

What did we learn from the conference?

- ❖ Integration challenges from previous migration flows
- ❖ New challenges that come along with the ongoing migration crisis
- ❖ We as experts opt different strategies in answering to the questions related to these challenges that are in the minds of the general public

Integration challenges from previous migration flows?

- ❖ European societies and cities have changed
- ❖ Different paths of structural integration: housing and labour markets as well as intermarriages
- ❖ Policy emphasis on social and economic (language, education, labour market)
- ❖ Less emphasis on cross-group networks and firsthand encounters at different life domains -> Vejle case a good example of contradictions
- ❖ Return to terms previously lost for political correctness: ethnic hierarchies

New challenges that come along with the ongoing migration crisis?

- ❖ Figures are huge: e.g. the number of last years asylum seekers equals the population size of Pärnu
- ❖ The debate about generic vs individualized approach to integration
- ❖ The educational qualifications of the migrants is a huge challenge
- ❖ Research of all sorts of social outcomes provides a clear signal: outcomes are predicted by education
- ❖ Policy focus: education in origin countries undergoing demographic transition

How we as experts answer to the question that are in the minds of the general public?

- ❖ People living their daily lives, employers, policymakers -> all lone desperately advise
- ❖ How to answer to the big questions such as:
Has integration been a success or a failure?
 - I do not know
 - Break down such big questions into smaller and answerable ones?
 - Break down the big questions into smaller and answerable ones AND keep an eye on these big questions?

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