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FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS: INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Monitoring Free Movement of Workers legislation

- The Centre for Migration Law of the Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands, coordinates under the supervision of the European Commission a European Network on Free Movement within the European Union. One of the activities of this Network is the annual production of a European report on the implementation of EU free movement law in the Member States.
- Draft European report covers the period of 1 July 2009-1 July 2010. Final report and previous reports can be found on the website of the Commission:
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=475&langId=en>

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Other Activities of the Network

- Thematic report on follow up of the case law of the Court of Justice of the EU
- Thematic report on obstacles free movement of young workers
- Analytical report on enforcement of Regulation No.1612/68
- Summary of historically relevant case law for website DG Employment
- On-line Journal on the website of DG Employment
- Organisation annual conference
- Organisation specialised seminars

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Important themes 2009-2010 European Report

- Effects of the economic crisis
- Free movement law and national immigration law
- Workers in marginal positions
- Language requirements and recognition of diploma's and qualifications
- Positive developments

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Conclusion and outlook

- Free movement of workers is a valuable principle
- Challenge of the financial crisis
- Challenge of anti-immigration views
- Within the EU there are powerful institutional factors well-embedded in the EU acquis that protect the free movement of workers and that make almost impossible any regress to a national-based regime of regulating the mobility of EU citizens and their families.

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