

# LINKING EUROPE IN TRANSITION

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## *WORKING GROUP*

# MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

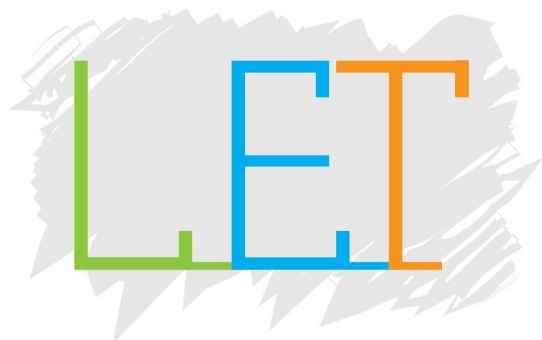
### **A first reflection**

The economic crises, the down-turning of welfare systems and the growing of precarious life conditions and situations of increasing poverty has led to new forms of (work) migration from South to North of Europe. Stronger economies may welcome mobility of highly qualified as one measure against future lack of qualified workers lead by demographic change.

Some first Governments agreements on youth mobility might be understood both as pragmatic social shock absorbers as well as new forms of brain drain within Europe. In view of high and increasing rates of unemployed and impoverished youth, the role of enterprises, industrial relations and new forms of entrepreneurship is going to gather increasing significance for future viability and sustainability of European economies and societies.

One of the challenges for political and social actors is, if and – if yes – how policies may be proposed encouraging fair and sustainable forms of migration and mobility, adequate to migrating people, to the communities both of departure and destination, that might reinforce – and not weaken – the Labour (in competition with the Capital) and might contribute to both welfare and social cohesion within Europe.

The question might also go beyond Europe and reflect on a larger concept of neighbourhood between Europe and Africa within a discourse of migration, mobility, demographic change, promotion of human resources, poverty and welfare, economic, ecologic and social sustainability lead by the instruments of industrial relations and the anthropologic needs of decent work.



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## *WORKING GROUP* MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

### **Some first ideas of possible tasks**

The working group within the LET Project might propose:

- To get a clear view on the **actual tendencies of migration and mobility** within and towards Europe.
- To get a specific view on **new forms of migration and mobility of young people**.
- To get a view on **European policies** on this issue.
- To get a view on **selected regional policies** on this issue.
- To collect information about **economic and social impact of migration and mobility** both in the area of **departure** and in the area of **destination**.
- To collect and discuss **political and strategic statements** and positions of **social partners**, both on regional and European level.
- To identify and collect examples of **best, good or acceptable practice** in the different areas of migration policies.
- To analyse and to build up a synoptic view on already **available propositions and recommendations** on the issues.
- To collect and prepare **useful materials for the use of social partners** on the proposed issues.
- To make available **user friendly short communication tools** – written texts and/or video clips – with suggestions, propositions, good examples, recommendations on the proposed issues.