Germany's current migration and integration policies within the European framework

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- bilateral agreements with eight countries
- work in Germany for up to three years (rotation requirement later dropped)
- mainly unskilled labour
- predominantly young and male
Main migration streams in the 1990s

- Asylum seekers
- Ethnic Germans
- Jewish migrants
Year 2000 as a turning point

- “Green Card” for IT specialists

- Establishment of “Independent Commission on Migration”
Government answer to commission report

- Legal framework for skilled migration
- Acknowledgement of integration failures
Migrants in Germany 2012

- 7.4 million foreign nationals
- 16 million persons with migratory background
Birth rates and ageing

Australia:
- fertility rate 1.9
- (still) natural growth
- 2011: +150,000

Germany:
- fertility rate: 1.4
- natural decline
- 2011: -190,000
Decrease of working age population until 2030

Quelle: Federal Bureau of Statistics

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Arrivals in Germany in 2011

57% EU

43% non-EU

source: BAMF, 2011 outcomes
The Australian migration system: the permanent streams

- Family: 29.6%
- Humanitarian: 6.9%
- Skill: 63.5%

Source: DIAC, 2011-12 outcomes
The Australian migration system: the temporary streams

- 457 visas
- international students
- working holiday / work and holiday
The German migration system

- non-EU migration
  - employment stream
  - family stream
  - humanitarian stream
- EU migration
Humanitarian stream

„Persons persecuted on political grounds shall have the right of asylum.“

(„Politisch Verfolgte genießen Asylrecht.“, Art. 16 a, Abs. 1, GG)
Employment stream

- skilled workers (permanent)
- work on basis of bilateral agreement (tempor.)
- internat. students (temporary and permanent)
- vocational training (temporary and permanent)
Slowing the decline in workforce numbers

- increasing participation rates
- upskilling the unskilled
- activating existing workforce potentials
- attracting skilled migrants
Recognition of Vocational Skills

- new entitlement for migrants in Germany
- skills recognition before entering
- required in regulated professions, advisable in non-regulated ones

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EU Blue Card

- New pathway for academics
- Income threshold
- Work permit for spouse
- Permanent residence after 21 months possible

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New German migration policies

- skills recognition
- EU Blue Card
- coming to Germany to look for suitable job possible for six months
- internat. students can look for job for 18 months
- apprentices have twelve months to find job
Skilled Migrants Initiative: „Make it in Germany“

- Information platform for potential migrants
- Profile of Germany
- Online job offers and practical information on how to apply

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Differences in migration settings

- EU migration main driver
- streams not capped
- skill stream not dominating stream
Integration challenges

- language proficiency
- school education
- vocational qualifications
- labour market participation
Integration policies

- more places in childcare facilities
- language training for young children
- employment programs for migrants
- early language training for potential migrants and new arrivals
Differences in integration necessities

- integrating new arrivals
- catching up
- establishing new welcoming culture
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