



EMN-study: Labour market integration of beneficiaries of international protection in The Netherlands: policies and practices

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Position of beneficiaries in the labour market

- **Awaiting the asylum procedure:** no access
- **Awaiting the decision:** limited access
- **Asylum permit:** full access

Indicators of the socio-economic position of migrant groups, in percentages (WRR, 2015)

	Nettoparticipatie op de arbeidsmarkt* (2012)	Personen met bijstandsuitkering (september 2013)	Personen in arm huishouden (2011)
Afghanen	42	26	32
Irakezen	39	37	36
Iraniërs	60	24	19
Somaliërs	26	53	53
Turken	52	10	20
Marokkanen	46	15	23
Surinamers	61	9	10
Antillianen	57	13	16
Niet-westerse allochtonen totaal	53	13	19
Autochtonen	70	2	5



Dutch integration policy – a general overview

- Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment
- *Generic approach where possible, tailor-made where needed*
- Primary assumption: **self-reliance**
- Crisis 2015 – dialogue with: Taskforce Employment and Integration of Refugees (*TWIV*)



Housing

- 2015: Agreement national government and municipalities
- Municipal Acceleration arrangement (GVA)
- Platform Opnieuw Thuis (New Home)
- Support team asylum seekers and refugees (OTAV)



Amsterdam: living units students and beneficiaries

Municipal Acceleration arrangement :

Good practices



Werkendam: individual room rental



Weststellingwerf: school transformed into housing



Counseling

- Municipalities > civil society
- Compensation by national government: €2.370
- Practical counseling and activation



Social welfare

- Participation Act: social welfare and labour market (re-)integration
- Municipal responsibility: *shorterst road to work*
- 1 januari 2016: Language precondition



Civic integration

- Civic integration: beneficiary is responsible
- Social loansystem: €10.000
- Civic integration exam:
 - *Language component*
 - *Introduction Dutch Society*
 - *New*: *Orientation Dutch Labour Market*
 - *New*: *Participation declaration (2017)*



Civic Integration: Diploma recognition

- As of 2015: free diploma assessment
- Information Centre for Diploma assessment
- Indication Educational Level (ION)



Education

Refugee-Students Foundation UAF:

Study and career counseling

Covenants with municipalities

- ***Good practice:***
 - ✓ 2500 students counselled by UAF in 2015
 - ✓ 178 beneficiaries graduated through UAF in 2015



Integration policy – effective?

Good practices	Challenges
Flexibel housing policy	Self-reliance: not always realistic
Cooperation with partners	Municipal differences
UAF: access to education	

New Cohort study planned (WODC, 2016-2026)



Questions?

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