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Strengthening national capacities to deal with international migration:

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UNECE objective

Strengthening the capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia to develop evidence-based policies on international migration



How?

1. Improving availability and quality of statistics
2. Establishing networks for exchange of data and information
3. Improving capacity to utilize statistical data for analysis and policymaking



Activities and outputs

1. Three capacity building workshops
 - Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Feb 2010
 - Istanbul (Turkey), Dec 2010
 - Antalya (Turkey), Oct 2011
2. Review of data sources and quality
3. Practical guide
4. Data clearinghouse
5. Migratory: online inventory of sources



1. Workshops

- ❖ Participants: statistical offices, migration services, ministries
- ❖ Discussing the application of international recommendations in national migration statistics
- ❖ Identifying data gaps
- ❖ Proposing practical steps to improve international comparability and reduce gaps
- ❖ Developing tools
- ❖ Identifying capacity building needs



2. Review of data sources and quality

- ❖ Overview of existing systems of migration data collection
- ❖ Potential for development
- ❖ Assessment of data quality
- ❖ Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation and Tajikistan
- ❖ Published in English



3. Practical guide

- ❖ Explains key issues for producing and understanding migration statistics
- ❖ Focuses on Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- ❖ Combines theoretical and practical aspects
- ❖ Published in English and Russian



3. Practical guide

- ❖ Definitions
- ❖ Indicators
- ❖ Sources
- ❖ Special categories (labour, forced, irregular)
- ❖ Presenting and interpreting
- ❖ Providing access
- ❖ International sources



4. UNECE Clearinghouse on Migration Statistics

- ❖ Requested by countries
- ❖ Online repository of basic migration statistics for countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (10 countries participating)
- ❖ PC-Axis interface in English and Russian
- ❖ Should improve the availability and comparability of data



UNECE Clearinghouse on Migration Statistics

Table 1.1: Population by place of birth

Table 1.2: Foreign born population by country of birth

Table 2.1: Population by citizenship status

Table 2.2: Foreigners by country of citizenship

Table 3: Long-term immigration by country of previous residence (flows)

Table 4: Long term emigration by country of next residence (flows)

Table 5.1: Long-term immigration by citizenship status (flows)

Table 5.2: Long-term immigration by country of citizenship (flows)

Table 6.1: Long-term emigration by citizenship status (flows)

Table 6.2: Long-term emigration by country of citizenship (flows)

Table 7.1: Acquisitions of citizenship by status of receiver

Table 7.2: Acquisitions of citizenship by country of previous citizenship



5. “migratory”

- ❖ Online inventory of institutions and other information sources on migration in the UNECE region; currently 1914 entries
 - location
 - website
 - contact details
 - short summary of activities
 - category (government, non-profit, academic, international, other)
- ❖ Purpose: to encourage cooperation and facilitate networking



Partnerships

- ❖ UN regional commissions
- ❖ UN Population Division
- ❖ UNFPA
- ❖ IOM
- ❖ OSCE
- ❖ ILO
- ❖ World Bank



Conclusion

- ❖ Improved capacity to produce and disseminate migration statistics according to international recommendations
- ❖ Improved capacity to use migration statistics in policymaking
- ❖ Structural change in institutions that manage migration in four countries
- ❖ New regulations on data sharing in some countries
- ❖ Stronger networks



Future

- ❖ Training of policymakers on interpreting and using statistics
- ❖ Coordination and joint efforts of international organizations
- ❖ Improve dialogue between producers and users of statistics
- ❖ Statistical capacities require further improvement