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The first unit includes theoretical aspects of the study of the population migration process, including the major approaches to the definition of "migration", demographic aspects of the study of population migration, as well as the history of migration in Europe and a description of the current migration situation in Europe.

The second unit focuses on cross-cultural communication and its importance for the study of migration, special aspects of the adaptation of migrants, including the adaptation of migrant children, and the gender dimensions of migration and the diaspora as a socio-cultural phenomenon.

The collection of articles contains excerpts from scientific papers by famous scientists from the field of migration studies for each paragraph of the study guide.

The study guide is recommended for students pursuing a degree in 41.03.01. Foreign Regional Studies.

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Introduction

The history of migration is the history of humanity. From the very beginning, people have always looked for the most convenient places. Large number of people regularly commute to work, schools, universities or even visit their relatives in another city/country and then come back home without thinking that they are actually participants of the migration process, i.e. migrants.

Migration issues affect more or less all people: migrants themselves, societies of countries of origin and societies of host countries. For example, when people of active working age leave to other countries in order to improve their material well-being this can lead to a range of problems, such as skill drain, staff shortage, diminution of taxes, youth population decline in the overall population structure and others. Host countries are addressing all these issues thanks to immigration, but they are also receiving new ones related to the attitude towards new members of society, the processes of adaptation and integration of immigrants into their new environment. All of this demonstrates the need for an integrated approach to the study of migration issues and the important role that migration plays in the life of societies and states.

That is why the subject "Europe's migration problems" is compulsory in the variable part of the curriculum of bachelor's degree program in "International Regional Studies".

The purpose of this study guide is to present the material on the socio-cultural aspects of migration in the European region, accumulated through practical pedagogical activities.

This study guide is written as part of the Erasmus+ and Jean Monnet Projects. Educational Module/ "Migration in the EU: challenges and opportunities". The aim of the project is to form a comprehensive view of migration problems, including socio-economic development of the countries of the migration system, cross-cultural communication and gender approach, as well as to attract the attention of students, students of general education institutions and public organizations to the migration problems in the EU.

The study guide contains theoretical material on the demographic aspects of the study of migration, the history of migration in Europe, current migration trends in Europe, the problems of cross-cultural communication and adaptation of migrants, as well as the role of the diaspora in the process of integration into the host society, which is necessary for the basic course of the subject "Europe's migration problems".

The study guide is recommended for training of students of the course 41.03.01. - "International Regional Studies", as well as for all those who are interested in Europe's migration problems.