

SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: International Migration: European Dimension

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Relevance of the research issue: In modern world there is a tendency to intensive growth of the number of individuals, who in one way or another are involved in international migration processes. The factor that stimulates international migration is progressing globalization of the world space. In this context, the study of migration processes is relevant, since migration have a growing impact on the state of the world's infrastructure and international relations in general.

In this regard the study of migration processes and their management on the example of the European Union as the most advanced integration group in the world is of special interest, because the economic development of Western Europe makes a kind of a "magnet" for the "poor South" residents.

The growing influx of immigrants causes many challenges and threats to Western European community stipulated by difficulties to control migration process, such as cross-border terrorism, human trafficking, illegal migration, the problems of adaptability of immigrants, the rise of nationalist and xenophobic attitudes among the indigenous population, that also determines the relevance of the chosen research topic.

Study and analysis of the immigration situation in the European dimension in accordance with modern peculiarities, allow to build an optimal model of legal regulation of migration processes that is currently also extremely relevant for the Russian Federation by identifying key trends and prospects of the dynamics of immigration in the European Union.

The purpose of the work is to determine the degree of organization of migration policy in the EU with the account of growing interdependence of its member states as well as to identify opportunities for creation of a unified, harmonized model to improve the mechanisms of migration policy in the region.

Research objectives:

- to analyze the essential characteristics of the international migration phenomenon;

- to research various approaches to the international migration phenomenon in the political and sociological concepts.

- to identify the peculiarities that are typical to the international migration nowadays in globalization context;

- to educe the characteristics of international immigration in Western Europe countries;

- to research the experience of national legal and regulatory frameworks of the EU countries and unification possibilities of migration policy of the Union.

The scientific novelty of the research is defined by analyzing for the first time the phenomenon of international migration through the prism of political and sociological concepts: the conception of global civil society, the conception of "new bipolarity" and the conception of a "new dark age".

The traditionally investigated three main stages in the development of migration in Europe were enriched with the analysis of the fourth phase, covering the period of 2008-2013 as specified by the economic crisis in Europe which affects the migration processes, and reasoned to consider this period as a separate stage for further study.

The author's conception of migration policies evolution and prospects in the Western Europe countries was also offered to allow an objective assessment. Along with a three-tier system of adaptation of immigrants has been developed and suggested by the author.

Structure: has been determined by the research logic and consists of two chapters, containing three paragraphs each, the conclusion and a 128-reference bibliography, 51 of which are in foreign languages, and four Appendixes. The total volume of the paper is 82 pages.

Summary: The large-scale displacement of the population is one of the demonstrations of internationalization and democratization of economic, social and cultural life of humanity, as well as the consequences of acute ethnic conflicts and clashes between countries and peoples, emergencies and natural disasters.

The world community that experienced the growing proportions, peculiarities and consequences of migration on the international level, is faced with the necessity of deep understanding of their causes, trends and impacts, coordinating the efforts of many countries to resolve acute situations and management of migration flows.

Moreover the international migration problem remains one of the priority issues on the agenda of the United Nations (UN).

International migration is not a new phenomenon though the general flows of international migrants were not recorded by state agencies. It is quite difficult even nowadays to define precisely the scope of the international migration.

The phenomenon of international migration acquires new features, where a major determinant is the gap between different groups of countries in the level of economic and social development and, respectively, in the quality of life standards. At the same time, globalization processes are becoming a new and important factor in today's migration as its accelerator. In turn, migration itself plays the role of a mean which can promote the development of countries and regions.

The research of immigration process in EU countries and their experience of the related policy in solving arising problems make certain backgrounds to be considered and shared in other countries including Russia.