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Albanian Migration in the context of international policies

- Kofi Annan: "None of us does not solve the migration issues alone, but each of us has in his hands a piece of the puzzle. It is high time to put them together"***
 - International Migration Policies are not isolated, All have global consequences.***
 - Migration costs and benefits are not shared equally nether between countries nor between various social groups.***
 - Priority for our policies is international collaboration coordination.***
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Modern Albanian Migration

- ***During Transition Period Albania has experienced an ever-changing migration process.***
 - ***Special focus issues: "brain drain", smuggling and trafficking of human beings, remittances, voluntary return of Albanian migrants, irregular and unauthorized migration for economic reasons.***
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Three modern Albanian Migration Periods

- Migration flows before 1944;***
 - Post 1945 Diaspora that migrated during 1945-1990***
 - Considerable migration flows after 1990***
 - (i) Migration flows during 1991-1992***
 - (ii) flows 1992-1996***
 - (iii) flows after 1996-07***
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Overview of Albanian Migration

- Albanians are among the biggest group from the third countries in EU. They are included in the third group with 0.8 millions migrants.**
 - About 1 milion migrants from a country with total population of 3.4 milionë inhabitants;**
 - 22-25% of total population;**
 - 35% of active population;**
 - Albanian migration flows are 5-6 times higher then flows in developing countries with regard to active population**
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Albanian Migrants number in different countries

<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Greece</i>	<i>600.000</i> [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Italy</i>	<i>401.900</i> [2]
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>USA</i>	<i>150.000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>UK</i>	<i>50.000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Germany</i>	<i>15.000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Canada</i>	<i>11.500</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Belgium</i>	<i>5.000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Turkey</i>	<i>5.000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>France</i>	<i>2.000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Austria</i>	<i>2.000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Switzerland</i>	<i>1.500</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Lowlands</i>	<i>1.000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Total =</i>	<i>1.244.000</i>

[\[1\]](#) *National Migration Strategy , Tirana, 2004.*

[\[2\]](#) *Referring to the publication "Caritas Immigrazione 2008'.*

***Migration Studies Center, Tirana, 2005
from the interviews conducted has concluded as per below
The most preferred countries are:***

<u>Prioritetet</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>2005</u>
1	Italy	USA	USA
2	Germany	Italy	Canada
3	USA	Germany	Italy
4	Switzerland	Australia	UK
5	Australia	Switzerland	Germany
6	France	France	France
7	Greece	UK	Switzerland
8	UK	Greece	Greece
9	Canada	Scandinavian	Scandinavian
10	Scandinavian	Other countries	Other countries

Main causes of Albanian migrants

- Low salaries,***
 - Financial Support of the family,***
 - Better work conditions,***
 - Better leaving conditions,***
 - Higher education standards***
 - For security reasons during specific periods***
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According to a World Bank 2007 study the main causes of the international migration remain;

- The percentage of individuals in active age. Individuals in active age are more eager to migrate abroad;***
- Lack of incomes;***
- Events or economical crises (priamidal schemes)***
- Unemployment ...ect***

To conclude, the economical reasons are the main reasons that constrain Albanians to migrate.

The main components of the migration flows are:

- Individuals that emigrate for a better job and better life;***
 - Individuals that migrate for political reasons ;***
 - Individuals that emigrate because of family, ethnic and religion relations especially in neighbor countries (Greece, Italy);***
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- ***Individuals that migrate for study purpose were the precursors of the student migration flows;***
 - ***Individuals that migrated from their country only because of being attracted by the West life style without a clear migration project;***
 - ***Children that went after their parents that were labor migrants;***
 - ***Unaccompanied children.***
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Migration Policies

- Albanian Government is managing the Albanian Migration considering it a free individual choice and respecting the free movement of the Albanian Citizens.***
 - The responsible State Authorities ensure administrative and legal facilities for Albanian citizens that want to regularly migrate or return and reintegrate with the country.***
 - The responsible State Authorities ensure administrative and legal facilities through public or individual periodic information about the legal situation and the changes in Destination countries with regard to the employment and vocational training.***
 - The responsible State Authorities support labor migration through signing bilateral or multilateral labor agreements in compliance with the provisions of the law and bylaws in force.***
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The responsible State Authorities for Labor Migration and their competences.

- The Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities is the national responsible authority that develops policies and propose labor migration legislative amendments.***
 - The Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities is the main coordination authority for the implementation of the law for labor migration of Albanian citizens and for the implementation of the National Strategy on Migration and its Working Plan.***
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- ***MOLSAEO through its Directory of Employment Policies which develops policies for employment and vocational training facilitates the employment and vocational training of Albanian citizens that return from migration and also includes vocational training for Albanian citizens before their departure.***

 - ***National Employment Service, under MOLSAEO through the Sector of Migration and the Employment Relations implement the state policies in the migration field. This sector supports the activities of Regional Employment Directories (Migrant Service Centers/ Sportele Migracioni, migrant registration)***
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- ***The Ministry of Foreign Affairs protects the rights and interests of Albanian migrants through the diplomatic corps and consular offices in the destination countries .***
 - ***MFA collects and disseminates information about the labor legislation and social protection, migrant rights protection and develops programs in collaboration with Albanian migrants communities;***
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- ***Ministry of Interior is responsible for border controls, to ensure the regular migration of Albanian citizens,***
 - ***To prevent and eradicate the trafficking of human beings and to issue the necessary documents to Albanian citizens that want to migrate;***
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- ***Ministry of Science and Education collaborates with the responsible authorities of the destination countries for the establishment of the Albanian education and cultural centers in these countries in order to facilitate the education of the migrant children;***

 - ***Implementation of the mutual programs for the voluntary return of the Albanian Students educated abroad***

 - ***in collaboration with the responsible authorities in destination countries ensure the acknowledgment of the Diplomas and skills.***
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- ***Institute of the Social Insurance (under the Ministry of Finance) which negotiates with its homologues in destination countries about the signing of the Social Insurance Agreement.***
 - ***Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) provides data on migration phenomena.***
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Summary of the migration policies of Albanian Government

- Policies of Labor Market, giving priority to Vocational Training; recognizing the selective nature of migration whilst making sure that the labor market does not deteriorate artificially from the departure of the most capable;***
 - Policies of the supporting the social-economical integration of the migrants in countries of destination in collaboration with the governments of these countries;***
 - Measures and interventions to promote the new and old Diaspora network;***
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- Supporting migration and remittances stressing their importance in the strategies of the country development especially the strategies of alleviating the poverty level;***
 - Financial and technical support for migrants network through co-development policies, mobilizing of their human, financial and social capitals and capacities for better development of the country through their return;***
 - Measures to prevent and eliminate the irregular migration, and smuggling and trafficking of the human beings; continually improvement of the legal framework through the ratification of bilateral and multilateral agreements.***
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Thank you for your attention
