



## CAPACITY BUILDING, INFORMATION AND AWARENESS RAISING TOWARDS PROMOTING ORDERLY MIGRATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS



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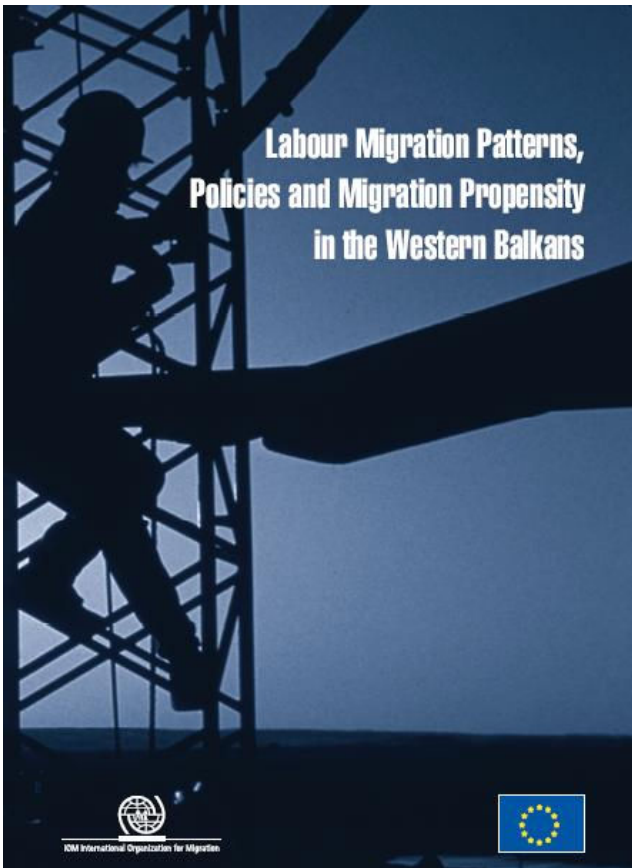
The project “Capacity Building, Information and Awareness Raising towards Promoting Orderly Migration in the Western Balkans” is coming to an end with 31 Jan 2010, but the services provided by the Migrant Service Centres will continue in all countries in the region. As agreed and planned, national employment services in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia will take over the provision of services from IOM.

The Employment Service of the Federation of Bosnia & Herzegovina is planning to open two centres for youth professional orientation and counselling, which are planned to be unified with the MSCs as of the end of January 2010.

Croatian Employment Service (CES) plans to establish MSC network throughout Croatia with the first one to be opened in Split while two other MSCs in Rijeka and Osijek would follow soon.

Country/Project Location:	MSC Location	Migrant Service Centre Location/ Associate Institution:
Albania	Berat, Fier, Lezhe, Diber, Gjirokastr, Shkoder, Durres, Korce, Vlore, Elbasan, Kukes, Tirane, Pogradec, Sarande	Regional and Local Employment Offices
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Sarajevo, Banja Luka	Ministry of Labour & Social Affairs (Federation)  Ministry of Health, Welfare and Labour (Republika Srpska)
Croatia	Zagreb	Croatian Employment Service
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Skopje, Bitola	National Employment Agency
Kosovo under UN 1244	Prishtina	Regional Employment Office
Montenegro	Podgorica	State Employment Agency
Serbia	Belgrade	National Employment Service (NES)

## Research Report “Labour Migration Patterns, Policies and Migration Propensity in the Western Balkans” now published



The report also gives an overview of countries' migration policies, particularly in the context of the EU enlargement process as well as puts forward for consideration a number of policy recommendations.

The report finds that data on migration and the labour markets in Western Balkan countries is of limited and inadequate quality. There is considerable diversity among the countries regarding changes of stocks of migrants resident abroad and varying propensity to migrate (high in Kosovo under 1244, medium to high in Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Bosnia & Herzegovina, and low in Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro). Labour migration policies in the region are not at the centre of migration policies in general, despite the relevance of labour migration flows, especially emigration. Diaspora issues, remittances and return of nationals are common concerns to the countries in the region.

As already highlighted in the previous edition of this newsletter, IOM has commissioned the Central European Forum for Migration and Population Research (CEFMR) in Warsaw to undertake research into migration trends, policies and migration potential in the Western Balkan region.

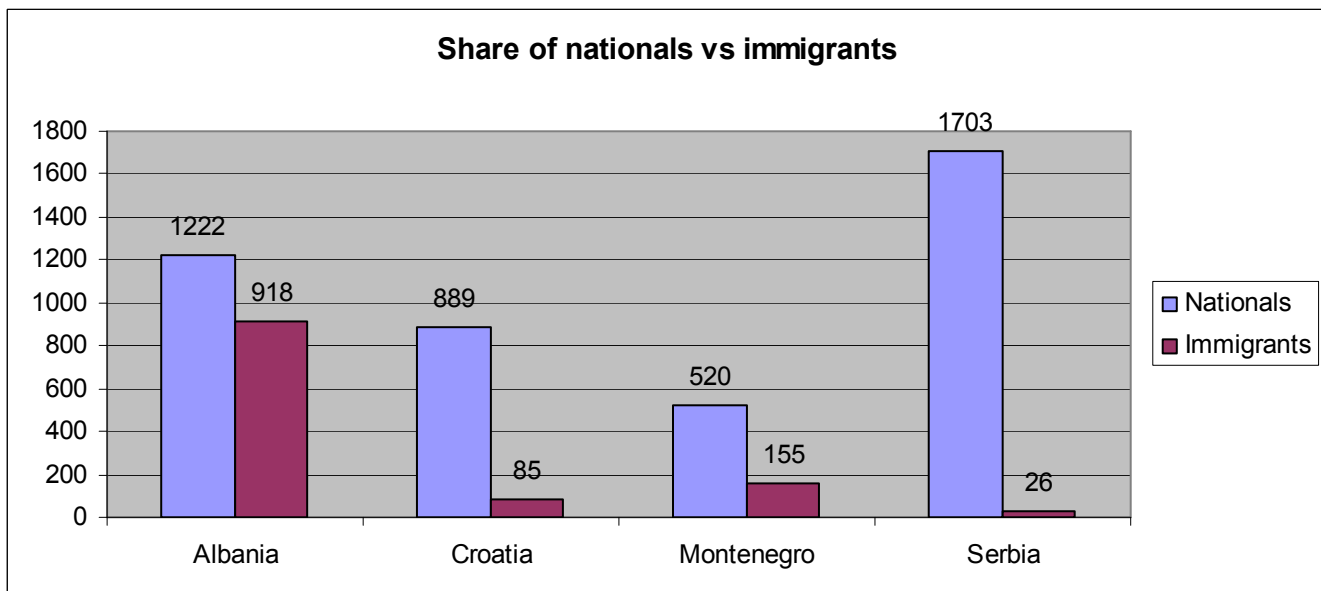
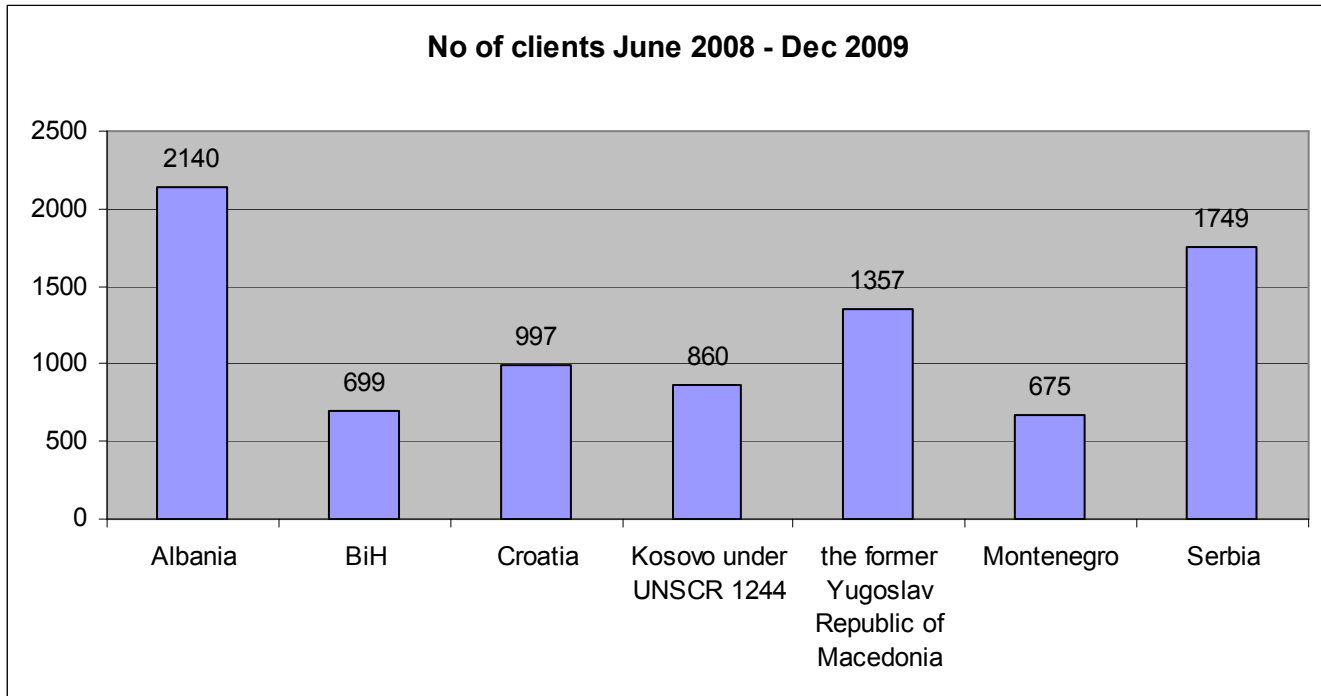
Latest migration trends and statistics related to migration movements from, to and within the region: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo under UNSCR 1244, Montenegro and Serbia are analysed.

Finally, authors recommend improving the understanding of migration processes and systems in the Western Balkans, as well as migration and the labour market statistics in Western Balkan countries. A declining propensity to emigrate invites the consideration, whether it is necessary to restrict the freedom of labour movement in Western Balkan countries following their accession to the European Union. There is a need for more bilateral cooperation on labour migration between countries of origin and destination, and a need to address regional labour migration flows.

To download the full copy of the report, go to:

[http://www.migrant-servicecentres.org/userfile/labour\\_migration\\_patterns\\_policies\\_migration\\_propensity.pdf](http://www.migrant-servicecentres.org/userfile/labour_migration_patterns_policies_migration_propensity.pdf)

### Selected Statistics on the Users of MSCs (June 2008—December 2009 )



A detailed statistical report covering a sample period of June 2008 and February 2009, has been prepared for IOM by Frederik Hendrik Flinterman of University of Groningen (for the Central European Forum for Migration and Population Research (CEFMR). To download a copy, go to: [http://www.migrant-servicecentres.org/userfile/MSC\\_analysis\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://www.migrant-servicecentres.org/userfile/MSC_analysis_final_report.pdf)

Dear Reader,

*As the project nears to its end, I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks to all involved partner institutions, particularly the National Employment Services of Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo under UNSCR No 1244, Montenegro and Serbia, whose commitment to the Migrant Service Centres services has been exemplary; colleagues from International Labour Organization (ILO), whose input to the National Labour Migration Training Courses has been invaluable, donors, without whose assistance this project would not have been possible and, of course, the dedicated project team at IOM offices in the region for their hard work and enthusiasm. On behalf of IOM, I would like to wish you all many future successes and reiterate IOM continued support to the Migrant Service Centres.*

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