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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SUMMARY OF THE RECRUITMENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

Contractor: UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI ROMA TOR VERGATA

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Fabrice Murtin	ER (4-10 years)	FR-France	No	Male	02/05/2007	31/08/2007	Full Time	4.0
Juna Miluka	ESR (<4 years)	AL-Albania	No	Female	01/10/2007	30/09/2008	Full Time	3.0
Leila Baghdadi	ESR (<4 years)	FR-France	No	Female	01/10/2007	30/09/2008	Full Time	3.0

Contractor: CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					

Contractor: UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Harald Fadinger	ESR (<4 years)	AT-Austria	No	Male	01/10/2007	30/09/2008	Full Time	3.0
Riccardo Puglisi	ER (4-10 years)	IT-Italy	No	Male	01/10/2007	30/09/2009	Full Time	3.0

Contractor: FORUM INTERNAZIONALE ED EUROPEO DI RICERCHE SULL'IMMIGRAZIONE

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Remus Anghel	ESR (<4 years)	RO-Romania	Yes	Male	18/06/2007	17/01/2008	Full Time	6.5

Contractor: INSTITUT FUER ARBEITSMARKT- UND BERUFSFORSCHUNG (IAB) DER BUNDESAGENTUR FUER ARB

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					

Contractor: CENTRO DI STUDI POLITICA INTERNAZIONALE

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Elisenda Estruch	ESR (<4 years)	ES-Spain	No	Female	01/03/2007	31/12/2007	Full Time	10.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Sara Salmone	ESR (<4 years)	IT-Italy	No	Female	01/09/2007	31/08/2009	Full Time	4.0

Contractor: LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Fabrice Defever	ER (4-10 years)	FR-France	No	Male	01/10/2007	30/09/2008	Full Time	3.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE DE GENEVE

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					

Contractor: INSTITUT NATIONAL D'ETUDES DEMOGRAPHIQUES

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					

Contractor: CENTRO DI STUDI LUCA D'AGLIANO

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Anna Maria Mayda	ER (4-10 years)	IT-Italy	No	Female	01/09/2007	31/08/2008	Full Time	4.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON.

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Carolina Ortega	ESR (<4 years)	IT-Italy	No	Female	01/01/2007	30/06/2007	Full Time	6.0
Claudia Trentini	ESR (<4 years)	IT-Italy	No	Female	01/01/2007	31/12/2007	Full Time	12.0
Ana Bleahu	ESR (<4 years)	RO-Romania	Yes	Female	01/10/2007	31/01/2008	Full Time	3.0

Contractor: HAMBURGISCHES WELT-WIRTSCHAFTS-ARCHIV _ HAMBURG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECO

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Oana Ciobano	ESR (<4 years)	RO-Romania	Yes	Female	01/10/2007	30/06/2008	Full Time	3.0

Contractor: LATVIJAS UNIVERSITATE

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					

Contractor: UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO.

Name of the Researcher (as stated at time of selection)	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
		Country	LFR					

TOTAL PMM PER CONTRACTOR

Contractor: UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI ROMA TOR VERGATA

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 4

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
10.0

Contractor: CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 0

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
0.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 2

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
6.0

Contractor: FORUM INTERNAZIONALE ED EUROPEO DI RICERCHE SULL'IMMIGRAZIONE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 4

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
6.5

Contractor: INSTITUT FUER ARBEITSMARKT- UND BERUFSFORSCHUNG (IAB) DER BUNDESAGENTUR FUER ARB

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 2

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
0.0

Contractor: CENTRO DI STUDI POLITICA INTERNAZIONALE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 2

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
10.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 2

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
4.0

Contractor: LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 0

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
3.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE DE GENEVE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 0

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
0.0

Contractor: INSTITUT NATIONAL D'ETUDES DEMOGRAPHIQUES

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 4

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
0.0

Contractor: CENTRO DI STUDI LUCA D'AGLIANO

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 4

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
4.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON.

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 6

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
21.0

Contractor: HAMBURGISCHES WELT-WIRTSCHAFTS-ARCHIV _ HAMBURG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECO

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 2

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
3.0

Contractor: LATVIJAS UNIVERSITATE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 0

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
0.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO.

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 0

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
0.0

TOTAL PMM FOR ALL CONTRACTORS

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment during this reporting period
32.0	67.5

SUMMARY OF THE EMPLOYMENT FORECAST FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Contractor: UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI ROMA TOR VERGATA

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Juna Miluka	ESR (<4 years)	AL-Albania	No	Female	01/10/2007	30/09/2008	Full Time	9.0
Leila Baghdadi	ESR (<4 years)	FR-France	No	Female	01/10/2007	30/09/2008	Full Time	9.0

Contractor: CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					

Contractor: UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Riccardo Puglisi	ER (4-10 years)	IT-Italy	No	Male	01/10/2007	30/09/2009	Full Time	12.0
Harald Fadinger	ESR (<4 years)	AT-Austria	No	Male	01/10/2007	30/09/2008	Full Time	9.0

Contractor: FORUM INTERNAZIONALE ED EUROPEO DI RICERCHE SULL'IMMIGRAZIONE

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Remus Anghel	ESR (<4 years)	RO-Romania	Yes	Male	18/06/2007	17/01/2008	Full Time	0.5

Contractor: INSTITUT FUER ARBEITSMARKT- UND BERUFSFORSCHUNG (IAB) DER BUNDESAGENTUR FUER ARB

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Simone Bertoli	ER (4-10 years)	IT-Italy	No	Male	01/02/2008	31/01/2009	Full Time	11.0

Contractor: CENTRO DI STUDI POLITICA INTERNAZIONALE

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Elisenda Estruch	ESR (<4 years)	ES-Spain	No	Female	01/03/2007	31/12/2008	Full Time	12.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Sara Salmone	ESR (<4 years)	IT-Italy	No	Female	01/09/2007	31/08/2009	Full Time	12.0

Contractor: LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Fabrice Defever	ER (4-10 years)	FR-France	No	Male	01/10/2007	30/09/2008	Full Time	9.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE DE GENEVE

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Silvio Tai	ESR (<4 years)	FR-France	No	Male	01/12/2008	30/11/2009	Full Time	1.0

Contractor: INSTITUT NATIONAL D'ETUDES DEMOGRAPHIQUES

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Cora Mezger	ESR (<4 years)	DE-Germany	No	Female	01/01/2008	31/12/2010	Full Time	12.0

Contractor: CENTRO DI STUDI LUCA D'AGLIANO

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Anna Maria Mayda	ER (4-10 years)	IT-Italy	No	Female	01/09/2007	31/08/2008	Full Time	8.0
Harald Fadinger	ESR (<4 years)	AT-Austria	No	Male	01/10/2008	31/08/2009	Full Time	3.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON.

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Claudia Trentini	ESR (<4 years)	IT-Italy	No	Female	01/01/2007	31/12/2008	Full Time	12.0
Ana Bleahu	ESR (<4 years)	RO-Romania	Yes	Female	01/10/2007	31/01/2008	Full Time	1.0

Contractor: HAMBURGISCHES WELT-WIRTSCHAFTS-ARCHIV _ HAMBURG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					
Oana Ciobano	ESR (<4 years)	RO-Romania	No	Female	01/10/2007	30/06/2008	Full Time	6.0

Contractor: LATVIJAS UNIVERSITATE

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					

Contractor: UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO.

Name of the Researcher	Type	Origin		Gender	Start date of recruitment	End date of recruitment	Working time commitment	No. of full-time equivalent months in the next reporting period
		Country	LFR					

TOTAL PMM PER CONTRACTOR

Contractor: UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI ROMA TOR VERGATA

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 32

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

18.0

Contractor: CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 0

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

0.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 24

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

21.0

Contractor: FORUM INTERNAZIONALE ED EUROPEO DI RICERCHE SULL'IMMIGRAZIONE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 12

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

0.5

Contractor: INSTITUT FUER ARBEITSMARKT- UND BERUFSFORSCHUNG (IAB) DER BUNDESAGENTUR FUER ARB

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 24

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

11.0

Contractor: CENTRO DI STUDI POLITICA INTERNAZIONALE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 12

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

12.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 12

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

12.0

Contractor: LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 6

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

9.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITE DE GENEVE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 12

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

1.0

Contractor: INSTITUT NATIONAL D'ETUDES DEMOGRAPHIQUES

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 12

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period

12.0

Contractor: CENTRO DI STUDI LUCA D'AGLIANO

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 24

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period
11.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON.

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 18

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period
13.0

Contractor: HAMBURGISCHE WELT-WIRTSCHAFTS-ARCHIV _ HAMBURG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECO

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 24

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period
6.0

Contractor: LATVIJAS UNIVERSITATE

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 0

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period
0.0

Contractor: UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO.

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract: 0

No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period
0.0

TOTAL PMM FOR ALL CONTRACTORS

No. of full-time equivalent months to be delivered according to the contract	No. of full-time equivalent months covered by this recruitment for the next reporting period
212.0	126.5

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

Research Achievements

1. First TOM conference

The first TOM conference was hosted by the Riga node CETS and organised by CEPR from 26-27 October 2007. Giovanni Facchini, Frederic Docquier, Herbert Bruecker and Tatjana Muravska compiled the programme for the conference titled Transnationality of Migrants: Enduring Ties with the Home Country and Integration in the Host Country, which is attached to this report. The goal of the conference was to contribute to objective debate on the critical issues, problems, and opportunities in migration trends. Scholars and especially young researchers from universities, research institutions, and international organizations were brought together to create fruitful dialog, share the latest findings, and exchange experience. Migrants' transnational practices and families in Europe, Remittances, the skill composition of migration, and social networks, International trade flows, foreign direct investment (FDI) and migration, Migrants' integration, regional mobility, social and business networks, and trade, Gender and the intra-household effects of migration. The second TOM conference will be organized in January 2009 by Frederic Docquier and the UCL team. The main

2. Research within the TOM workpackages is detailed below:

2.1 Migrants' transnational practices and families in Europe

UCL-IRES

In the previous years, the Louvain team worked extensively on the "brain gain" hypothesis (i.e. the positive effect of migration prospects on human capital formation ex-ante). In 2007, we built a new panel data set to test this hypothesis in a dynamic framework with time and country fixed effects. The data set is publicly available. Our findings reveal that skilled migration fosters human capital accumulation in low-income countries. On the contrary, we found no evidence of a significant incentive mechanism in middle-income and, unsurprisingly, in high-income countries. Hence, the incentive hypothesis is confirmed in poor countries.

We have also analyzed the interactions between skilled migration and educational policies at origin. In a cross-country framework, we found a negative relationship between educational subsidies and skilled migration prospects. Based on this result, we revisited the country specific effects of skilled migration on human capital and showed that the endogeneity of public subsidies reduces the number of winners and increases the size of the losses. Our theoretical analysis also offers a critical appraisal of the "brain gain hypothesis".

FIERI

The FIERI node has conducted research fieldwork in Borsa (Romania) done by Remus Gabriel Anghel, ESR. The research was looking at migrants' transnational practices and changes on the local economic practices. They also did research fieldwork in Marginea (Romania) carried out by Pietro Cingolani on transnational practices, networks managing family separation.

INED

Cris Beauchemin is in charge of the international migration survey called "Migration between Africa and Europe" (MAFE). The purpose of the survey is to study the transnational practices of senegalese migrants in their home and host countries (in Italy, Spain, and France). The data are currently being collected and should be available soon. FIERI participates in the project and deals with the survey of senegalese migrants in Italy. Since January, a Ph. D. student, Cora Mezger, is hired to work on the data.

2.2 Remittances, the skill composition of migration, and social networks

IAB

IAB has carried-out in collaboration with IRES empirical research on the self-selection of migrants and the impact of migration on human capital investment. Based on a new panel data set which comprises the skill-structure of migration from 143 sending countries in 6 receiving countries we find that (i) immigration policies have a substantial impact on the skill composition of the migrant population, (ii) that the inequality of earnings in the sending countries does not affect the self-selection of migrants negatively, while (iii) the inequality in destination countries has a positive impact on the self-selection. Finally, we find that (iv) migration and the returns to migration affect the investment in human capital in the sending countries.

These findings are the result of joint work of IAB and IRES, a junior researcher from IRES (Cécily Defoort) has visited Nuremberg. The results have been published as discussion papers and presented on numerous academic conferences, inter alia at the European Economic Association, the Louvain conference on frontiers in economic research, the CAPE conference in Nuremberg and the first TOM-Workshop.

UCL-IRES

The Louvain team had two projects on remittances. First, we examined the effects of migration and remittances on inequality in the origin communities. This theoretical study shows that, while wealth inequality is shown to be monotonically reduced along the time-span, the short- and the long-run impacts of remittances on income inequality may be of opposite signs, suggesting that the dynamic relationship between migration/remittances and inequality may well be characterized by an inverse U-shaped pattern. This result is linked to the dynamics of wealth accumulation and not to endogenous migration costs, as suggested in the rest of the literature.

Second, we are also working at the construction of a large-scale CGE model of the world economy. Such an ambitious model will allow us to combine the various effects of migration (skilled or unskilled) in a unified and harmonized framework (such as remittances, diaspora externalities and incentive effects on human capital formation). Counterfactual experiments and forecasts will be made to better understand the mechanisms through which the brain drain impacts on sending and receiving countries.

CETS

Research at CETS was focused on the following: analysis of the role of out-migration from the Baltic States as small countries of particular interest, the skill composition and gender composition of out migration flows, the impact of the brain drain on the economy of the Baltic states that serve as an example of the New Member States after the EU enlargement 2004, the continuing links that migrants entertain with their home country. The analysis of migration into the new EU member states was of particular interest in the context of the EU neighbourhood policy and future EU enlargement. Dissemination of the TOM network and research collaboration with academic and non academic institutions in the region was another trend in the CETS activities for the reporting period.

CeSPI

Within the TOM framework, CeSPI has carried out two research projects that analyse remittance behaviour of migrants in Italy as well as transnational practices of migrant communities. In particular, CeSPI team has performed a survey on financial inclusion and integration (exploring the nature of the so-called "transnational" welfare) of migrants in Italy. The ESR hosted at CeSPI has been actively involved in the sample design and in data analysis. Moreover, the ESR, with her background in economics, is fully involved in a interdisciplinary team, with the aim of combining Economics, Banking, Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology, in order to analyse migration & development nexus through a transdisciplinary approach. This means that the disciplines are integrated and thus their borders have been crossed, rather than applying several disciplines to the same issue. We consider this as the most relevant methodological component of our ESR training. Another project has dealt with the linkage of remittances and development. "Empowerment of Andean Communities" research project for leveraging entrepreneurial remittances of Andean migrants.

INED

François Charles Wolff, Claudine Attias-Donfut and Seymour Spilerman worked on the determinants of financial inter vivos transfers by migrants living in France in 2003 to their adult children. More specifically they assessed whether transfers may be caused by altruism or exchange using the French PRI Survey. Ralitzia Dimova and François-Charles Wolff explored the distribution of grandchild care across offspring and the impact of this transfer on the labour supply of the mother. François-Charles Wolff has some forthcoming papers in peer reviewed journals on these two topics.

UNITO

Simone Bertoli has developed the analysis contained in his PhD dissertation on the economic impact of migration from Ecuador. The positive selection of recipient households with respect to their income generating capacity can explain why remittances are likely to have a much smaller impact on

income poverty in Ecuador than it is usually perceived.

UCL

The UCL team is working on a paper on "Remittances and public spending on education" by Dustmann, C. and B. Speciale. The paper "Consumption, saving and remittance behaviour of undocumented migrants in Italy", by B. Speciale Gian Carlo Blangiardo and Francesco Fasani is forthcoming in L. Di Comite Ed.: Demographic dynamics, migration and their economic impact (provisional title). Published - non peer

2.3 International trade flows, foreign direct investment and migration

IAB

IAB have analysed the relations between trade, capital movements and migration in the context of the EU Eastern Enlargement. In particular, the macroeconomic consequences of migration diversion which has resulted as a consequence of the transitional arrangements for the free movement of workers have been investigated. We find that the diversion of migration flows from Germany towards the UK has reduced total GDP. The total effects of enlargement on wages and employment are positive in both countries and remarkably similar there, although the effects are driven by trade in Germany and by migration in the UK.

The research involves a junior researcher at IAB (Timo Baas). The findings have been published in scholarly journal, a second paper has been submitted.

UCL-IRES

The Louvain team studied the role of migrants' networks in promoting cross border investments. We estimated the magnitude of such business network externalities in dynamic empirical models of FDI-funded capital accumulation, using original data on capital and migration stocks rather than flows. We found evidence of strong network externalities, mainly associated to the skilled diaspora. These network externalities are stronger for countries exhibiting intermediate corruption index. This work is now extended to assess the effects of networks on technology diffusion.

LdA

LdA has worked on the paper on "Skilled migration, FDI and Human capital investment" by Checchi, De Simone and Faini. It looks at the link between the human capital acquisition decision in countries that are likely to be source of migration and trade and FDI exposure.

CEP-LSE

Fabrice Defever is submitting the paper on "Multinational Firm Productivity and their Sourcing modes" (joint work with Farid Toubal) to the Journal of International Economics. In addition, he is currently pursuing his work on the interface between firms' organization, migration and International Economics. So far, his exploratory findings are promising. He is also currently learning more about this specific literature.

UCL

Project researchers I. Preston and ESR C. Trentini are doing data collection for the exploration of the research topic: trade and migration. In particular the project is interested in investigating how exports structure and export destinations are affected by migrations.

UNIGE

As the editor of the World Bank Economic Review, Jaime de Melo has published a special symposium in memory of Riccardo Faini, the initiator of the TOM network (issue 21-2, 2007). This symposium contains articles on migration, remittances and the brain drain. In joint work with Artjoms Ivlevs (University of Nottingham), Jaime de Melo explores the links between the patterns of migration, trade policy, and foreign direct investment (FDI) from the standpoint of sending countries. The theoretical model developed in their paper indicates that if exports are low-skill intensive, emigration of high-skill labour leads to positive FDI, suggesting that migration and FDI are complements. The empirical analysis - using cross-section data for 104 migration-sending countries over the period 1990/2000 - finds some support for this conjecture.

2.4 Migrants' integration, social and business networks, and trade

LdA

The paper "Does the Welfare State affect individual attitudes towards immigrants? Evidence across countries" by G. Facchini and A.M. Mayda studies both labor market and welfare state determinants of natives' individual attitudes towards immigrants. Both channels are important, and the authors find that natives expect the welfare state to react to the presence of migrants through changes in the overall tax levels. The paper "Do interest group shape immigration?" by G. Facchini, A.M. Mayda and P. Mishra looks at the role played by pressure groups in shaping US migration policy today.

ULB-ECARES

Riccardo Puglisi has worked with Anna Maria Mayda and Giovanni Facchini on a paper regarding the link between attitudes towards immigration and mass media exposure. In particular, they have analyzed data from the CCES (the Cooperative Congressional Election Study), an extensive survey which has been administered in the U.S before the 2006 midterm elections. This allowed them to match information on individual attitudes towards (illegal) immigration and TV viewing habits, with specific information on the evening news programme most frequently watched by each respondent. Riccardo Puglisi is also working with Anna Maria Mayda and Giovanni Facchini on a paper analysing the amount and type of coverage devoted by a large number of U.S. newspapers to the migration issue. This data is gathered by performing automatic keyword-based searches of electronic news archives like NewsLibrary

Paola Conconi has started working with Patrick Legros and CEPR and Andrew Newman on a paper that looks at the impact of the integration of product and factor markets on firms' organisational choices.

INED

Laurent Gobillon, Harris Selod and Thierry Magnac are currently evaluating the effect of the local ethnic context on the exit from unemployment of Africans in the Paris region. Some preliminary results are presented in January at the DREES-MIRE (which is a center related to the French Departments of Health and Employment conducting studies and funding research). Ariane Pailhé worked on the integration of females who are first and second generation immigrants. More specifically, she studied the two types of discrimination from which they can suffer : gender and race discrimination. Results were presented several times in France and published. Dominique Meurs has worked on the influence of the family structure of migrants on wages, and in particular on the impact of being in a mixed couple on salary level.

UNITO

The unit has analysed in the paper "Are foreign migrants more assimilated than native ones?" the economic integration of foreign workers both for the wage and the employment side. In addition to the usual variables age, education and job training, the network effect has been introduced by the use of the share of the foreign workers employed in the same region and sector. The variable, when significant, hold a negative sign and point out the negative role played by the foreign concentration in the same type of job. More than a network effect it looks like a competition effect in a segmented labour market. More research however have to be done to better understand the implication of the variable.

UCL

ESR Carolina Ortega and Cristina Fernández wrote a paper on "Labor market assimilation of immigrants in Spain: employment at the expense of bad job-matches?". Work is in progress on a paper on "Early educational attainment of second generation immigrants children in the UK" (P. Carneiro, C. Dustman and ESR Claudia Trentini).

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Training and ToK

1. First TOM summer school

The first major training event for the network was the First TOM summer school, which was organised by Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano at the Lake Garda in Italy. The school provided an intensive training course for the TOM students and other Ph.D. students and young researchers who are working in the fields of international economics and development. It focussed on the main

analytical and empirical approaches to the study of the impact of international migration on the host country.

The lecturers were Massimo Livi Bacci of the University of Florence, and Barry Chiswick of the University of Illinois at Chicago, two of the leading experts working in this field. A programme of the school is attached to this report. The network's team leaders have agreed to continue organising TOM summer schools with the Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano. The topic suggested for the 2008 school is "host countries", the 3rd year could be organised on "descending countries" and the final school would then be on "trade and migration".

2. TOM young researchers and training

Juna Miluka has been hired as ESR by CEIS. Her research project has involved carrying out research on the effects of international migration out of Albania. The main focus of the research is the impact of international migration on school enrolments and educational attainment in Albania. The study includes for analysis individuals between the ages of 6 and 22 using 2005 Albanian Living Standard Measurement Study Survey (ALSMS). The analysis will be conducted separately for urban and rural areas. In addition, school enrolment and educational attainment will be separated for boys and girls in order to assess differences by gender. Lastly, the impact that gender specific international migration (female versus male migrants) has on school enrolments in general, and by gender (girls versus boys) will be estimated. Juna's tutor at CEIS is Franco Peracchi and she is participating in seminars and conferences organized by the University of Rome "Tor Vergata." The seminars have included the "Riccardo Faini" seminar series, PhD programme seminars, various econometrics seminars.

Leila Baghdadi has been hired as ESR by CEIS. Leila has contributed to a paper investigating the effects of a hitherto unstudied type of social network on the socialization of immigrants in France: Voluntary associations of Immigrants. The effects of these organizations are controversial. They are sometimes considered as a means of integration for immigrants because of their important role in providing economic and social support, but are also regarded as a barrier to the assimilation of immigrants as they are a form of ethnic enclaves. Using a new data set on immigrant associations in France and the European Community Household panel (ECHP), our findings highlight the positive role played by these associations in the assimilation of immigrants. These associations appear to be major policy players for the promotion of socialization and further assimilation of immigrants. Her tutor at CEIS is Franco Peracchi and she is participating in seminars and conferences organized by the University of Rome "Tor Vergata." The seminars have included the "Riccardo Faini" seminar series, PhD programme seminars, various econometrics seminars.

Fabrice Murtin has been hired as ER by CEIS.

He has assessed the impact of mass migrations on the educational level of the United States 1850-1930. This was made possible thanks to the use of original data on enrolment rates at school in Europe along the nineteenth century.

Riccardo Puglisi has been hired as ER by ULB-ECARES. He is supervised by Paula Conconi. As mentioned above, he is closely working with researchers at the LdA node on a paper regarding the link between attitudes towards immigration and mass media exposure.

Harald Fadinger is ESR at ULB-ECARES. His mentor is Paula Conconi. This period, she helped with drafting first migration-related paper and with revising trade-related papers. He also had various informal discussions with senior researchers and participated at weekly seminars organized at ECARES.

Remus Anghel is ESR at FIERI. Remus was mentored by Michael Eve and Giovanna Zincone. Together with younger researchers at Fieri (in particular Pietro Cingolani, Eleonora Castagnone, Guido Tintore, Irene Ponzio), there were continual informal exchanges throughout the scholarship period, accompanied by participation in staff seminars, tutoring, intensive reading and discussion of thesis chapters, preliminary versions of articles, discussion of methods and fieldwork. He attended workshops and conferences within TOM network (Riga, London), as well as other relevant conferences: Imiscoe Yearly Conference in Sussex, Osnabrück Conference on Irregular Migration. He had discussions concerning chapters of the PhD thesis, submitted by the ESR. These were discussed by the professors and researchers at FIERI; Detailed discussion of preliminary versions of

articles. His thesis is expected: July 2008. Remus went on visits to the TOM nodes in Italy (in Rome), as well as visits to other relevant research centres: Caritas Migrantes - Rome, University of Trento, Department of Sociology, University of Milan, Department of Social and Political Sciences. In addition, he carried out fieldwork in Borsa (Romania). The research methods (interviews) were discussed prior to the fieldwork. Afterwards the results of the fieldwork were discussed.

Elisenda Estruch has been working as ESR for CeSPI. Her mentor and tutor at CeSPI is Marco Zupi. She has attended workshops and conferences, co-authored papers and conducted joint research. At CeSPI, she also received in-house courses in training in IT.

Sara Salmone has started her ESR fellowship at UCL (Louvain). At UCL-IRES her PhD is supervised by Frederic Docquier. She attended the PhD programme in Louvain, doctoral workshops in Louvain, summer schools and conferences.

Fabrice Defever is ER at CEP-LSE. His mentor at CEP is Frédéric Robert-Nicoud. Fabrice attends weekly the CEP and LSE research laboratory seminars and workshops. He also takes part in advanced courses in Academic writing and in Research funding application provided by the LSE career development unit. He also participated to the First TOM summer school within the TOM network.

Anna Maria Mayda is ER at LdA. She is Italian but has been studying in the USA for more than four of the last five years and therefore qualifies for a fellowship at an Italian institution (5.5.1 Marie Curie Handbook - Special conditions for nationals of the Member States). She is supervised by Giovanni Facchini. Giovanni Facchini and Anna Maria Mayda have coauthored two completed research papers in 2007 and are currently working on three other projects. Anna has also participated in the 2007 Summer School on migration organized within the TOM project, and has presented the paper "Do interest group affect immigration" at the first TOM conference in Riga, Latvia.

Ana Ortega did an ESR fellowship at UCL (London). Her mentor at UCL is team leader Christian Dustmann. She participated in the weekly migration seminar and attended migration classes held by Prof Christian Dustmann..

Claudia Trentini is ESR at UCL (London). Her mentors are Prof Dustmann, Prof Carneiro, and Prof Preston. She participated in the weekly migration seminar and attended migration classes held by Prof Christian Dustmann. She co-authors papers with Prof Dustmann, Prof Carneiro and with Prof Preston.

Ana Bleahu was also hired as ESR at UCL (London). Her mentor at UCL is team leader Christian Dustmann. She participated in the weekly migration seminar and attended several conferences.

Oana Ciobano has been hired as ESR by HWWI. She is supervised by Tanja El-Cherkeh. She also benefited from discussions with Dragos Radu (UCL) and Florin Vadean on content regarding Romanian migration patterns

Young researchers at the HWWI are asked to present their work at different fora such as the PhD seminars of the HWWI and the research seminars at the University of Hamburg where they receive extensive feedback.

Furthermore, the HWWI is actively involved in two EU Networks of Excellence (IMISCOE on "International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion" and SUS.DIV on "Sustainable Development in a Diverse World") where further exchange of research is fostered.

The HWWI is also organising international conferences, seminars and workshops on a regular basis (e.g. an international workshop on citizenship at the end of November 2007, IMISCOE PhD workshop at the beginning of February 2008, international workshop on migrant entrepreneurship at the beginning of April 2008). At these occasions, researchers have the opportunity for presenting their work and for further networking.

In this context, the young TOM researcher at HWWI, Oana Ciobanu, took part in the first international migrant entrepreneurship workshop (organised in July 2007 in Osnabrück), presented at the HWWI PhD seminar her work and is actively involved in organising the international PhD workshop to be held in February at the HWWI.

Cora Mezger will start her ESR fellowship at INED in the second period. She is now followed in Ph.D. by Barry Reilly and Allan Winters at the University of Sussex (these are her official supervisors), and Cris Beauchemin and Laurent Gobillon at INED. Cora will attend some training courses organized by INED. Courses proposed at INED include multilevel analyses (which can be used to study the effect of the local context on migrants) and duration models (which are needed to exploit the retrospective questions in the MAFE project on the life of migrants).

Simone Bertoli will start an ER fellowship at IAB in the second period.

Management

The TOM website was created in January 2007 and is updated regularly. It can be accessed at www.cepr.org/research/networks/tom. TOM ESRs and ERs have been asked to create a short profile on themselves on the website. Information can be found on past and upcoming meetings, the network's vacancies, publications and the teams and team members involved in the network. A profile for the project has been created on the CORDIS website and all vacancies are being published on CORDIS, too.

Management meetings have been held at the kick-off meeting in Rome in February 2007, and at the First annual conference in Riga in October 2007.

The network was "kicked-off" in February 2007 with a meeting in February 2007 in Rome, hosted by the Università degli Studi di Tor Vergata (CEIS). All teams were represented at this meeting. The meeting was chaired by the network coordinator Gianni Toniolo, and the CEPR team gave an introduction into the Marie Curie Research Training Network scheme, and the most important facts on budgets, recruitment, organisation and other matters. Decisions were made on the meetings for the first year (first summer school at Lake Garda, first conference in Riga). The CEPR team advertised all TOM vacancies widely and centralised the initial recruitment process. Most nodes have successfully recruited ESRs and ERs in the first period, and those who have not yet recruited have found candidates they will recruit in 2008.

In Riga, team leaders decided to re-advertise those TOM positions still vacant on INOMICS. Two team leaders will attend the RES jobmarket in London from 19-20 January 2008 to identify more potential candidates for the network. Concerning future meetings, it has been agreed to hold the next summer school in 2008 - organised by Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano, as the first summer school was a big success. An informal meeting with the EC project officer will take place on 12 March 2008 at ECARES in Brussels. The afternoon of the meeting is reserved for the TOM young researchers, who will be given the opportunity to present and discuss their work with the senior researchers in the network at this occasion. The second network conference will be organised in January 2009 (two conferences will be organised in 2009) by Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium, followed by a conference later in 2009 in Milan.

A short TOM young researchers meeting was held during the first conference in Riga. In order to facilitate networking and communication between the young researchers in the network, a Facebook networking group was created, and all young researchers were invited to join the group. In addition, a young researcher representative was elected - Sara Salmone, ESR at Université Catholique de Louvain. Sara will be invited to all Steering Committee meetings of the network to represent the needs and ideas of all young researchers in the network.

DEVIATIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE ORIGINAL WORK PROGRAMME

Please indicate if the project

a) is, at this stage, being implemented as originally planned

If you answered b) or c) please include a detailed description of the modifications in the report (one page)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please indicate any additional information, which may be considered useful to assess the work done during the reporting period.

Months were swapped between partner 3 ULB-ECARES and 11 LdA. Partner 3 received 12 ER months in exchange for 24 ESR months to partner 11. The project officer was notified of this change. The following declarations of conformity were sent to the EC:

Oana Ciobano
Anna Maria Mayda
Sara Salmone
Elisenda Estruch
Cora Mezger
Fabrice Murtin
Leila Bagdhadi
Juna Miluka
Harald Fadinger
Riccardo Puglisi
Remus Anghel
Ana Bleahu
Claudia Trentini
Ana Ortega

Further declarations are currently being collected by CEPR and will be sent in due course.

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