

**Question for written answer E-002625/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Migration unsuited as a means of solving demographic problems, according to a study by the University of Amsterdam

According to the Commission, the ageing of the population puts the EU's competitiveness and the public finances of its Member States at risk. The Commission sees legal migration as a means to address demographic imbalances and the resulting socio-economic problems¹.

A study by the University of Amsterdam concludes that this does not add up. According to the study, the cost of immigration for the public purse in the Netherlands will total EUR 600 billion over the next 20 years, if current trends continue. Only labour migration from North America and Oceania, the British Isles, Scandinavia, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Israel, India, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan is said to have positive economic effects, with that from other countries having at times a neutral but mostly a negative impact. Overall, migration is rejected as a solution to demographic change².

Around 13 million people were unemployed in the EU at the end of August 2024.

1. In the light of this study, what is the Commission's view of legal migration as a solution to demographic problems?
2. What impact will the findings of this study have on Commission policy?

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¹ <https://www.nzz.ch/international/ylva-johansson-ueber-die-angst-vor-migration-und-identitaetsverlust-ld.1603359?reduced=true>

² https://demo-demo.nl/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Borderless_Welfare_State-2.pdf