



## Ad-Hoc Query on costs of labour market activation of refugees

Requested by PL EMN NCP on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Responses from 9 countries: [Austria](#), [Belgium](#), [Finland](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Italy](#), [Netherlands](#), [Poland](#), [Sweden](#), [United Kingdom](#)

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### 1. Background Information













Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy is in the process of assessing public employment services capacity in the context of providing effective support to unemployed refugees registered in the local labour offices. The scale of participation of clients belonging to the above category in Poland is marginal at the moment, but it is expected to grow. With this view Ministry of Labour and social Policy is willing to introduce adequate measures addressing such group. As refugees are widely considered particularly vulnerable category of migrants and due to their previous traumatic experiences and/or distant cultural background might need individual approach in the context of labour market activation, we would like to know the following:

- 1) What is the **estimated cost of labour market activation of a refugee** in comparison to regular unemployed client (average for both or at least the proportion, ie. annually per person). The question **does not apply to costs of refugee integration programmes**. We are interested in costs of 'regular' service when third country national being recognized as refugee contacts the labour office as an unemployed

We would appreciate your response by **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015**.

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## 2. Responses<sup>1</sup>







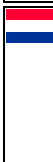










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	<b>Austria</b>	<b>No</b>	This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.
	<b>Belgium</b>	<b>Yes</b>	There exists no comparable data (estimations or other) in Belgium regarding this subject.
	<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>Yes</b>	.
	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Yes</b>	.
	<b>Czech Republic</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Calculations on costs of labour market activation of refugees are not available in Finland. The Ministry for Employment and the Economy has not calculated average unit costs for the labour market activation of unemployed nationals, as the needs and efforts vary a lot depending on the profile of the customer. They only estimated that the average unit costs regarding the labour market activation of refugees is somewhat higher than that of Finnish nationals, e.g. because of the need for interpretation in many cases.
	<b>France</b>	<b>Yes</b>	In France, once migrants have obtained the refugee status, they have direct access to work: their residence permit allows them to work with no previous work permit requirement. Consequently there is no dedicated costs related to the refugees' labour market activation, to be compared with the regular unemployed.
	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Greece</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
	<b>Hungary</b>	<b>Yes</b>	

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	Ireland	Yes	
	Italy	Yes	
	Latvia	Yes	
	Lithuania	Yes	
	Luxembourg	Yes	
	Malta	Yes	
	Netherlands	Yes	Both refugees with a temporary residence permit and refugees with a permanent residence permit have access to the labor market and are eligible for the services of the Employment Insurance Agency (UWV). The UWV does not distinguish between costs made for refugees and costs made for other unemployed persons. On average, the UWV spends 230EUR on activation programs per person (the UWV's costs of accommodation, ICT, overhead not included).
	Poland	Yes	Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy is not able to assess the costs of participation of a refugee in activation programmes. The available estimates concern 'regular' unemployed. They do not take into consideration possible additional costs stemming from specific needs of refugees.
	Portugal	Yes	
	Romania	Yes	
	Slovak Republic	Yes	
	Slovenia	Yes	
	Spain	Yes	
	Sweden	Yes	To the best of our knowledge there is no such available information.
	United Kingdom	Yes	
	Croatia	Yes	
	Norway	Yes	

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