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The Experiences of Recent Migration Flows

Comparison of Nordic Countries

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Immigration to the Nordic Countries

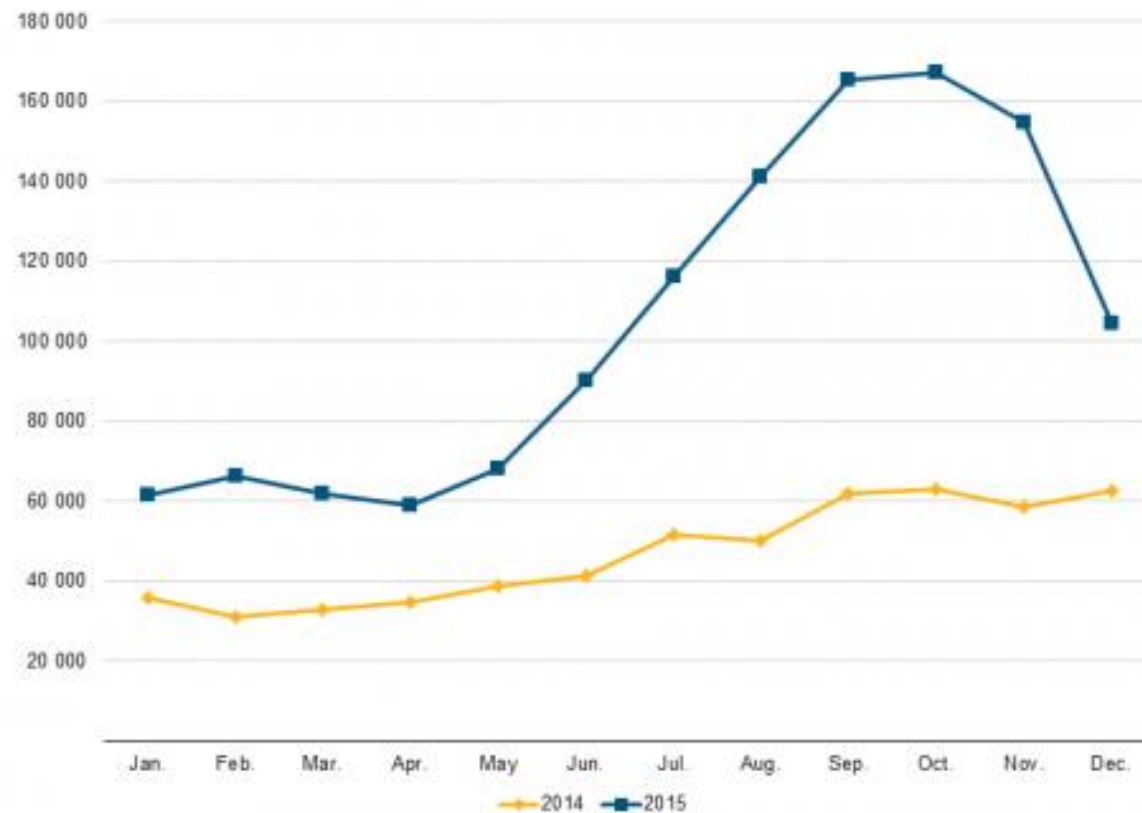
- All Nordic countries are long-time immigrant receiving countries
- Similarities
 - initial starting point was a relatively homogenous society
 - intra-regional mobility easy since 1950
 - EU/EEA + Schengen members
- Major differences in immigrant populations
 - in numbers
 - in terms of countries of origin
 - in terms of political approaches on immigration / integration

Immigrants by TOP 5 country of birth in 2014/2015

DANMARK		FINLAND		ISLAND	
<i>Polen</i>	34537	<i>Fd. Soviet + Ryssland</i>	66747	<i>Polen</i>	10933
Tyrkiet	32352	<i>Estland</i>	42652	<i>Litauen</i>	1480
<i>Tyskland</i>	28703	<i>Sverige</i>	31894	Philippines	1456
Irak	21182	Somalien	10054	<i>Tyskland</i>	1120
Rumänien	18732	Irak	10001	Thailand	986
NORGE		SVERIGE			
<i>Polen</i>	90962	<i>Finland</i>	158488		
<i>Sverige</i>	36887	Irak	130178		
<i>Litauen</i>	35901	<i>Polen</i>	81697		
Somalien	27333	Iran	68436		
<i>Tyskland</i>	24611	Jugoslavien	67892		

Source: Statistics Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway & Sweden

First time asylum applicants, EU-28, January 2014 – December 2015 - Source: Eurostat



Source: Eurostat (online data code migr_asyappctzm)

Policy responses summarised

- First: a surprise to everyone
 - Second: how to scale the system
 - Third: (when) does this end? Where is the EU?
 - Fourth: enough is enough
 - Five: what next?
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- The question remains: *Völkerwanderung* or something else?

Two basic EU scenarios on asylum

- EU model

Focus:

- EU
- aim to reduce total number of asylum seekers
- burden sharing
- support to origin & transit countries
- collective border efforts

- Long term solution

- NIMBY model

Focus:

- Nation-State
- aim to block entry
- aim to discourage migration
- support to joint reduction but not sharing mechanisms

- Short term solution



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