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International Migration

Purpose

To produce consistent and annual international migration data for OECD member countries and some non-member countries and ensure methodological soundness and comparability of international migration data.

Objectives and outputs

Maintaining and updating the database on International Migration and publishing an extensive statistical annex in the annual report "International Migration Outlook" (IMO), which contains the most recent available data on foreign and immigrant populations, foreign workers, migration flows and naturalisations.

Producing standardised long-term inflows series (see first Chapter in IMO 2007).

Providing statistical assistance for the work on the economic and social aspects of migration carried out under the auspices of the Working Party on Migration.

Extending the Database on the Immigrants in OECD Countries (DIOC) and publishing a statistical publication based on these data (February 2008): A Profile of Immigrant Populations in the 21st Century: Data from OECD Countries/Portrait de la population immigrée au 21e siècle: données des pays de l'OCDE.

A special data collection on outflows was carried out in 2007, in support of the horizontal project on managing migration. A technical seminar on return migration was organised on 12 November 2007.

Non-member countries involved in the activity:

Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania

Databases

Migration

Main Developments for 2008

General aspects:

A preliminary set of harmonised statistics on permanent-type migration flows was compiled and published in 2006, disaggregated by migration category. This has been repeated in 2007 and will be refined in 2008 and extended, in part to cover temporary movements.

The DIOC will be released first semester 2008 with the paper publication "A Profile of Immigrant Populations in the 21st Century: Data from OECD Countries".

A seminar on return migration is planned for 2008.