



GERMANY

What is the impact of migrants on the German economy?

About every tenth company in Germany is a migrant-run family business. These businesses are frequently active in knowledge-intensive areas (e.g. financial services, insurance, IT, freelance professions). They tend to introduce innovations and use foreign sales market more frequently.

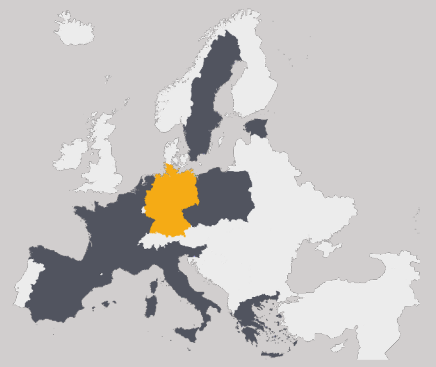
Companies run by migrants make an incredibly significant contribution to the German job market. In 2014, at least 1.3 million persons were employed by migrant companies.

THE CHARACTERISTICS

- 1 A total of 890,000 refugees arrived in Germany during to 2015 crisis and their employment rate started to increase significantly since early 2017.
- 2 Statistics show that the German economy will need more workers from abroad in the next four decades.
- 3 A special attention should be given to women refugees as they can be considered the engine in the integration process. Young migrant woman prefer education ahead of "working at all costs". However, a quarter of refugee women are mothers and there are only a few language courses with childcare available for mothers.

To learn more about Germany and the integration of newcomers, as well as these initiatives, be sure to look at the [research reports of the MAX project!](#)





CULTURAL INITIATIVES FOR INTEGRATING MIGRANTS INTO GERMAN SOCIETY

- ✓ The initiative «**Kulturelle Integration**» wants to highlight the benefits of cultural integration.
- ✓ The «**Strategy for Extremism Prevention and Democracy Promotion**» promoted by The Federal Minister for Culture and the Media wishes to increase young people's media literacy and initiatives that enlighten the power of cultural integration.
- ✓ A wide number of **festivals** all over the country have been launched by migrant communities over the years, as well as museum projects that combine migration with cultural education.
- ✓ Many cultural institutions were born following the movement of "**Haus der Vielfalt29**" (House of Diversity): they operate as intercultural meeting spaces, places of work, education and culture for and by the migrants involving the whole city (e.g. VDMO in Dortmund, MIGRApolis House of Resources in Bonn30).
- ✓ «**Integration through Sport**» organized by the German Olympic Sports Confederation, the Federal Ministry of the Interior and the BAMF, are a monthly podcast series, where migrants tell their personal story of integration and identity mainly through participation in sports.
- ✓ «**Spin-Sport Interkulturel**» promotes inclusion at the regional level and focuses on girls and young women with a migrant background.
- ✓ «**FC Afrisco Berlin Football Club**» established in Berlin, was the first African football club in Germany.
- ✓ Several **radio stations** run for and by migrants, such as Radio Metropol FM in Berlin and others;

#KeyMessage: Migrants deliver jobs and skills

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