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## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

### International Workshop on

### “Migration Potentials from and to Turkey”

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#### 1. Assessing the migration history of Turkey:

- What are the main trends from the early sixties up to today?
- Is the history of Turkish emigration a “failure” or a “success”?
- The role of nomadic history of Turkey (tradition of migration) in the past and future Turkish emigration to the Western Europe.

#### 2. European Enlargement and Its significance for Turkey:

- What are the challenges that Turkey will be facing in the near future, within the context of possible EU accession, with respect to migration?
- How will Turkey deal with the issues of asylum, border management and refugee movements under the EU framework?
- What role does migration play in the relations of Turkey with the EU?

### **3. Profile of Potential Migrants:**

#### **a. Quantity:**

- How to approach the literature which is estimating the volume of potential migration from Turkey?
- To which extent are those studies reliable with respect to their methodologies, data sets etc.?
- Will the emigration trends in Turkey be similar to the experiences of CEE?

#### **b. Quality:**

- What will be the general characteristics of future migrants' profile and how does this 'new' profile differ from the previous/existing ones?
- What are the implications of female migration as a 'potential' for Turkey and Europe?
- What are the implications of 'transformation of Turkish migrants from guest workers to transnational citizens' for future patterns?

### **4. Policy aspects:**

- How to approach 'skill-biased' migration policies of the EU?
- What are the prospects for Turkey in its transformation from being a labor exporter country to a labor importer one?
- What should be the policy agenda of Turkey in terms of reforms on expected emigration and immigration flows?

### **5. Pushing and Pulling Factors:**

- How did pull and push factors transform during the last decades?
- Will the membership process help Turkey to elevate the pulling factors?
- Will Turkey's migration potential be able to offset the ageing of the EU societies?

## 6. Other controversial issues:

- Assessment of the Turkish accession to the EU in terms of Turkish identity and its relation to the European identity in the light of 'transnationality' discussions.
- What kinds of conflicts do exist between the Islamic routes of AKP (Justice and Development Party) and secular tradition of the EU?
- Evaluation of cultural-revivalist tendencies and extreme ethno politics among Turkish migrants in the EU.
- Do ethnic Kurds have a potential to emigrate? What is the role of forced displacement?
- Is there a risk for brain drain and youth drain?
- Are brain waste discussions relevant?