



South East  
Strategic Partnership  
for Migration

# **SEEC-SESPM WORKSHOP**

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## **BREXIT, MIGRATION & SKILLS IN THE SOUTH EAST ECONOMY**



# **Session 1: How will Brexit affect migration, border security and the skills gap?**

## **EU workers in the South East Economy**

### **1. Skills gaps**

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# Foreign-born population of working age in the South East (Age: 16 to 64, Period: Q3 2016-Q1 2017, Source: LFS)

	Foreign-born	Non-EU	All EU	Accession	Old EU
Total	925,000	541,000	384,000	211,000	163,000
Share of population	17%	10%	7%	4%	3%

## Foreign-born workforce of the South East (Age: 16 to 64, Period: Q3 2016-Q1 2017, Source: LFS)

	Foreign-born	Non-EU	All EU	Accession	Old EU
Total working	708,000	392,000	316,000	182,000	126,000
Employment rate	77%	73%	82%	86%	77%
Share of all workers	16%	9%	7%	4%	3%
Employee (% of working people in group)	82%	82%	82%	83%	79%
Self-employed (% of working people in group)	18%	18%	18%	17%	21%
Average annual earnings (employee only)	£30,000	£32,000	£27,000	£23,000	£34,000

# Occupation of foreign-born in South East

(% of group in each, Age: 16 to 64, Period: Q3 2016-Q1 2017, Source: LFS)

	Non-EU	All EU	Accession	Old EU
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials	12%	9%	6%	12%
Professional	33%	20%	12%	32%
Associate Professional & Technical	13%	11%	6%	19%
Administrative & Secretarial	8%	9%	10%	7%
Skilled Trades	6%	13%	18%	-
Caring, Leisure & Other Service	9%	9%	9%	10%
Sales & Customer Service	5%	3%	-	-
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives	5%	10%	16%	-
Elementary	9%	16%	21%	8%

# Occupation of foreign-born in South East (% of total, Age: 16 to 64, Period: Q3 2016-Q1 2017, Source: LFS)

	Non-EU	All EU	Accession	Old EU
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials	9%	5%	2%	3%
Professional	13%	7%	2%	4%
Associate Professional & Technical	8%	5%	2%	4%
Administrative & Secretarial	7%	6%	4%	2%
Skilled Trades	5%	8%	7%	-
Caring, Leisure & Other Service	10%	8%	4%	3%
Sales & Customer Service	7%	3%	-	-
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives	8%	15%	13%	-
Elementary	9%	13%	10%	3%

# Industry of foreign-born in South East

(% of group in each, Age: 16 to 64, Period: Q3 2016-Q1 2017, Source: LFS)

	Non-EU	All EU	Accession	Old-EU
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	-	-	-	-
Energy & water	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	5%	9%	10%	6%
Construction	4%	8%	10%	-
Distribution, hotels & restaurants	13%	23%	29%	13%
Transport & communication	16%	11%	12%	12%
Public admin, education & health	34%	21%	15%	30%
Banking & finance	21%	20%	17%	24%
Other services	5%	7%	5%	10%

# Industry of foreign-born in South East

(% of total in each, Age: 16 to 64, Period: Q3 2016-  
Q1 2017, Source: LFS)

	Non-EU	All EU	Accession 8 and 2	Old EU
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	-	-	-	-
Energy & water	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	5%	8%	5%	2%
Construction	5%	7%	5%	-
Distribution, hotels & restaurants	7%	10%	7%	2%
Transport & communication	14%	8%	5%	3%
Public admin, education & health	11%	5%	2%	3%
Banking & finance	10%	8%	4%	4%
Other services	7%	8%	4%	4%



# Brexit: what to expect?

- Likely end free movement.
- Any restrictions on EU migration likely to affect low pay occupations.
- Brexit might discourage EU workers: weak pound, uncertainty about rights, stronger EU economies, unwelcoming environment.