

Impact of intra Baltic Sea region labour migration on national social security systems

Round table “Labour migration in the Nordic-Baltic region:
Social challenges, possible regional co-operation and action”

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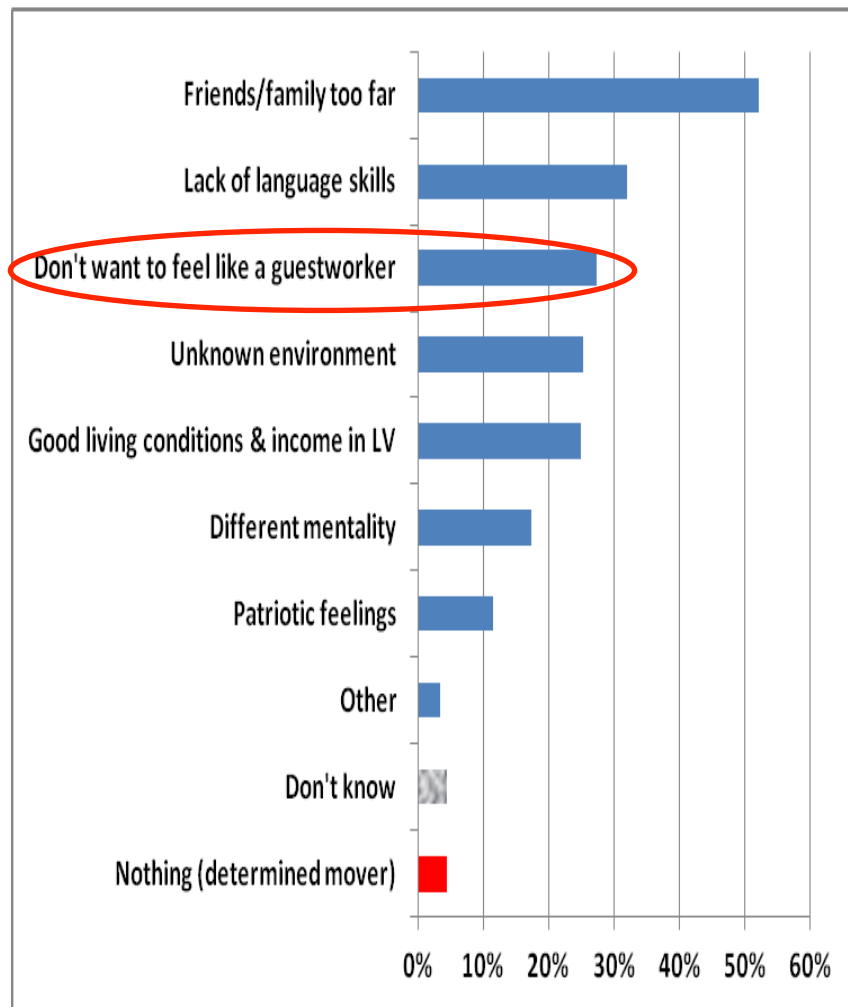


Challenges/problems from the employee perspective

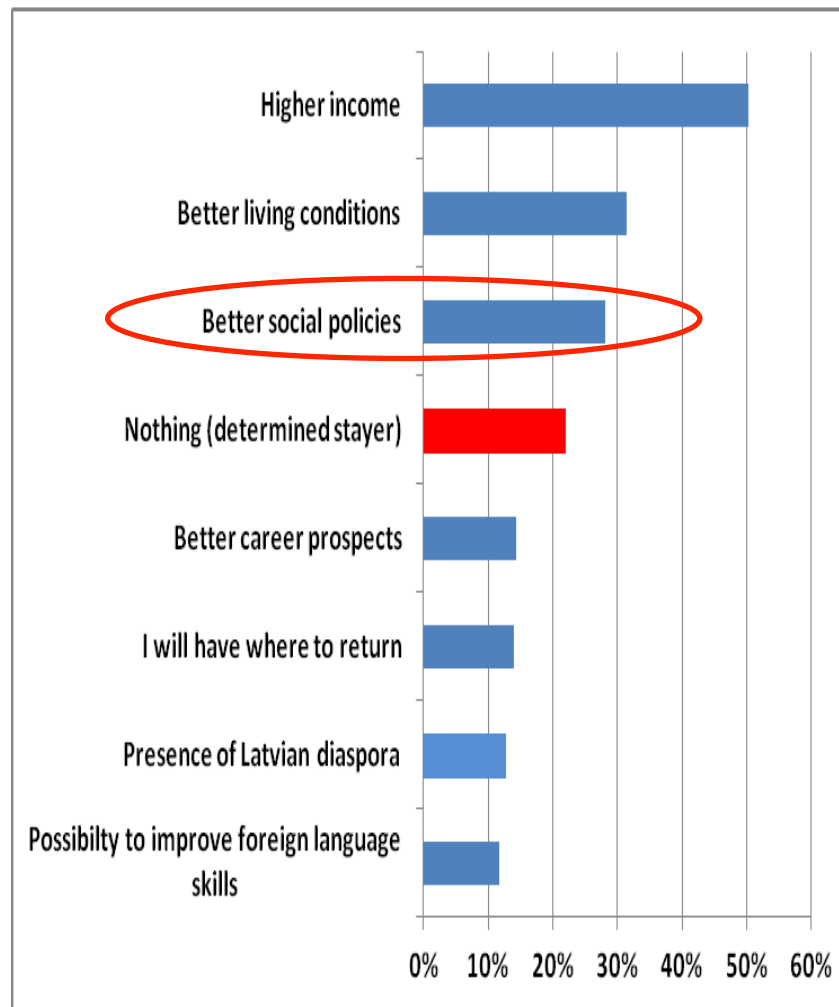
- Transferability of pension capital: when $5+5 < 10$
(*a regulation problem*)
- Employment standards – no problems with regulation, but...
- Access to (and use of!) information about employment standards
- To sum up – there are problems worth looking at in depth, using both data (preferably, administrative) and case studies
- Next slide, based on a recent population survey in Latvia illustrates

Why to stay and why to move (2012, age 18-64)

Main reasons to reject an offer to move



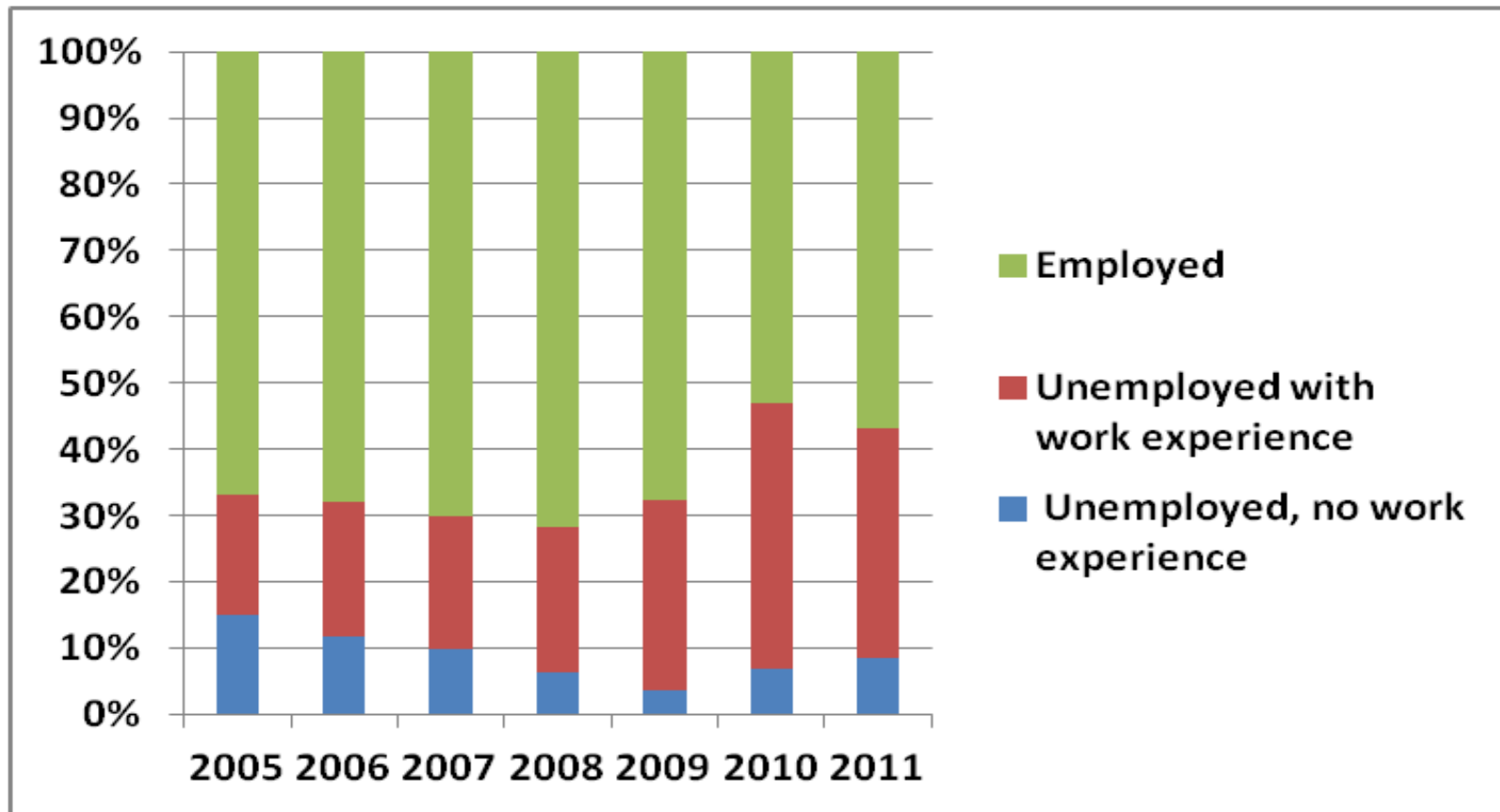
Main conditions to accept an offer to move



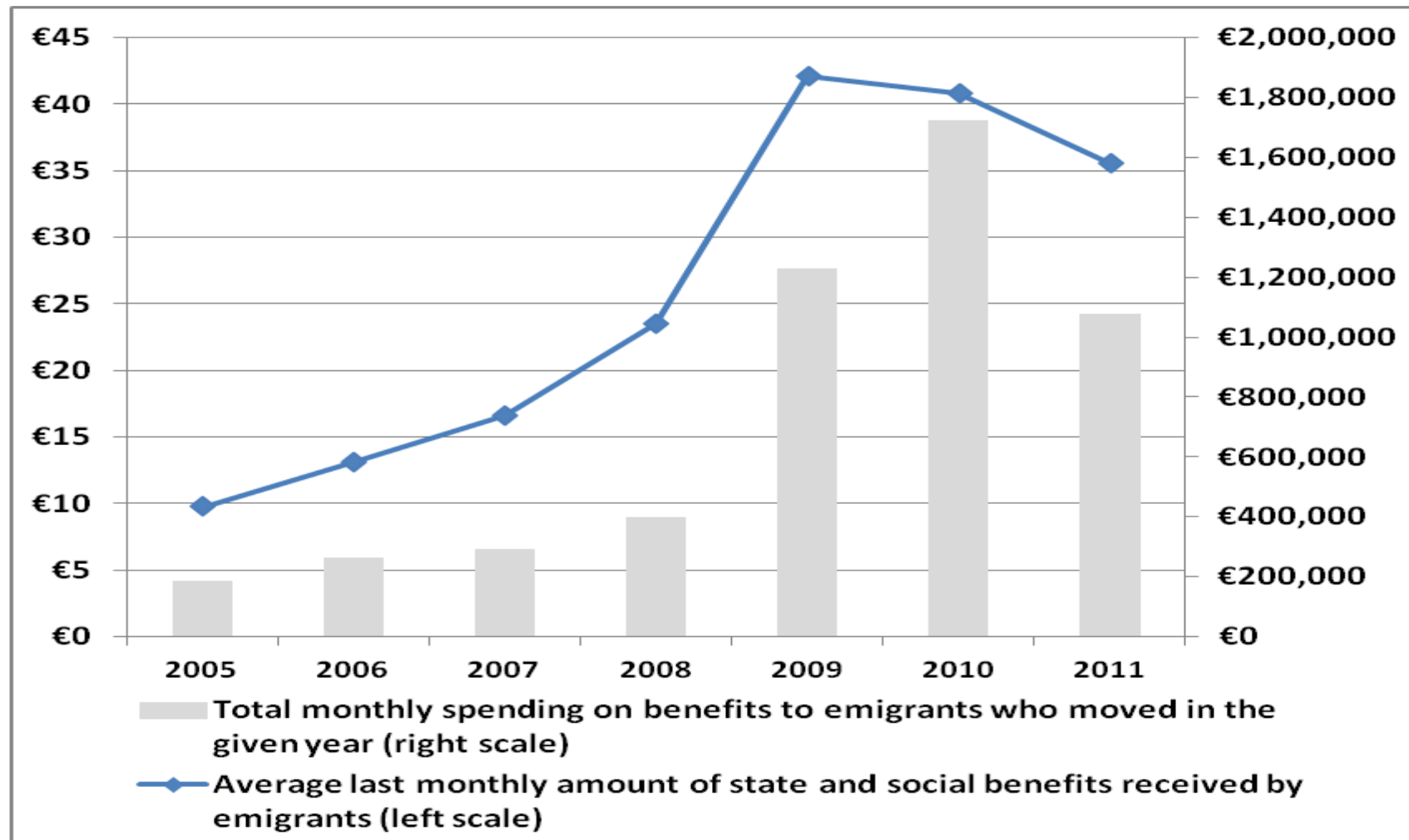
Challenges/problems from the perspective of national social security systems (SSS)

- Sending countries' SSS (and PES) benefit in the short run, as many of emigrants are their former clients (or potential clients)
- ...But in the medium and long run, financial sustainability of sending countries' SSS is put at risk by losing predominantly young people (depending on the country, 70% to 80% of recent emigrants are younger than 35)
- Receiving countries, by contrast, might have problems in the short and medium run: unemployment rates are, on average, higher among recent immigrants
- Yet there are, in some countries, groups of immigrants having lower unemployment rates than the natives. This is often the case for Baltic immigrants in the Nordic countries
- In the long run, receiving countries benefit from migration, as it helps to deal with ageing

Official labour market status of Latvian emigrants before departure, 2005-2011



Benefit spending on persons about to emigrate from Latvia, 2005-2011



Challenges/problems related to statistics

- Exchange of national registers' data on social benefit receivers and contributors to the social security
- ...even if in anonymised form for research purposes

Thank you for attention!