

The paper examines if the transition period restricting free movement of labour is necessary in the case of „Eastern“ enlargement. Analysis of the impact of enlargement on labour markets of original states indicates that labour migration has not expected volume. Studies based on econometric models or opinion polls suggest the same conclusions. I will provide the summary of theoretical approaches to migration and of migration movements in Europe in the past. Then I will summarize common migration policy of European Union. Next chapters deal with the enlargement – the past enlargement experiences (Greece, Portugal and Spain), Eastern enlargement and also recent entry of Romania and Bulgaria.