

Economics of European and International Integration

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Problem set

**(to be turned in on December 19th 2017-
Late deliveries will not be considered)**

Question 1: (6 points)

Refer to the article

De la Rica, Sara, Albrecht Glitz and F. Ortega, "**Immigration in Europe: Trends, Policies and Empirical Evidence**", in B. Chiswick and P. Miller, eds, Handbook of the Economics of International Migration, Elsevier, 2014

(A pdf version can be also found as IZA DP here: <http://ftp.iza.org/dp7778.pdf>)

Choose one of the four sections (i.e. Historical Migration Trends, Policies Regulating Migration, Immigrants' Outcomes, Economic Consequences of Immigration) and make a critical review of the correspondent content by referring to the current EU situation or by discussing your argument with updated data.

This review should not be longer than 3 pages.

Question 2: (4 points)

Refer to the Eurostat Statistics we worked with in the computer lab (<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database>).

Consider the period from 1995 onward. Select a European country and download data at NUTS 2 level of its correspondent regions. Compute the level of the labor productivity for each NUTS 2 region and the national average considering i) the whole economy, ii) the industry sector, and iii) the service sector. Compute the corresponding productivity growth rate for each NUTS 2 region in the case of the whole economy, the industry sector, and the service sector.

Discuss the results and provide a tentative economic interpretation of the findings.