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Migration from Pakistan to Europe

Agenda

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Background: characteristics of migrants

- Who is migrating from Pakistan towards Europe?
 - » Pakistanis
 - » Afghans
 - Large population of Afghan recognised refugees and irregular migrants living in Pakistan for decades.
 - Sensitive situation in the country (and also in Iran). E.g. official registration card renewals, Peshawar attack, Iran sanctions
 - » To a more limited extent: Bengalis, Bangladeshis
- Motives:
 - » Rising inflation, increasing consumer price index, increasing unemployment, decreasing economic growth and investment in PK
 - » Increased destabilisation of the government, social unrest, increased extremism and sectarian-related violence
- Characteristics (next slide)
 - » Pakistanis: middle income, males, 18-30, mid- to long-term intention to stay in EU
 - » Mode of travel (and thus cost) impacts main characteristics in terms of income and skills, e.g. air vs. land/sea

Characteristics of migrants

Country of Origin	Destination	Characteristics
Pakistan	European Union, by land or sea	Middle income or land holders Strong diaspora ties 18-30 years of age Mid- to long- term intention to stay Somewhat price sensitive
	European Union, by air	Middle- to high-income Well-educated English skills Asylum seeking Reputation sensitive
	European Union and North America by air	Liquidated assets Asylum seeking/claim to be Afghan Strong diaspora ties Overstay intentions Reputation sensitive

Country of Origin	Destination	Characteristics
Afghanistan	European Union, by land or sea	Middle income or land holders Strong diaspora ties 18-30 years of age Male (some cases of family accompaniment) Somewhat price sensitive Reputation sensitive
	European Union by air	Middle and high income Well educated English language skills Asylum seeking Reputation sensitive
	European Union and North America by air	Liquidated assets Entire families Asylum seeking Reputation sensitive

Source: UNODC (2012), “Migrant Smuggling in Asia: A Thematic Review of Literature”, Vienna: UNODC.

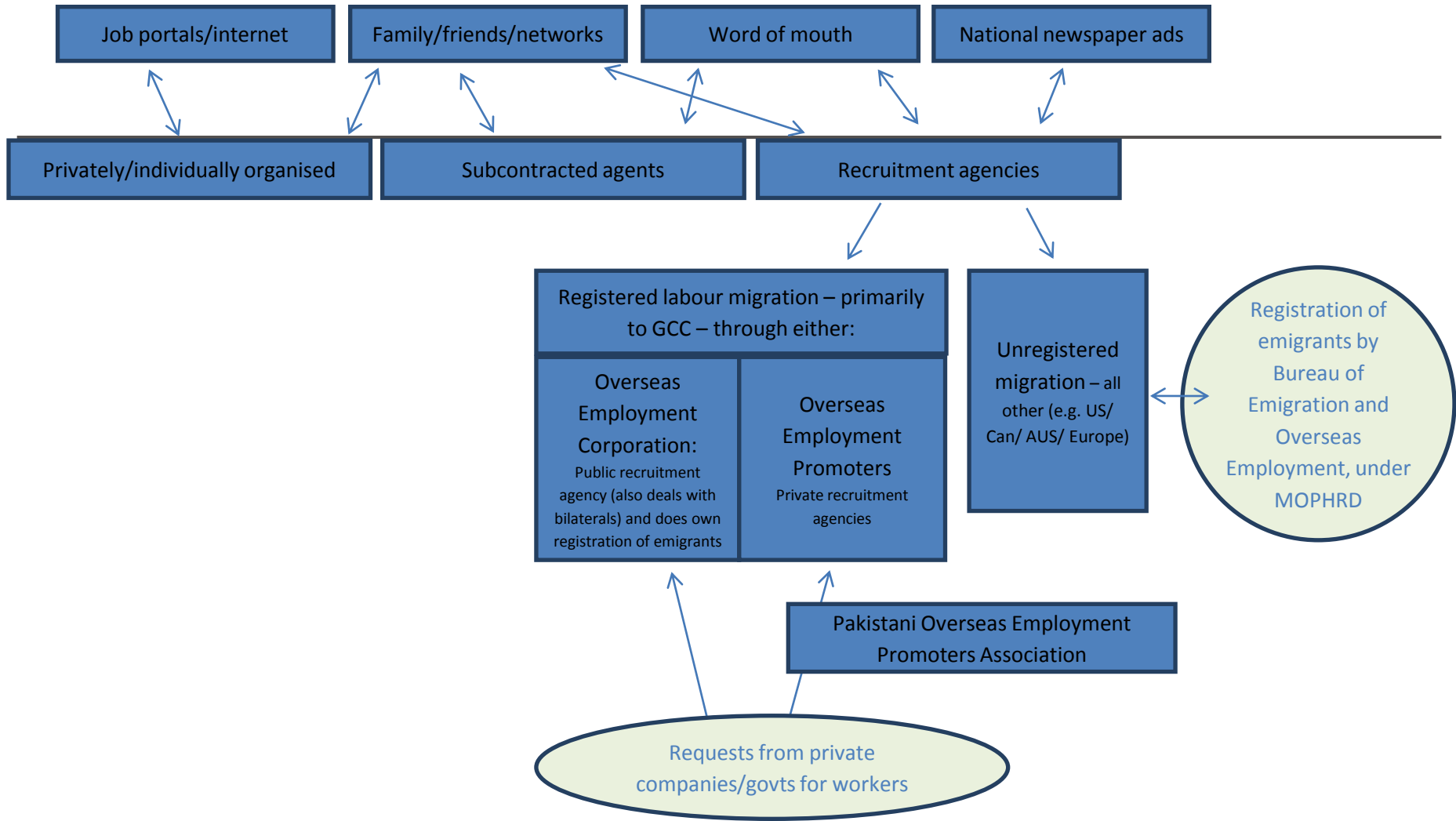
Statistics of Pakistanis in Europe

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Illegal border crossing – land	13, 781	3,344	3,211	555 (#9)
Clandestine entry at BCP	10	24	30	63 (# 8)
Illegal stay	12,621	18,334	14,209	11,650 (#9)
Return decisions issued	26,604	24,708	16,567	13,715 (#4)
Effective returns	6,253	10,488	12,127	9,609 (#2)
Deportations to PK from Greece	1,519	5,397	NA	2028 (until July)
Deportations to PK from UK				1839 (until July)
Deportations to PK from Turkey	1,795	566	NA	NA
First time asylum applicants	309,820	336,820	423,055	626,710

Source: Frontex Annual Risk Analysis 2015; Research and Analysis Center, FIA HQ Islamabad (2015), “Human Trafficking & Migrant Smuggling Newsletter”, Islamabad: FIA; UNODC (2014), *The Socio-Economic Impact of Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in Pakistan*, Vienna: UNODC; Eurostat.

Migrating to Europe

- Legal migration
 - » Official labour recruitment – primarily to Gulf countries (96%), 1% to Europe
 - Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development
 - » Student or tourist visas
 - » Student or tourist visas (and then find other employment and/or overstay)
 - » Privately/individually organised
 - » Asylum
- Irregular migration
 - » Unofficial/unregistered recruitment – to US, Canada, Australia, Europe
 - Issues related to fraudulent recruiters, “skimming” from contractual salaries and potential exploitation
 - Availability of destinations impacts route
 - » Migrant smuggling – primary route to Europe via Turkey to Greece
 - » Lack of data!!
- Choice dependent on migrant’s own social and financial resources as well as limits to legal opportunities in Europe





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Thank you very much for your attention!



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