



# **Active Selection of Qualified Foreign Workers**

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# Czech Labour Market briefly

- **Rate of employment** – slightly above EU average, increasing slowly.
- **Rate of unemployment** – 2 % below EU average. Young – 18 % only (!)
- **Rate of long-term unemployment** – below EU average



## Vision

The objective of the project was to implement easily controllable, simple and cheap tools for the transition from the passive reaction to the existing migration, to the active management of this segment of the economically motivated migration, and also to reduce illegal employment of the foreigners.

# Objectives

- **to bring qualified foreign workers to the Czech Republic**
- **to help Czech employers in finding qualified workers for long-term unfilled vacancies**

Participants of the project and their families might gain the permanent residency in the Czech Republic within a considerably shorter period than normally required.

The admission to the preferential procedure was bounded to an arranged employment in the Czech Republic and the previous practice obtained wherever.

The participants were protected in case of job-loss.

# Information campaigns (IOM)

Short-term campaign in the Czech Republic - focused on foreigners as well as Czech public.

Long-term campaign in target countries – in Croatia, Kazakhstan and Bulgaria (pilot project), then in 50 non EU countries altogether.

Websites, conferences, seminars, articles.



Thank you for your attention.

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