

Abstract

The European Union (EU) has confronted a profound challenge in the form of migration, compelling it to develop and implement a range of migration policies. This thesis undertakes a comprehensive examination of the repercussions of EU migration policies on member states, migrants, and the broader European integration process. The study is underpinned by the recognition that migration is a defining issue of our time, one that transcends national boundaries and demands rigorous scrutiny to understand its multifaceted implications.

The thesis commences with an exploration of the legal framework governing EU migration policies, dissecting the intricate web of directives, regulations, and court decisions that guide member states' responses to migration. Through in-depth analysis, it elucidates how these policies intersect with and shape national legal systems, underscoring their role as catalysts for change within member states.

This thesis unveils the challenges and opportunities faced by migrants as they navigate the social landscapes of host countries. The study explores issues such as access to rights, social inclusion, cultural adaptation, and the dynamics of social cohesion within diverse societies.

Crucially, this thesis also situates the impact of EU migration policies within the broader context of European integration. By highlighting the ramifications of these policies on the European project, it examines their effects on social cohesion, cultural diversity, and the overall political fabric of the EU. This analysis sheds light on the intricate relationship between migration and the EU's vision of unity in diversity. As Europe grapples with the ongoing challenges and opportunities posed by migration, this thesis aspires to contribute to the discourse on migration, European integration, and the quest for a harmonious coexistence in an increasingly interconnected world.