

Preface

This volume results from a continuing dedication of IZA's Migration Program Area at the forefront of research on the broad issues of international and internal migration. Among the main themes covered from both the scientific and policy perspectives are the impact of migration on the host and source labor markets, the adjustment of migrants and their descendants in the destination countries, and the role of ethnic identity in these processes.

The 2004 enlargement of the European Union, involving Cyprus and Malta and eight Central and Eastern European countries: the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia; and the 2007 enlargement, when the European Union opened up to Bulgaria and Romania, have considerably changed the migration landscape in Europe. Within the migration research program, the sub-area "EU Enlargement and the Labor Markets" addresses the current challenges and opportunities which accompany free mobility in an enlarged European Union.

The migration research group at IZA produces numerous discussion papers, policy papers and journal articles, research reports, monographs, edited volumes and other publications each year. Cooperating with a network of more than 800 IZA Research and Policy Fellows and Affiliates and holding regular forums for scientific exchange, including the Annual Migration Meeting, the biennial Migration Topic Week, and workshops on EU Enlargement and the Labor Markets, the group has also become an international hub for migration research.

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