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**FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS:
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

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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.
- Last European report covers the period of 1 July 2009-1 July 2010. This 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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- European report is based on information from the national reports, which are written by our national experts.
- The national reports from 2002 till 2010 can be found at the website of the Centre for Migration Law:

www.ru.nl/law/cmr/free-movement



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



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



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.