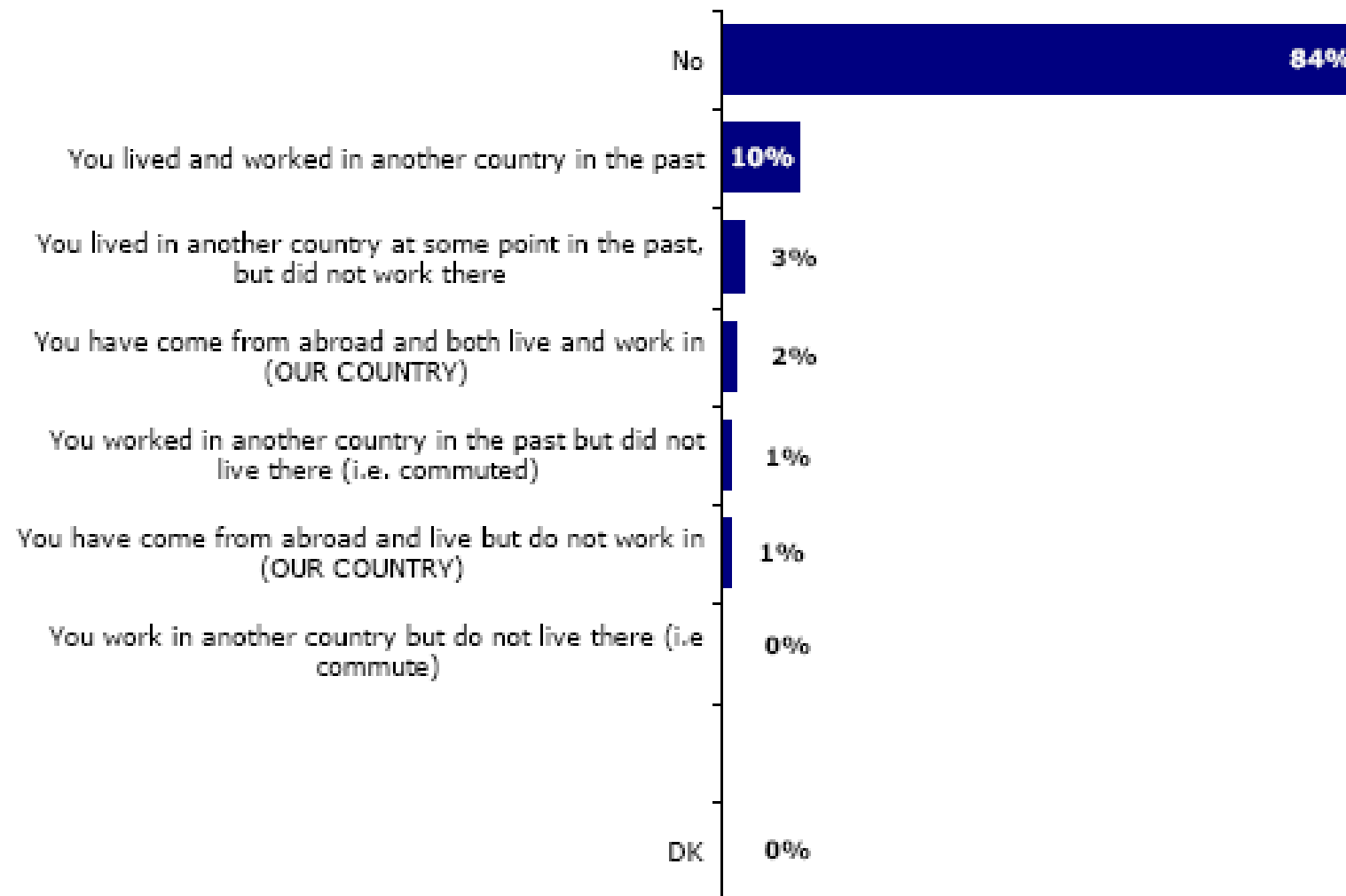
- US, UK and Australia are the 3 most popular destinations for those considering working abroad.
- Personal contacts and the Internet are the most likely sources of information Europeans would use to find a job abroad. 21% would use a public employment agency, and 12% have heard of EURES.
- Europeans living in NMS12 countries more likely to be motivated to work abroad, and in their choice of country by economic considerations, whilst those in EU15 countries more drawn by lifestyle and cultural factors.
- Unemployment also a powerful motivator for mobility - almost half would consider moving regions or countries to find work if they were to be out of work.
- However, financial incentives are not the dominant consideration for all Europeans - 28% of Europeans would not work abroad no matter the money on offer.



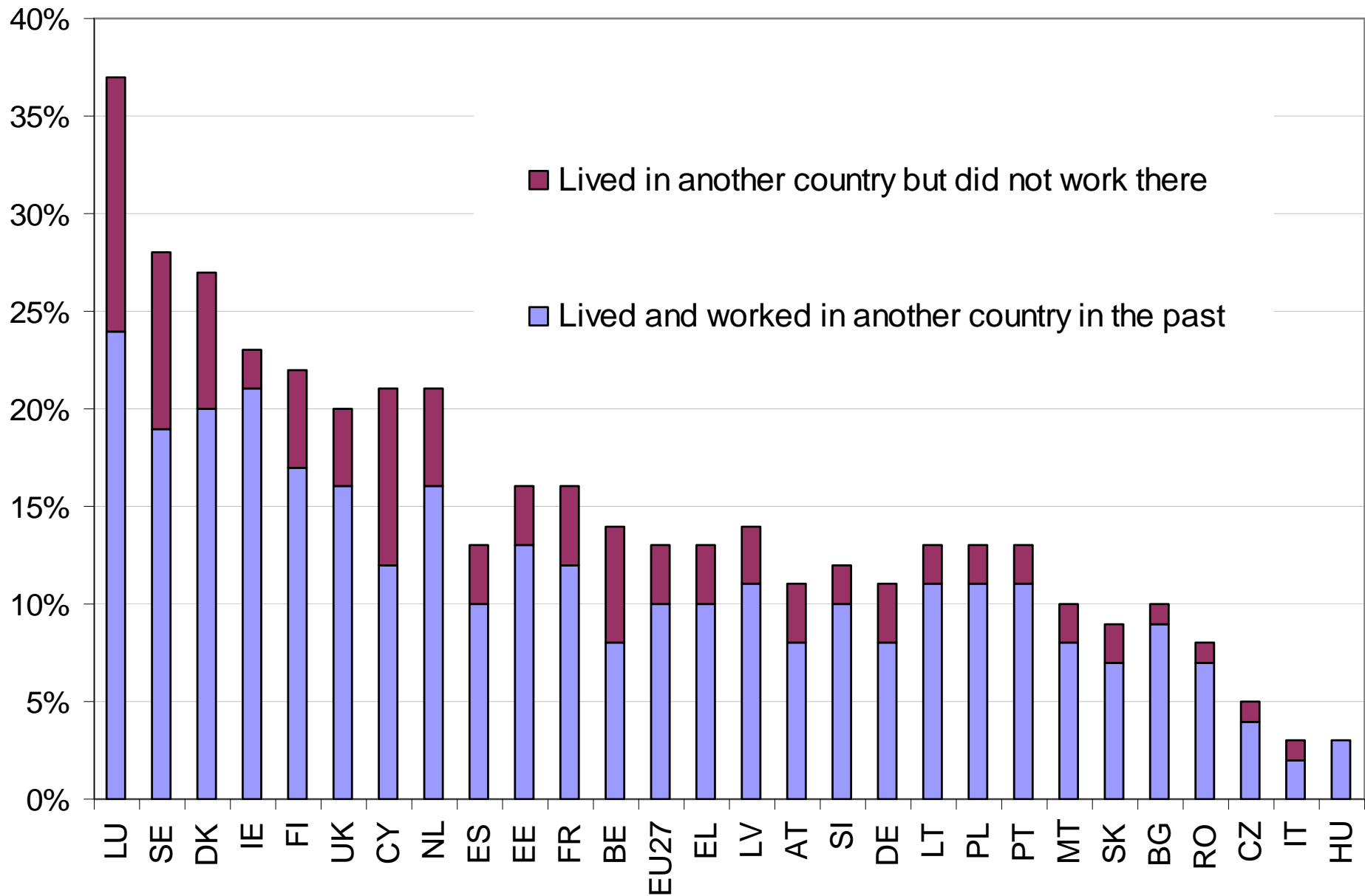
The majority of European have not lived or worked in another country



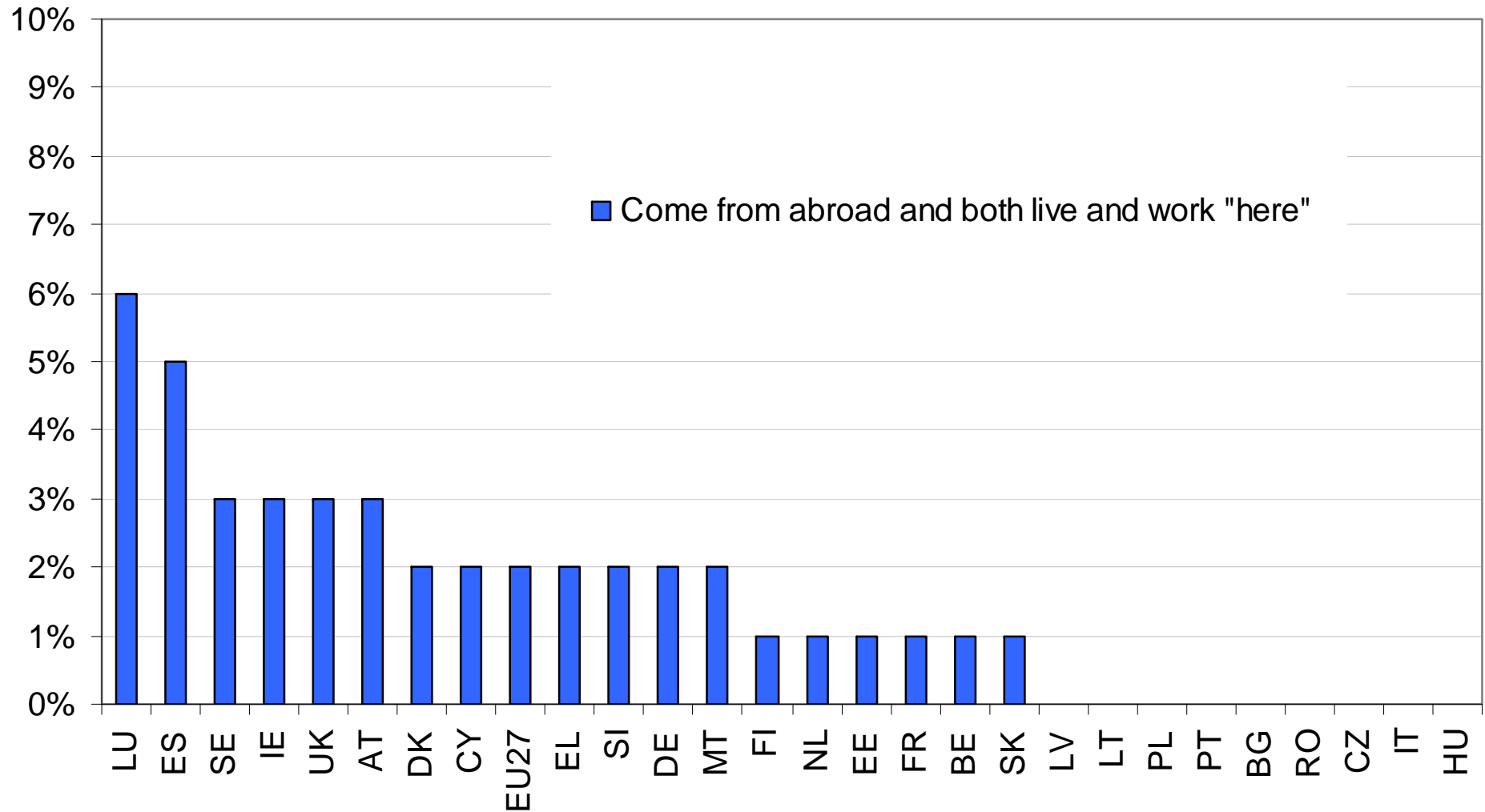
QC3 Did you ever live and/or work in a country other than (OUR COUNTRY) or have you come from abroad to live and/or work in (OUR COUNTRY)? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE) - % EU



Breakdown by country



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Past experiences of living and working in another country : breakdown by socio-economic variables

- Women (87%) more often than men (81%) indicate that they have neither lived nor worked in another country, nor come from another country to live/work.
- Of all the age groups, those aged 15 - 24 have the lowest proportion who say that they have lived/worked abroad, but given relatively short time they could have been in employment this is not surprising.
- Those who completed their education aged 20+ have the highest proportion of respondents who have lived and worked in another country in the past (20+:17%, 16-19:9%, <16:8%).
- Managers more frequently say they have lived and worked in another country in the past (16%), particularly compared to inactive people not in retirement or education (7%).



Reflections on future EB on this topic



- Pro and cons of such survey :
 - Limited sampling size, comparability issues, difficulties to take into account complexity/variety of mobility experience
 - ...but flexibility, possibility to address various subjects, good communication tool
- Reflection on the need (and the way) to conduct EB on the same topic in the future
- Need to use various sources of information in the field of mobility



EB on New Europeans (2010)



Ancestry: was born abroad, or has at least one parent or grand-parent who was born abroad,

Life choices - worked abroad for at least three consecutive months, or studied abroad for at least half a school year, or lives/lived with a foreign spouse/partner,

also

Relationships (relatives, friends abroad or from abroad)

Culture (news, language, food, holidays abroad)



EB on New Europeans (2010)



	%	millions
1. Non-EU citizens living in the EU	4	20
2. EU citizens who were born abroad	10	50
3. EU citizens born in the country but whose parents or grandparents were born abroad	5	25
4. EU citizens with work/study experience abroad or have/had a foreign partner (1)	11	55
Total	30	150

Plus many more via Relationships and Cultural links to other countries





Thank you for your attention

