

FUTURE MIGRATION  
SCENARIOS FOR EUROPE

# Development of policy recommendations

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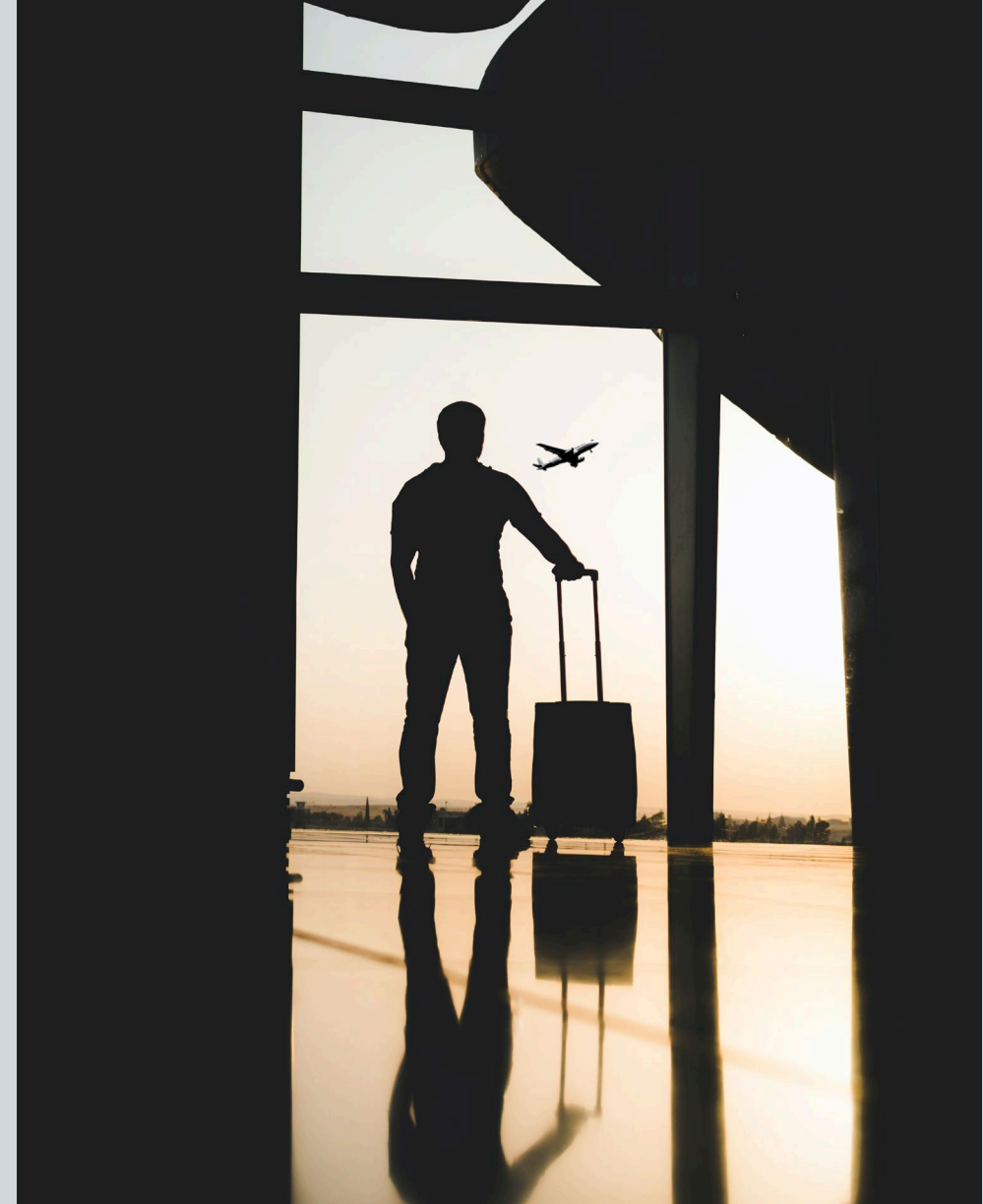


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# Europe will remain an attractive destination for migrants in the coming decades.

- All six migration narratives assume a continued pressure to migrate in developing countries
- In all narratives, Europe will remain one of the preferred destination regions of migrants



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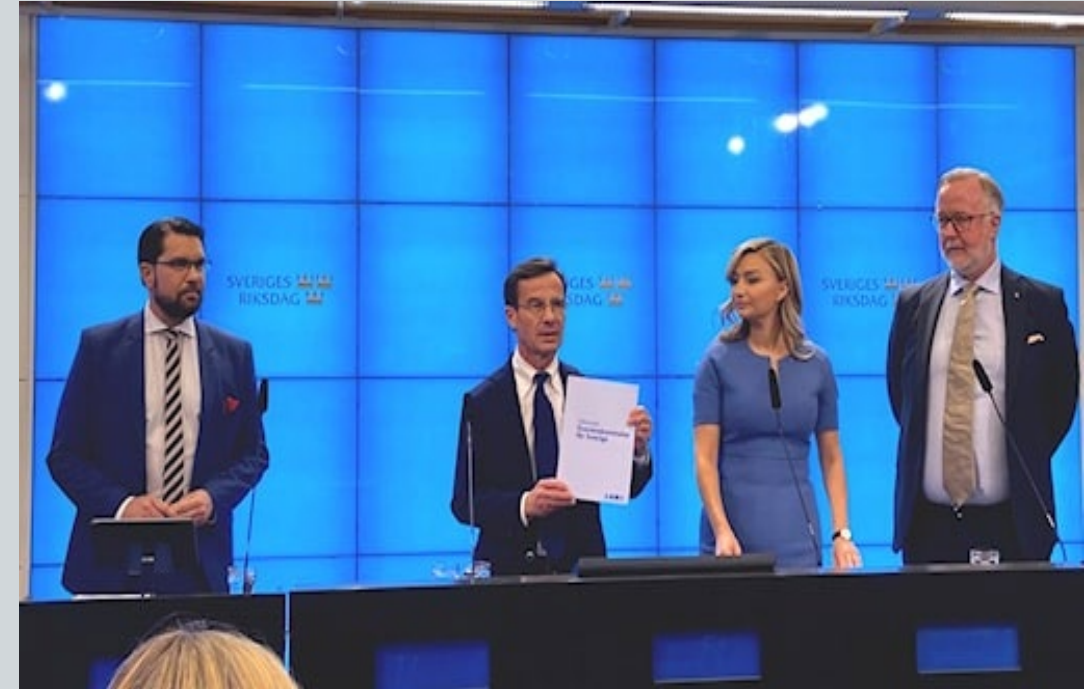
# European need for immigrant labour will likely increase in the coming decades

- Population ageing and the decline of working-age populations in Europe will likely increase the demand for immigrant labour
- Part could be met by increasing labour force participation rates among older people and among women and especially among migrant populations already in Europe



# Migration policies cannot completely control migration flows

- During recent years, anti-immigrant rhetoric has resurfaced and parties who promise to curtail migration have had electoral successes in several European countries.
- Even restrictive migration policies can not completely control migration flows.



Party leaders of Sweden's new center-right government

# Harness the opportunities of circular migration

- Policy makers in Europe must plan for future migration flows to Europe and make these developments beneficial for all sides – receiving countries, sending countries, migrants and their families
- Acknowledgment of the beneficial role of circular migration in both the countries of origin and destination







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## **Consider opportunities offered by remote work**

- During the pandemic, digital tools have become widely used to work remotely
- It has become customary in many sectors to combine work at the office with remote working from home or even from second homes

# Consider gender aspects when developing immigration and integration policies

- Around half of the world's migrants are women
- Despite different impacts on men and women, migration and integration policies often do not explicitly consider gender and the different impact of laws on men and women

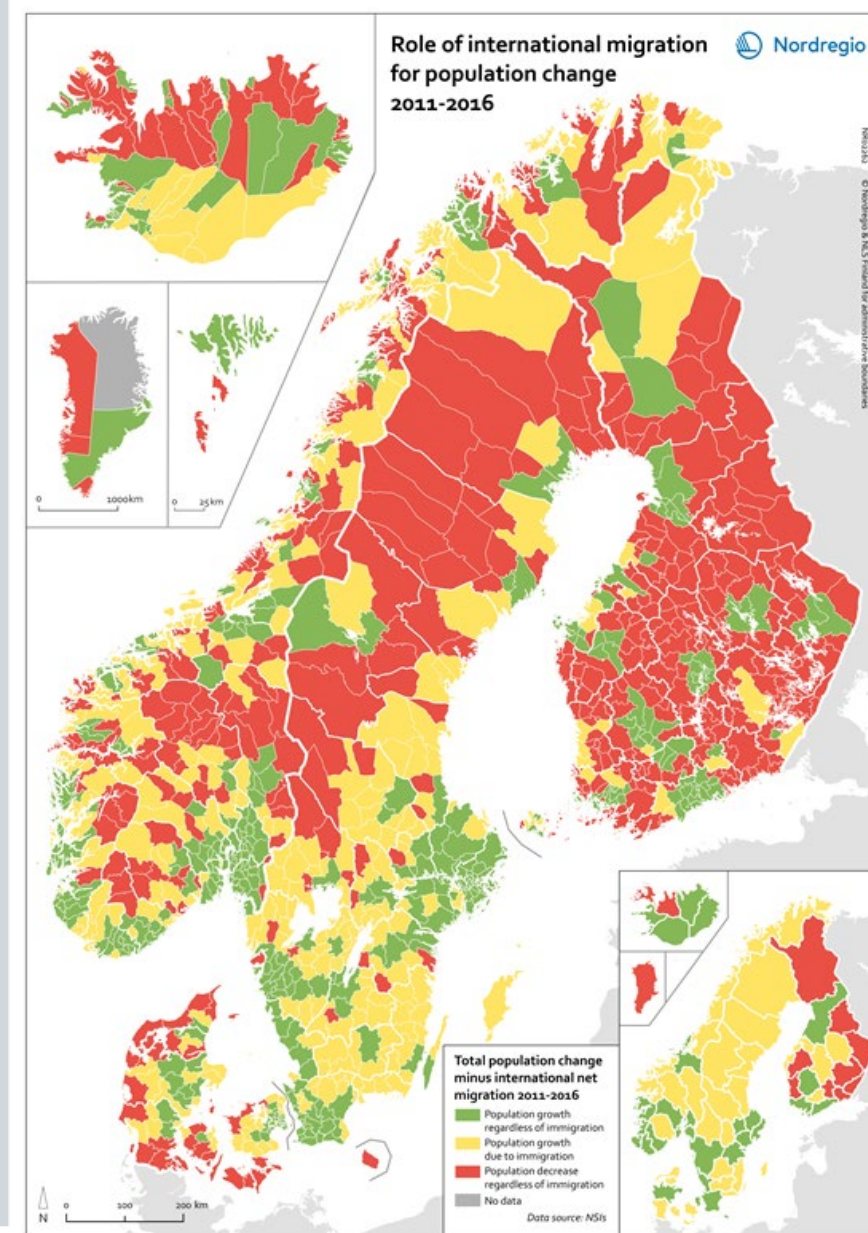


**Female workers at fish processing plant in Sudureyri, Iceland**



# Harness the opportunities of immigration for rural and remote areas

- Many rural and remote areas in Europe suffer from outmigration and depopulation
- If international immigrants could be encouraged to move and stay in rural and remote areas, this could counteract many of the effects of depopulation and revive declining areas





# Development opportunities: Increase opportunities in sending countries

- FUME research shows that one of the key motivators to migrate is a lack of opportunities in home regions and countries
- Narrowing the gap between economic growth of Europe and the developing countries is the best way to reduce immigration to the continent
- Many young people want to stay in their home countries



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# Thank you

- Comments or suggestions are welcome

