



A set of tables for circular migration

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Background

- *Circular migration gaining policy attention*
- *UNECE Task Force on "Defining and Measuring Circular Migration" 2013-2015*
- *Report endorsed by CES in October 2016*

Main outcome

- *Statistical ('general') definition :*
 - ***"A circular migrant is a person who has crossed the national borders of the reporting country at least 3 times over a 10-year period, each time with duration of stay (abroad or in the country) of at least 12 months."***
- *Invitation by CES to identify recommended tables*

Difficulties

- *Conceptual complexity*
- *Circularity intrinsically longitudinal*
- *But: 'general' definition can be nested in the wider framework of population and migration statistics*

Table for the (immigration) flows

Circularity (low level of detail)	Circularity (high level of detail)	Nr of cases
1. <u>Non-circular</u> immigrants / immigrations		
	1.1. First immigration to the reporting country	
	1.2. Already immigrated in the past to the reporting country, but not in the last 10 years	
2. <u>Circular</u> immigrants / immigrations		
	2.1. Already immigrated once to the reporting country in the last 10 years (+ any number earlier)	
	2.2. Already immigrated to the reporting country more than once in the last 10 years (+ any number earlier)	
TOTAL IMMIGRANTS / IMMIGRATIONS		

The set of flows tables

- *Tables for immigration and emigration*
- *Standard breakdown by sex and age*
- *Further breakdowns by:*
 - **Country of birth**
 - **Citizenship**
 - **Educational attainment**
 - **Previous/next country of residence (with 'repetition')**
- *Total: 1+4 tables for each flow*

Table for the stocks

Residence abroad	Circularity (low level of detail)	Circularity (high level of detail)	Nr of cases
1. Never resided abroad			
2. Resided abroad (migrants)			
	2.1. <u>Non-circular</u> migrants		
		2.1.1. One immigration only, whenever it occurred	
		2.1.2. One emigration and one immigration only, whenever they occurred	
		2.1.3. Two and more immigrations but not more than one in the last 10 years	
	2.2. <u>Circular</u> migrants		
		2.2.1. Two immigrations in the last 10 years (+ any number earlier)	
		2.2.2. Three and more immigrations in the last 10 years (+ any number earlier)	
TOTAL POPULATION			

The set of stocks tables

- *Standard breakdown by sex and age*
- *Further breakdowns by:*
 - **Country of birth**
 - **Citizenship**
 - **Educational attainment**
- *Total: 1+3 tables*

Next steps

- *Testing of the tables*
- *Development of tables for 'extended' definition of circular migration (i.e., short-term stay)*
- *Refinement of the concepts / implementing issues*

Thank you for the attention!

