Please find attached the presentation by Mr. Steve Arnott, Expert, European Commission, delivered to the Session V (Awareness raising and economic integration in countries of destination), of the 13th OSCE Economic Forum, Prague, 23 -27 May 2005.
Supporting the social and vocational integration of migrants and asylum seekers

Policy context

- European Employment Strategy
- European Strategy for Social Inclusion
- Directives on Racial Equality and Equality in Employment
- Green Paper on Managing Economic Migration
- European Structural Funds

Policy measures

- Access to employment
- Recognising existing skills and qualifications
- Job guidance and counselling
- Civic education
- Fighting discrimination and racism
The EQUAL Community Initiative is supported by the European Social Fund and tests new ways to tackle discrimination and inequality in the labour market.

Operating in all Member States

Investing €3 billion between 2000-2008

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Results from EQUAL in combating discrimination in the workplace
  ▪ Making the business case
  ▪ Developing new tools to raise employer awareness
  ▪ Engaging the social partners

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Results from EQUAL regarding access to employment, training and information
  ▪ New types of employment services
  ▪ Training tailored to individual needs
  ▪ Information and support
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Results from EQUAL regarding media, diversity and discrimination

- Making news reporting more representative
- Developing new forms of training
- Providing opportunities for young people
- Co-operating transnationally