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1. OCEEA's vision of good migration governance

2. OCEEA's contribution to this vision.



250 million international migrants

**51% - in 10 countries,
7 of which are in the OSCE region**



Migration

CRISIS

VS.

RESOURCE



Foster
insecurity

Increase
irregular
flows

**Restrictive
labour
migration
policies**

Affect
transparent and
competitive
labour market

Reduce
circularity
and return

Undermine
social
cohesion



Why regular migration matters



More secure



- reduces illegal practices
- counteracts social exclusion of migrant workers

Arrival of young and motivated talents into aging societies



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Preservation of welfare system



More protected



Richer

Migrant workers' savings in countries of origin and destination

583 billion dollars in remittances

=

3x ODA (Overseas Development Aid)





More resilient



Effective migration management as an integral part of good economic governance

- orderly movement of migrants

Helsinki Final Act, 1975



Ljubljana MC Decision, 2005



Athens MC Decision, 2009



- developing effective systems to facilitate labour mobility



At the crossroads of

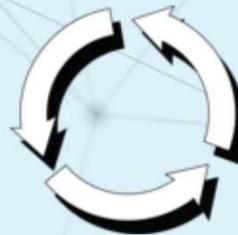
- **states' interest** for border control
- **national economies'** needs
- **individuals'** aspirations
- availability of **qualified labour force**
- needs of **private businesses**

Priority areas for the future

Change the narrative of migration

Enhance circularity

**MIGRATION
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Make use of our tools and develop additional ones



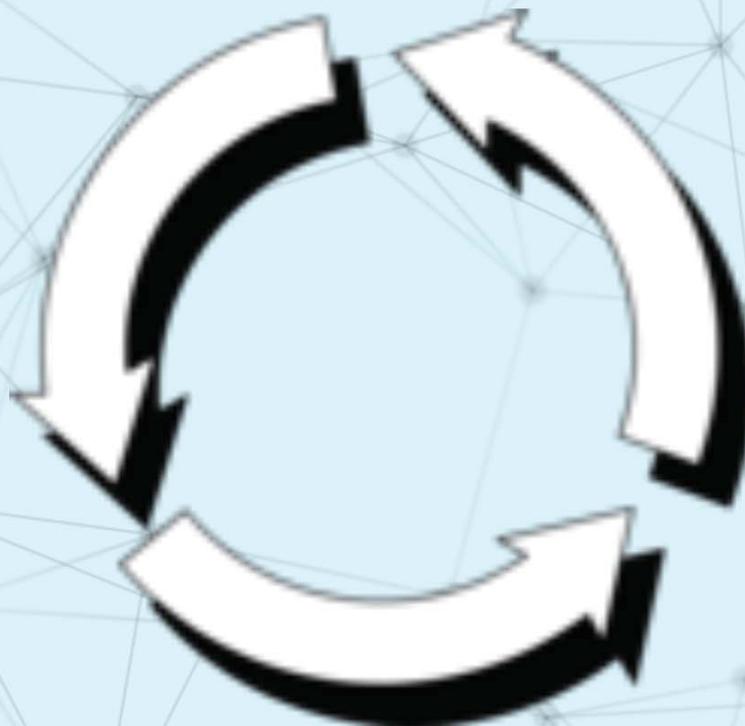
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***Expert meeting
17 June, Vienna***



to explore more effective ways to
assist participating States



Migration as a resource

Shared responsibilities

Great purposes
Great engagement

Work
together

Common goal