# **Economic impacts of emigration in Poland and the Baltic states**

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### **Outline**

- Recent migration of Poles and citizens of the Baltic States an overview
- Impact on demographic phenomena in home countries
- Remittances macro- and microeconomic perspectives
- Labour market perspective
- Conclusions future prospects





# Features of migration from the CEE countries in the transition period

- The outflow much lower and less diversified than in the previous decades
- □ The number of net emigration countries decreased → shift to net immigration countries (Hungary, Czech Rep.)
- Temporary flows as dominant migration type
- Outflow did not matter neither for sending nor for receiving countries → scale of irregular migration (?), but: in all regularisation programmes pursued in EU so far around 800,000 irregular migrants from CEE were identified
- Poland as the only country sending considerable quantities of people abroad





### **Post EU accesion movements**

#### **Recent accession rounds:**

- May 2004: Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia
- January 2007: Bulgaria and Romania

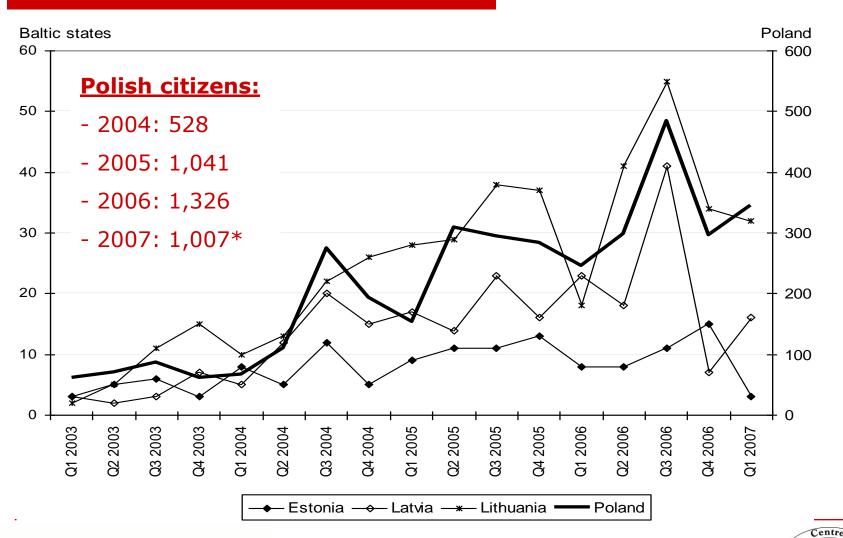
#### **But:**

- Most of the UE countries introduced transitory arrangements with regard to access to the labour market and social security systems:
  - Free access to labour market: Ireland, Sweden, United Kingdom (limited access to the welfare system)
  - Limited access to labour market in case of other countries (relaxed in 2006 and 2007)
  - No access until 2011 announced: Austria and Germany (free access for service providers)





### Post-accession flows – UK: Number of visits to the UK by the nationals of the EU8 countries, 2003-2007 (in thous.)

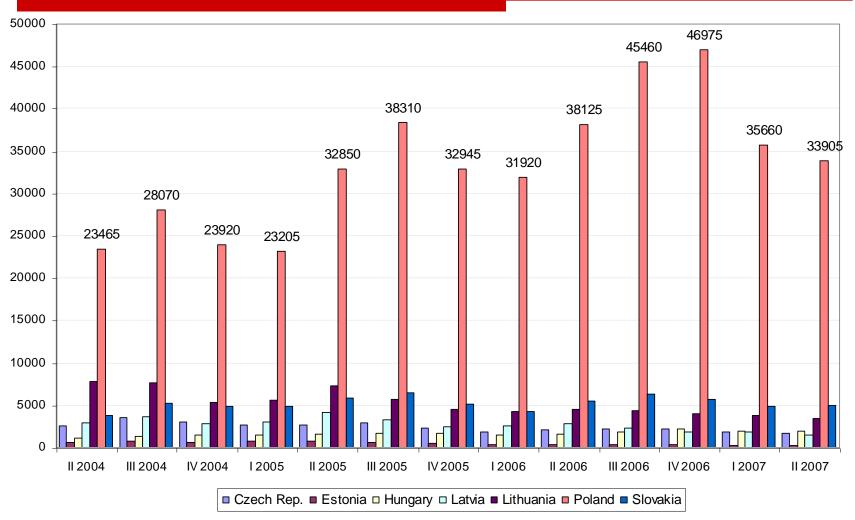




\* First three quarters



## Applicants with the Worker Registration Scheme by major nationalities, March 2004 – June 2007, by quarters

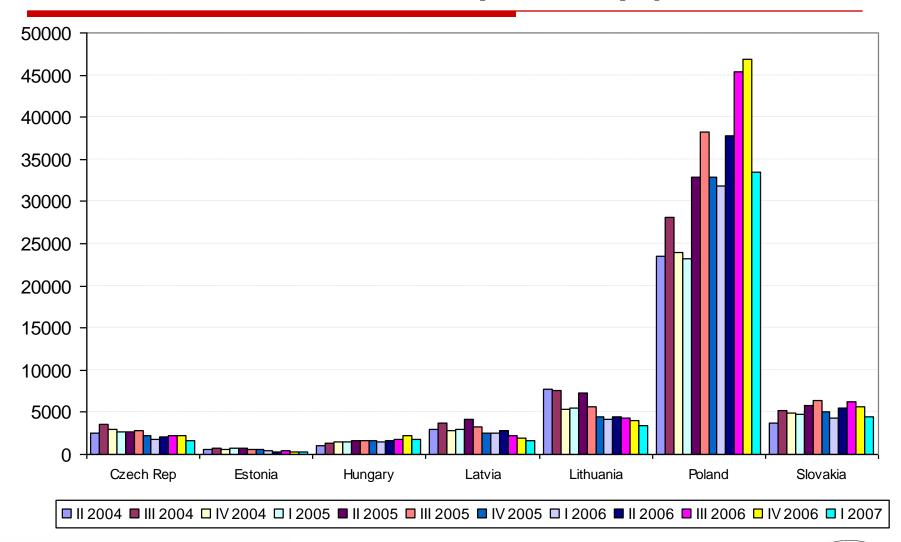






Source: Home Office

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## Immigrants allocated a National Insurance number in the UK, 2002-2007 (in thous.), top ten countries

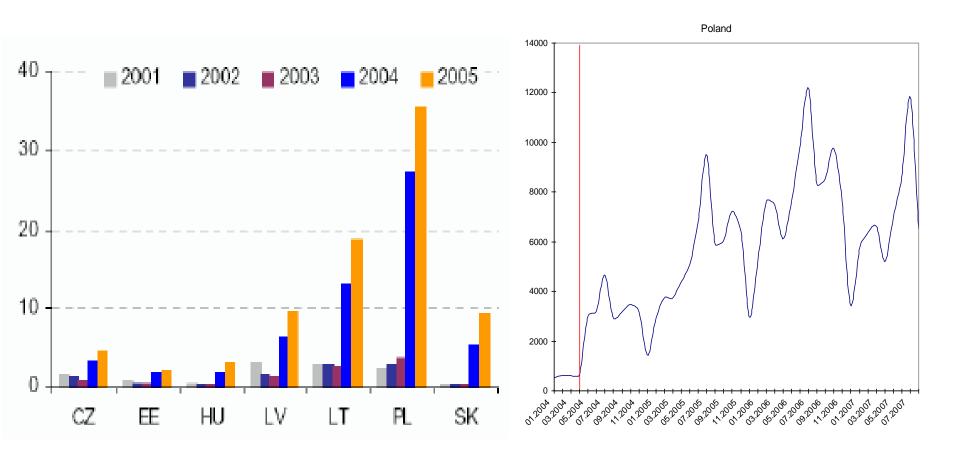
2002/2003		2003/2004		2004/2005		2005/2006		2006/2007	
India	25,0	India	31,3	Poland	62,6	Poland	171,4	Poland	222,8
Australia	18,9	South Africa	18,4	India	32,7	India	46,0	India	49,3
South Africa	18,6	Australia	17,1	Pakistan	20,3	Lithuania	30,5	Slovakia	28,8
Pakistan	16,8	Pakistan	16,8	South Africa	19,3	Slovakia	26,4	Pakistan	25,3
France	13,8	Portugal	14,0	Australia	16,6	South Africa	24,0	Australia	24,4
Philippines	11,8	China	13,3	Lithuania	15,6	Australia	23,8	Lithuania	24,1
Spain	11,7	France	13,1	France	13,3	Pakistan	22,3	France	20,2
Zimbabwe	10,3	Spain	11,9	China	12,6	France	17,2	South Africa	16,9
Iraq	10,1	Poland	11,2	Portugal	12,2	Latvia	14,2	Germany	15,2
Portugal	9,8	Philippines	10,7	Slovakia	10,5	Germany	13,3	China	13,2
Total	349,3	Total	370,8	Total	439,8	Total	662,4	Total	713,0





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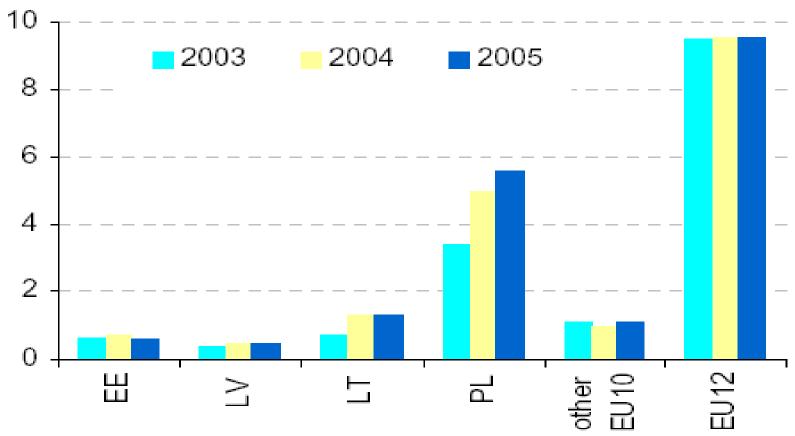
# Inflow of EU8 labour to Ireland – Personal Public Service Numbers issued (in thousand)







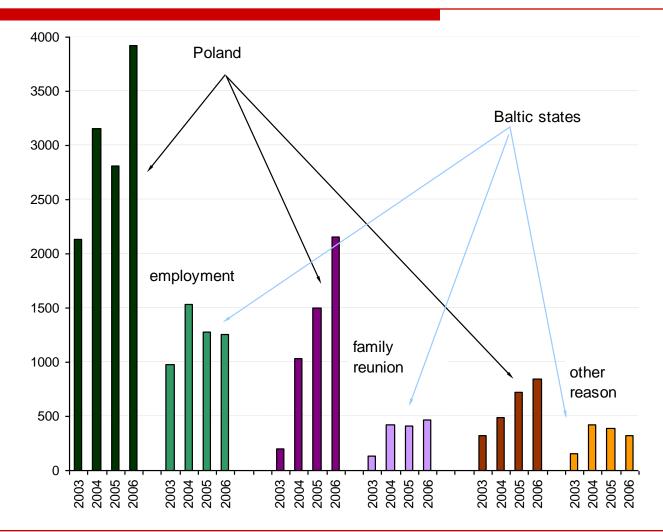
## No of residence permits issued in Sweden, selected EU8 countries, 2003-2005







## Residence permits granted to citizens of Poland and the Baltic States in Sweden by reason, 2003-2006







### Post accession flows

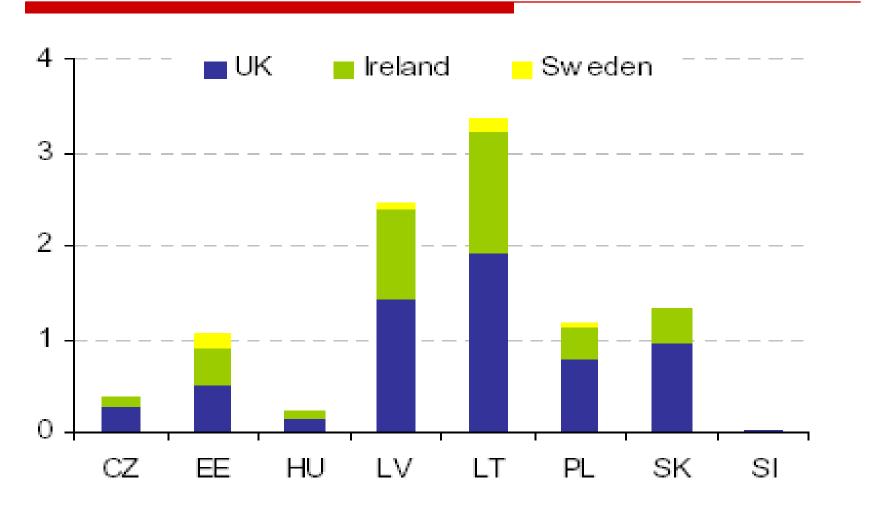
# Three types of CEE countries with regard to international mobility:

- Scale (and dynamics) of migration → Poland
- ☐ High intensity of migration → Baltic countries
- ☐ High (expected) dynamics of migration → Romania





# Migrant workers from EU8 in Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom as per cent of working age population of the countries of origin, 2004-2005







## Recent migration from Poland: Scale and dynamics of migration

- The 2002 National Census: 786 thous. Polish citizens, counted as members of households in Poland, staying abroad for longer than 2 months (1.8% of the population).
- CSO estimate (end of 2006): 1,950 thous. persons staying temporarily abroad (3.3% of the total population); post-accession net outflow – 1,120 thous.

Total / destination	2002 (May)	2004	2006 <sup>*</sup>
Total	786	1000	1950
European Union	451	750	1550
Austria	11	15	34
Belgium	14	13	28
France	21	30	49
Germany	294	385	450
Ireland	2	15	120
Italy	39	59	85
Netherlands	10	23	55
Spain	14	26	44
Sweden	6	11	25
United Kingdom	24	150	580

end of the year





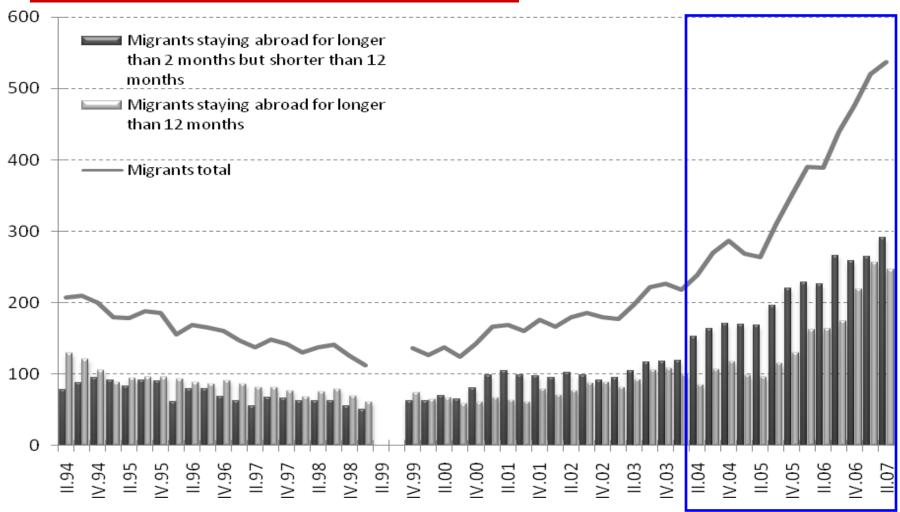
## Recent migration from Poland: selected features

- Migration motivations → predominance of labour migration
- □ Duration of migation → predominance of short-term migration (?)
- Dynamics of migration, seasonal patterns of mobility
- Main destination countries pre- and post-accession flows
- Selectivity of migration
- Migration strategies





### Migration according to LFS data: Polish migrants by length of their stay abroad, 1994-2007 (in thous.)



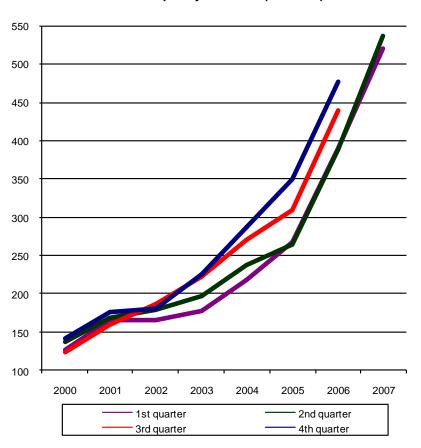




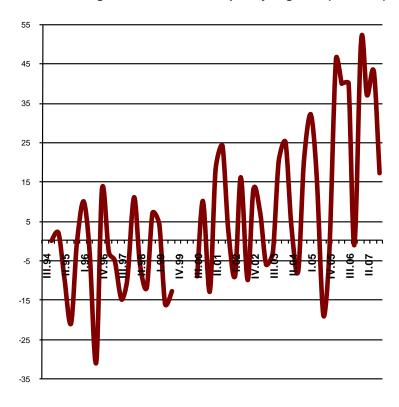
Source: Kaczmarczyk and Okólski 2008

### **Recent migration from Poland - dynamics**

#### Stock of temporary thousand (in thous.)



#### Net changes in the stock of temporary migrants (in thous.)

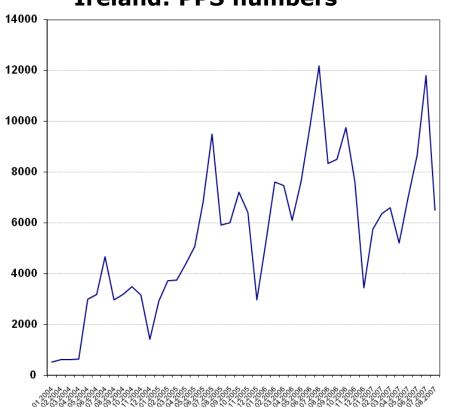




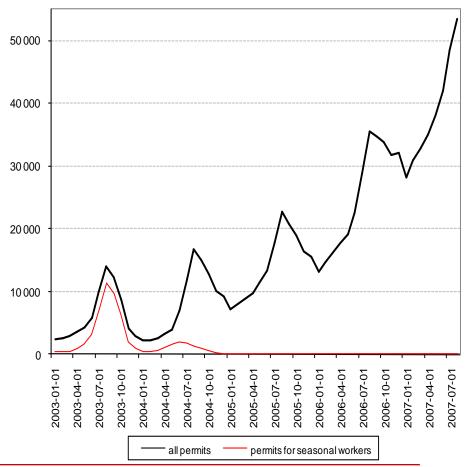


## Recent migration from Poland – dynamics and seasonal features





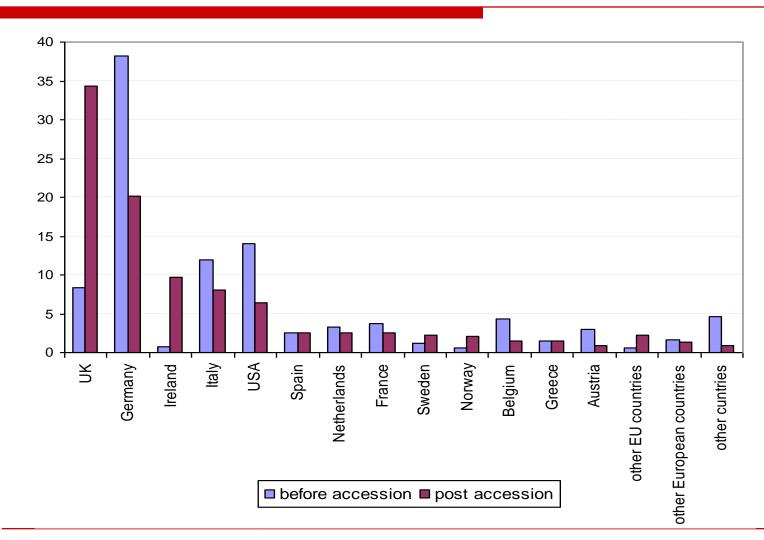
### Norway: work permits



Source: Kaczmarczyk and Okólski 2008 Centre



## Main destination countries for migrants from Poland before and after accession, in per cent



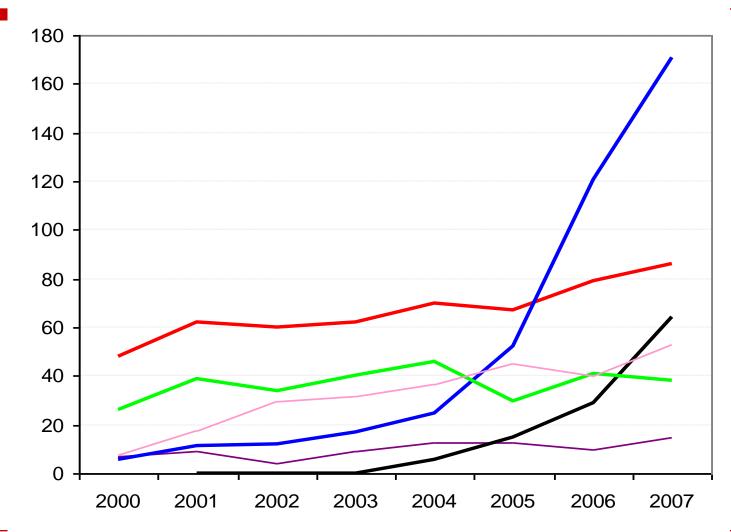


Source: SOPEMI





# Migration according to LFS data: Polish migrants by country of destination, 2000-2007, 2nd quarter (in thous.)

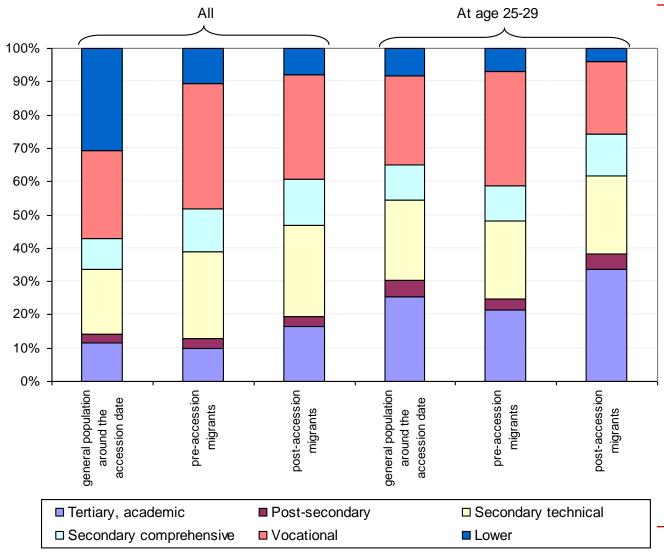








# Distribution of pre-accession and post-accession migrants by level of education vis-à-vis general population, in per cent





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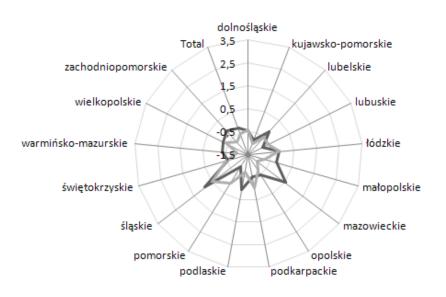
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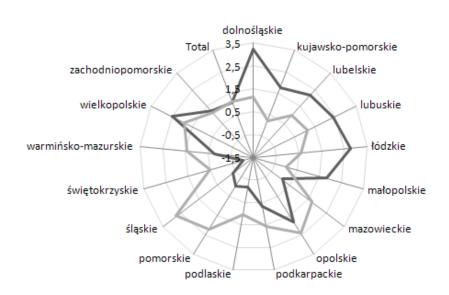


## Selectivity of recent mobility of Poles – educational attainment

### Migrant selectivity indexes (SI) for tertiary education

Germany UK





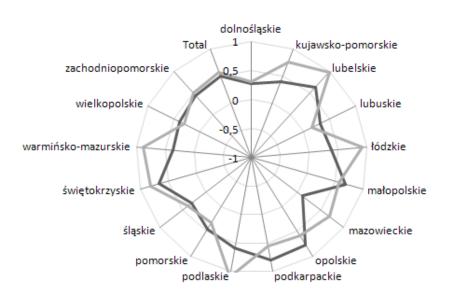
 

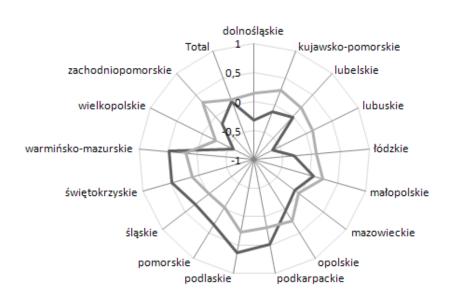


## Selectivity of recent mobility of Poles – educational attainment

### Migrant selectivity indexes (SI) for vocational education

Germany UK





—— pre 2004 —— post 2004





## Patterns of recent mobility – the case of Poland

Post-accession migration: more regular or legal than irregular or clandestine, more of a long-term duration than circular, more 'individualistic' than related to household strategies, more 'masculine' than 'feminine'

### **But:**

- Two structurally different patterns of migration:
  - Migration of the 'youth' → persons under 35, mostly without children, often single or in informal relationships, relatively well educated, language and legality as an important factor, UK and Ireland as leading destinations.
  - Migration of the 'older' → persons with previous migration experiences, no language skills, more 'traditional' destinations: Germany, Italy, Spain.



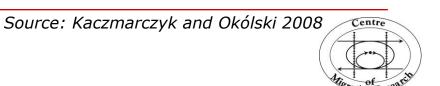


### **Demographic effects**

Percentage net loss of population aged 15 or more due to temporary outflow in the post-accession period, by sex and the level of education (as of January 1st, 2007)

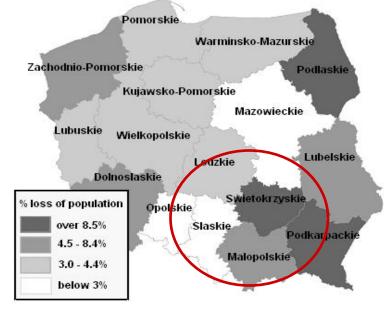
Sex	Total	Level of education (completed)			
		tertiary	secondary and post-secondary	vocational	lower
Poland	3.3	4.0	4.3	4.3	1.0
Females Males	2.2 4.4	3.3 5.0	3.1 5.8	2.4 5.4	0.6 1.4



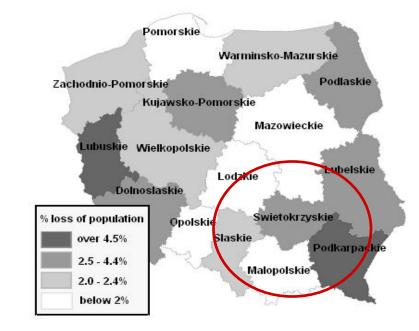


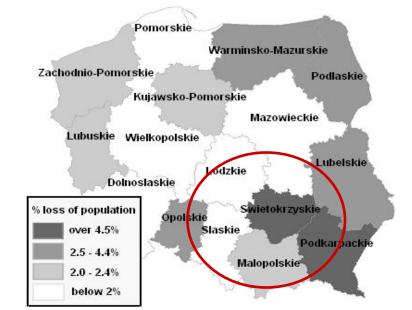
### Loss of populatio (in %) - men/women, towns/rural areas

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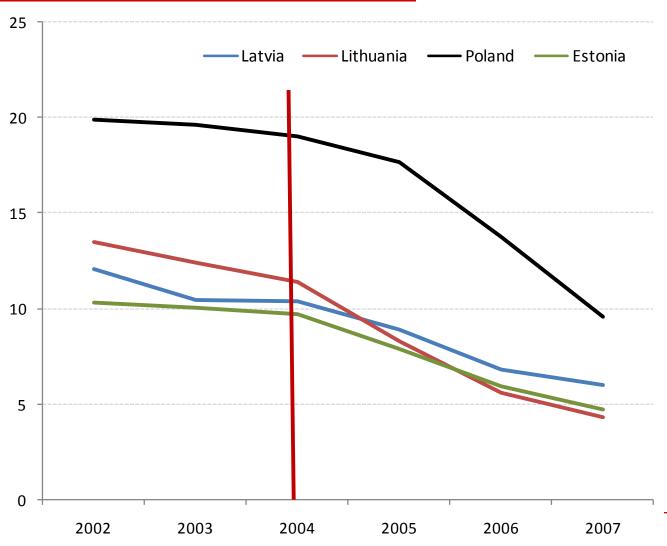
Percentage net loss of population aged 15 or more due to temporary outflow in the post-accession period, by region and type of locality (as of January 1st, 2007)

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## Radical relief to labour market – a decline in unemployment







Source: EUROSTAT

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Unemployment rate (annual) in 2006 compared to 2004

■ EU15 decline from 8.0% to 7.4%

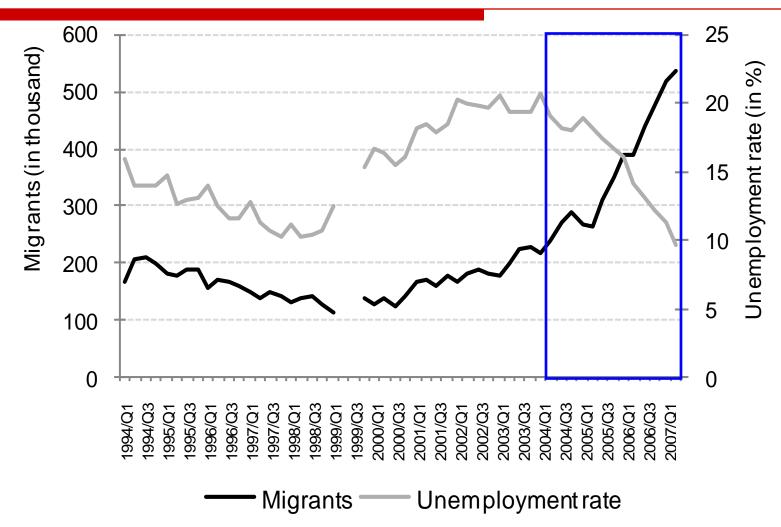
decline in EU8 countries (exception - Hungary):

- Lithuania by 5.8 points (to 5.6%)
- Poland by 5.2 points (to 13.8%)
- Slovakia by 4.8 points (to 13.4%)
- Estonia by 3.8 points (to 5.9%)
- Latvia by 3.6 points (to 6.8%)
- Czech R. by 1.2 points (to 7.1%)
- Slovenia by 0.3 points (to 6.0%)





## Migrants from Poland and unemployment rate according to LFS, 1994-2007

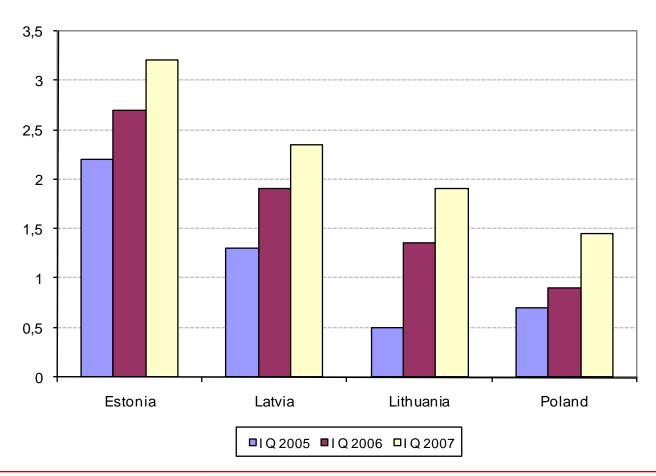






## Labour shortages: effect of the outflow?

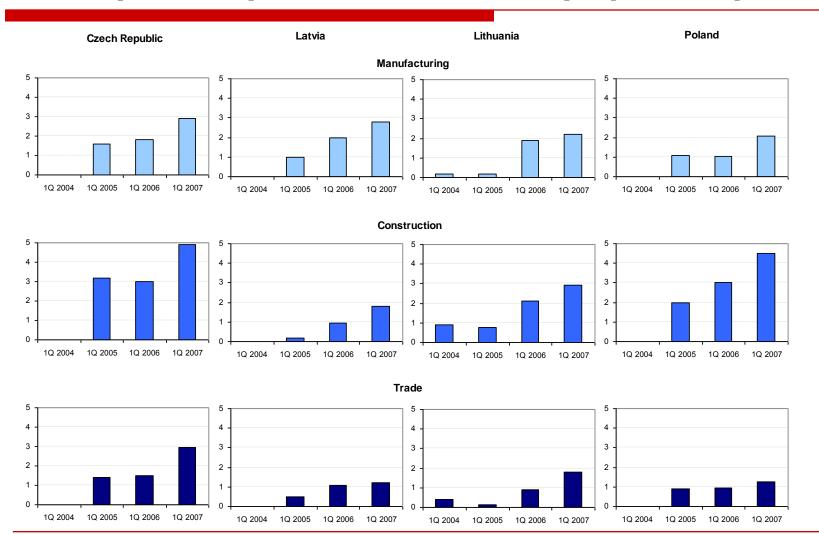
Vacancy rates, 2005-2007







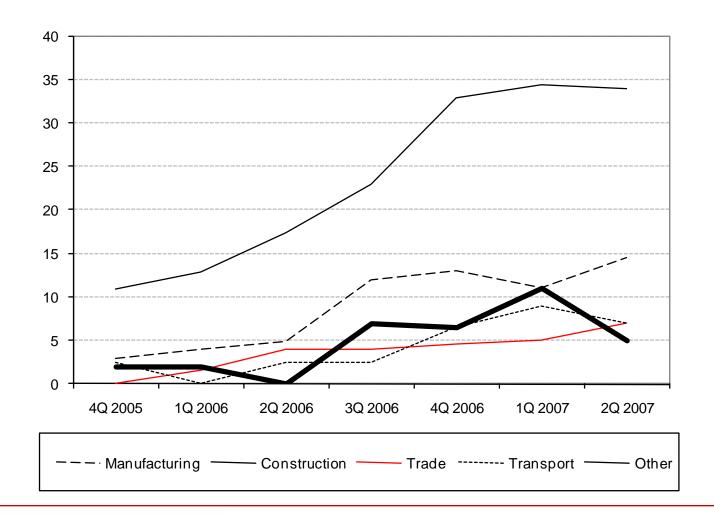
### Vacancy rates by sector, 2004-2007 (in per cent)







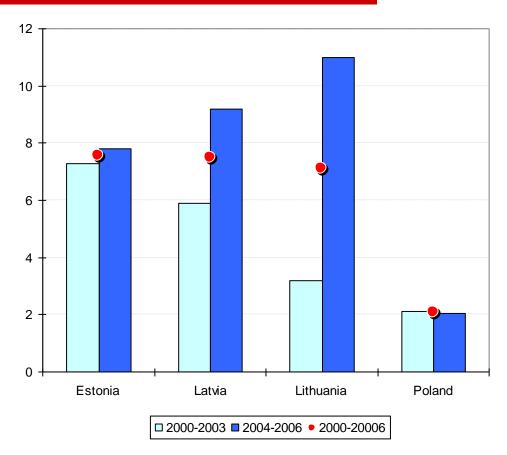
# Migration effect on labour market in Poland – labour shortages (by sector)







## Average annual wage growth in Poland and the Baltic states, 2000-2006



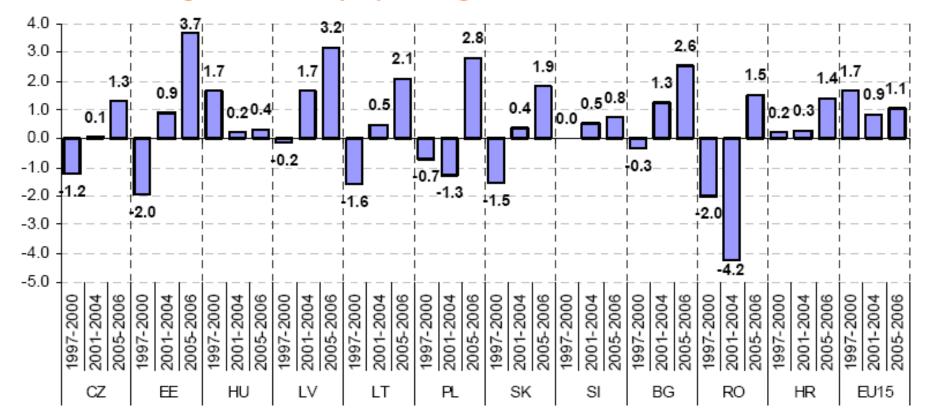
But – Poland 2007 (first three quarters): **8.6% increase**; construction – 15.7%, agriculture – 11%





## But: very good economic climate – creation of jobs

### Chart 1. Average annual employment growth

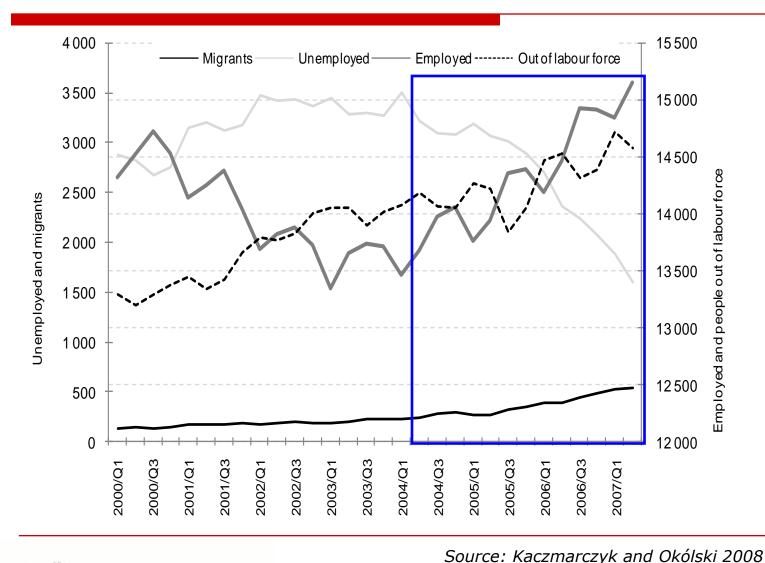


Source: Eurostat, Bank staff calculations





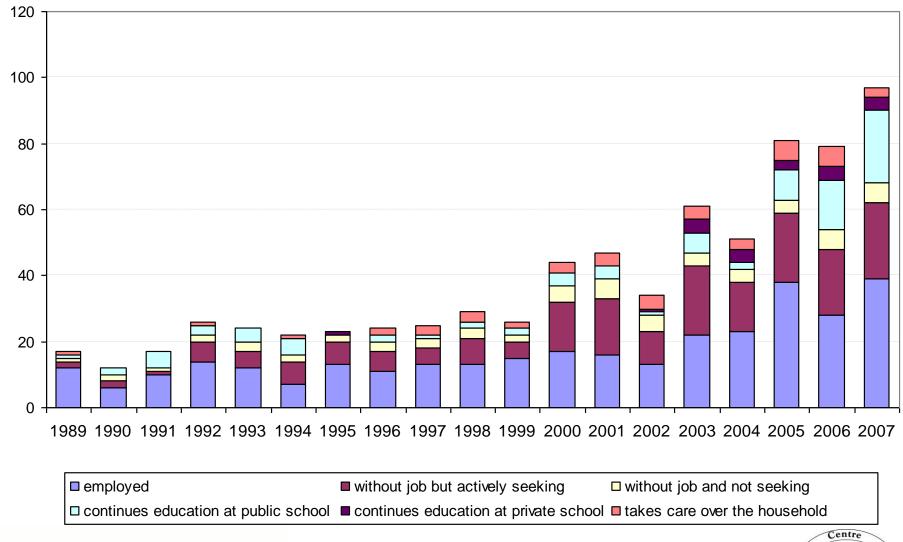
## Impact of migration on the Polish labour market, 2000-2006







# Situation on the Polish labour market prior to the first migration (no. of cases)





Source: CMR ethnosurvey 2007

### **Conclusions**

- Impacts of migration on sending countries case of Poland:
  - Importance of the scale of recent outlow
  - Importance of the selectivity of recent migration: stronger propensity to move was observed among people originating from economically backward regions, characterised by very limited employment opportunities, a high proportion of the population living in medium-sized or small towns and in villages, and a relatively large semi-subsistence sector → **brain overflow**
  - □ Labour migration a chance or a threat for the Polish labour market? (structural changes possible, new model of professional career, internal mobility, entrepreneurship)





### **Conclusions cont.**

- Ultimate migration? > 'labour market pre-emption', 'crowding-out' hypothesis
  - In order to complete the modernisation of economy a 'crowding-out' is needed (Layard et al. 1994)
  - Until very recently the outflow from Poland had little impact on its population and economy ←→ due to positive natural increase the population on Poland was continuously on the rise, outflow from Poland was limited to rather narrow groups (impact of migrant networks)
  - Recent outflow (due to its scale and characteristics) give a chance for 'crowding-out' ←→ outflow of redundant population (from rural areas and small towns)
- ☐ But: reforms needed..., short-term migration strategies
- Return migration (?)
- $\square$  Labour shortages  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  transition into **net immigration area?**





