

## Public consultation on the EU's labour migration policies and the EU Blue Card

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.

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### Your Contact Details

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\*1.1 Name

Non-EU Migrant outside the EU - 63

1.2 Organisation's Name

1.3 Address

\*1.4 Email

1.5 Country of current residence or where your organisation is based:

Iraq



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### Your Profile

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\* 2.1 In what capacity are you completing the questionnaire?

- ☐ Employer
- ☐ Employer's organisation
- ☐ Trade Union
- ☐ Executive and Senior-Level Management (Oversees Mid-Level Management and multiple departments; May manage multiple facilities; May manage national or global operations; Manages budgets)
- ☐ Non-EU migrant workers and entrepreneurs already residing -or having previously resided- legally in the European Union
- ☒ Non-EU migrant workers and entrepreneurs currently outside the European Union but considering or having considered to migrate to the EU
- ☐ Public Employment Service
- ☐ Private Employment Service
- ☐ National Ministry
- ☐ Non-Governmental Organisations (support network, assistance, services)
- ☐ Regional Authority
- ☐ Local Authority
- ☐ National Consulate/Embassy
- ☐ National Statistical Office
- ☐ Private Individuals
- ☐ Academia
- ☐ Non-Governmental Organisations (advocacy)
- ☐ Media
- ☐ International organisations
- ☐ Organisations or authorities of the countries of origin
- ☐ Others

2.1.1.3 Gender:

- ☒ Male
- ☐ Female

2.1.1.4 Citizenship:

Iraq

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2.1.1.5 Second citizenship (if applicable):

- ☐ Afghanistan
- ☐ Albania
- ☐ Algeria
- ☐ Andorra
- ☐ Angola
- ☐ Antigua & Deps

- ☐ Argentina
- ☐ Armenia
- ☐ Australia
- ☐ Austria
- ☐ Azerbaijan
- ☐ Bahamas
- ☐ Bahrain
- ☐ Bangladesh
- ☐ Barbados
- ☐ Belarus
- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ Belize
- ☐ Benin
- ☐ Bhutan
- ☐ Bolivia
- ☐ Bosnia Herzegovina
- ☐ Botswana
- ☐ Brazil
- ☐ Brunei
- ☐ Bulgaria
- ☐ Burkina
- ☐ Burundi
- ☐ Cambodia
- ☐ Cameroon
- ☐ Canada
- ☐ Cape Verde
- ☐ Central African Rep
- ☐ Chad
- ☐ Chile
- ☐ China
- ☐ Colombia
- ☐ Comoros
- ☐ Congo
- ☐ Congo {Democratic Rep}
- ☐ Costa Rica
- ☐ Croatia
- ☐ Cuba
- ☐ Cyprus
- ☐ Czech Republic
- ☐ Denmark
- ☐ Djibouti
- ☐ Dominica
- ☐ Dominican Republic
- ☐ East Timor
- ☐ Ecuador
- ☐ Egypt

- ☐ El Salvador
- ☐ Equatorial Guinea
- ☐ Eritrea
- ☐ Estonia
- ☐ Ethiopia
- ☐ Fiji
- ☐ Finland
- ☐ France
- ☐ Gabon
- ☐ Gambia
- ☐ Georgia
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Ghana
- ☐ Greece
- ☐ Grenada
- ☐ Guatemala
- ☐ Guinea
- ☐ Guinea-Bissau
- ☐ Guyana
- ☐ Haiti
- ☐ Honduras
- ☐ Hungary
- ☐ Iceland
- ☐ India
- ☐ Indonesia
- ☐ Iran
- ☐ Iraq
- ☐ Ireland {Republic}
- ☐ Israel
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Ivory Coast
- ☐ Jamaica
- ☐ Japan
- ☐ Jordan
- ☐ Kazakhstan
- ☐ Kenya
- ☐ Kiribati
- ☐ Korea North
- ☐ Korea South
- ☐ Kosovo
- ☐ Kuwait
- ☐ Kyrgyzstan
- ☐ Laos
- ☐ Latvia
- ☐ Lebanon
- ☐ Lesotho

- ☐ Liberia
- ☐ Libya
- ☐ Liechtenstein
- ☐ Lithuania
- ☐ Luxembourg
- ☐ former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- ☐ Madagascar
- ☐ Malawi
- ☐ Malaysia
- ☐ Maldives
- ☐ Mali
- ☐ Malta
- ☐ Marshall Islands
- ☐ Mauritania
- ☐ Mauritius
- ☐ Mexico
- ☐ Micronesia
- ☐ Moldova
- ☐ Monaco
- ☐ Mongolia
- ☐ Montenegro
- ☐ Morocco
- ☐ Mozambique
- ☐ Myanmar, {Burma}
- ☐ Namibia
- ☐ Nauru
- ☐ Nepal
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ New Zealand
- ☐ Nicaragua
- ☐ Niger
- ☐ Nigeria
- ☐ Norway
- ☐ Oman
- ☐ Pakistan
- ☐ Palau
- ☐ Panama
- ☐ Papua New Guinea
- ☐ Paraguay
- ☐ Peru
- ☐ Philippines
- ☐ Poland
- ☐ Portugal
- ☐ Qatar
- ☐ Romania
- ☐ Russian Federation

- ☐ Rwanda
- ☐ St Kitts & Nevis
- ☐ St Lucia
- ☐ Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
- ☐ Samoa
- ☐ San Marino
- ☐ Sao Tome & Principe
- ☐ Saudi Arabia
- ☐ Senegal
- ☐ Serbia
- ☐ Seychelles
- ☐ Sierra Leone
- ☐ Singapore
- ☐ Slovakia
- ☐ Slovenia
- ☐ Solomon Islands
- ☐ Somalia
- ☐ South Africa
- ☐ South Sudan
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Sri Lanka
- ☐ Sudan
- ☐ Suriname
- ☐ Swaziland
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ Switzerland
- ☐ Syria
- ☐ Taiwan
- ☐ Tajikistan
- ☐ Tanzania
- ☐ Thailand
- ☐ Togo
- ☐ Tonga
- ☐ Trinidad & Tobago
- ☐ Tunisia
- ☐ Turkey
- ☐ Turkmenistan
- ☐ Tuvalu
- ☐ Uganda
- ☐ Ukraine
- ☐ United Arab Emirates
- ☐ United Kingdom
- ☐ United States
- ☐ Uruguay
- ☐ Uzbekistan
- ☐ Vanuatu

- ☐ Vatican City
- ☐ Venezuela
- ☐ Vietnam
- ☐ Yemen
- ☐ Zambia
- ☐ Zimbabwe

#### 2.1.1.6 Age group

- ☐ 18-25 years
- ☐ 26-35 years
- ☐ 36-45 years
- ☒ 46-55 years
- ☐ 56-65 years
- ☐ over 65 years

#### 2.1.1.8 Current situation:

- ☒ Interested in moving to the EU for work purposes
- ☐ Having previously applied or considered moving to the EU, but stayed in origin country
- ☐ Having previously applied or considered moving to the EU, but having moved to a destination outside the EU

#### 2.1.1.10 Did you set up a business or are you considering setting up a business in the EU?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

#### \* 2.1.1.11 Level of education [ISCED 2011]

- ☐ Lower secondary education
- ☐ Upper secondary education
- ☒ Post-secondary non-tertiary education
- ☐ Short-cycle tertiary education
- ☐ Bachelor or equivalent
- ☐ Master or equivalent
- ☐ Doctoral or equivalent
- ☐ (Professional training)

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## LABOUR MARKETS

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#### 3.13 If you were to move to Europe, would your intention be to set-up a business?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

## AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

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4.3 Did you/Do you easily find information about job vacancies in EU Member States and/or about labour market shortages in particular sectors or particular Member States?

- ☐ Yes, this information is easily available  
☐ No, it is difficult to find this information

4.9 Do you intend to use a third party to help with the immigration procedures and the authorities? E.g. a lawyer or specialised firm.

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

4.17 What are the channels that you use/have used to obtain information on job vacancies in the EU Member States? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Public employment agencies  
☐ Private intermediation agencies  
☐ Professional contacts  
☐ EURES job portal  
☐ Online job boards (e.g. Monster,...)  
☐ Social media (e.g. LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter,...)  
☐ On basis of international agreements between your country and the EU  
☐ Trade Unions  
☐ Community from your country of origin Charity/NGO  
☐ If other, specify

4.19 Are you satisfied with those channels?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

4.30 What are the channels that you use/have used to obtain information on the legal requirements to migrate in response to job vacancies?

- ☐ EU Immigration Portal  
☐ Official national websites of EU Member States  
☐ Unofficial/ Commercial/ Private websites  
☐ Social media (e.g. LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter,...)  
☐ Trade Unions  
☐ Community from your country of origin  
☐ Charity/NGO  
☐ Other (please specify)



4.32 Are you satisfied with those channels?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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### ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE EU

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5.12 Why would you like to work in the EU? How would you rate the attractiveness of the EU on the following factors ?

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Level of wages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ease of getting a work permit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conditions for family reunification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Welfare and healthcare system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for family members (professional, schooling, leisure and other)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rule of law	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Portability of social benefits (e.g. acquired pension rights, sickness insurance...)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recognition of foreign qualifications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Language(s) spoken in destination country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conditions for permanent residence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Openness of the socio-political environment to immigration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of integration and language assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easy mobility between EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ease of entering and leaving the EU at will as a permit holder	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business friendly environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Innovation friendly environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of life (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5.15 Which EU Member State did you consider or are you considering migrating to?

- ☐ Austria
- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ Bulgaria
- ☐ Croatia
- ☐ Cyprus
- ☐ Czech Republic
- ☐ Denmark
- ☐ Estonia
- ☐ Finland
- ☐ France
- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Greece
- ☐ Hungary
- ☐ Ireland
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ Latvia
- ☐ Lithuania
- ☐ Luxembourg
- ☐ Malta
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ Poland
- ☐ Portugal
- ☐ Romania
- ☐ Slovakia
- ☐ Slovenia
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ United Kingdom

Did you consider or are you considering other destinations besides the EU?

5.16 Did you consider or would you consider other destinations besides the EU? If so, which one(s)?

- ☐ USA
- ☐ Canada
- ☐ Australia
- ☐ Singapore
- ☐ Hong Kong
- ☐ China (mainland)
- ☐ Dubai
- ☐ UAE
- ☐ Russia
- ☐ Brazil
- ☐ South Africa
- ☐ Saudi Arabia
- ☐ Switzerland
- ☐ Norway
- ☐ Other (please specify)

5.18 Why are you interested by other destinations or why did you finally move to another destination other than Europe?

*300 character(s) maximum*

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### EU BLUE CARD

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6.4 Have you ever heard of the EU Blue Card before this survey?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

6.7 Have you ever applied or have been interested in coming to the EU as a highly qualified worker?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

- 6.14 The Blue Card Directive sets a number of admission conditions which applicants must fulfil to be allowed into the EU: 1) a work contract or binding job offer of at least one year; 2) a salary of at least 1,5 times the average gross annual salary in the Member State concerned; 3) proof of relevant professional qualifications or fulfilling the national legal requirements

Do you consider that the admission conditions of the current EU Blue Card Directive are adequate?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Info: 'higher professional qualifications' means evidence of recognised higher education qualifications or at least five years of relevant professional experience;

- 6.17 What aspects would be most important for the attractiveness of the EU Blue Card?

Please indicate the factors you consider important (max. three answers possible):

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ Fast-track entry procedures  
☐ A clear, streamlined and uniform scheme across all Member States  
☐ Unrestricted access to the labour market  
☐ Extension of its scope to other categories, e.g. entrepreneurs  
☐ Promotion and information provision on the EU Blue Card  
☐ Favourable conditions for family reunification  
☐ Availability of integration support (e.g. language courses, job orientation) for highly qualified workers and family members  
☐ Allowable absences to return to the country of origin  
☐ Rights and equal treatment  
☐ Long-term perspectives (e.g. longer validity of the Blue Card or facilitated access to long-term residence status or naturalisation)  
☐ Easy intra-EU mobility to take up employment opportunities in other Member States  
☐ Other (please specify)

- 6.19 In many Member States national schemes for attracting highly-skilled labour migrants exist in parallel to the EU Blue Card. In your opinion, in order to make the EU as a whole more attractive for highly qualified migrant workers, do you consider that:

- ☐ It is better to opt for one unified and visible EU-wide scheme, such as an improved EU Blue Card without parallel national programmes  
☐ It is better to keep parallel national programmes for highly qualified migrant workers in addition to the EU Blue Card  
☐ No opinion

6.24 Do you consider that the EU Blue Card scheme could be more attractive if its scope were to be expanded to certain additional categories of highly-qualified workers?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

6.27 Do you have further comments on how the EU can be made more attractive for highly qualified workers (in particular in relation to the Blue Card directive)?

*300 character(s) maximum*

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### QUALIFICATIONS

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