

EUROPEANS IN LA RIOJA



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PRESENTATION

The publication “Europeans en La Rioja” that starts life with this issue number 0, is part of the general annual strategy for the implementation of the EURES network. It addresses one of the priorities stated in that strategy:

“To create a simple periodical report on trends and forecasts for important territorial employment markets that picks up the needs for workers and surpluses, for important qualifications and economic activities that can be lessened through transnational mobility.”

In our case it is a quarterly newsletter-report on the evolution of the employment market in the region of La Rioja (the smallest in Spain). The information it contains will mainly be aimed at workers and job seekers in the area of the European Union: both for people already living in La Rioja and for those who are considering coming to our region to work.

The main objective is to communicate relevant information to agents of labour movements so that they can design their mobility projects on objective and realistic objectives.

Other possible beneficiaries of this information are institutions (regional, national and European) responsible for channelling actions of transnational mobility. These institutions will receive up-to-date information on the needs of skilled workers and surpluses in La Rioja.

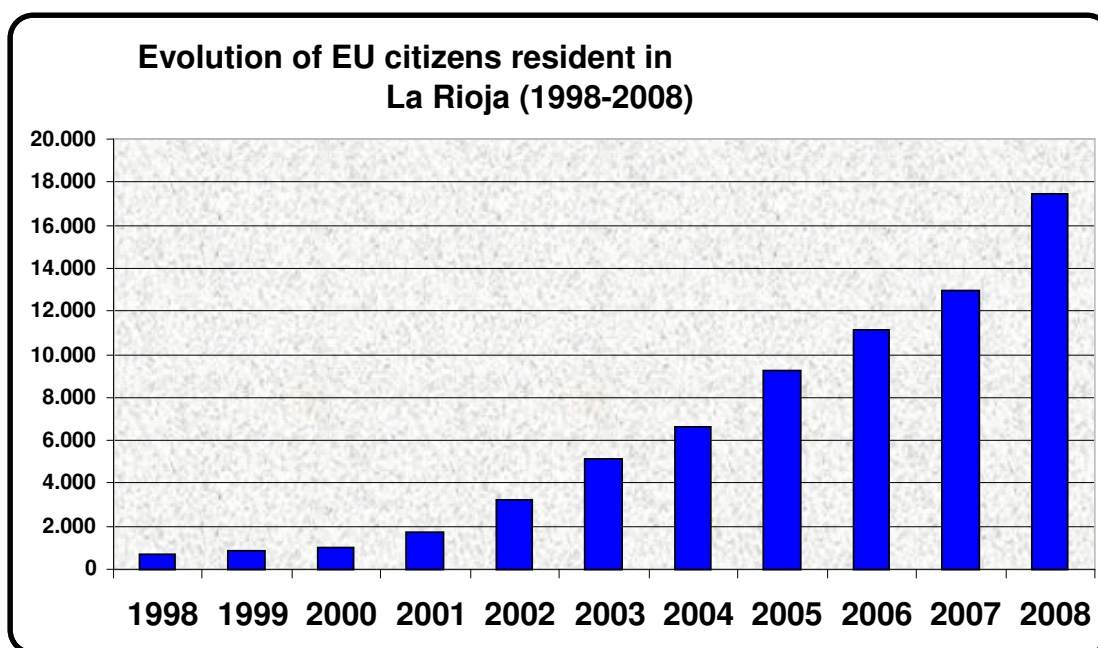
“Europeans in La Rioja” will also include information on the situation of the labour market in other countries of the Unión Europe, complementary sources of information, news on events (job fairs and tenders), reference to EU legislation and EURES job offers that could be of interest to workers who are resident in La Rioja.

In this first issue we would like to outline the present situation of European transnational mobility regarding La Rioja. First of all, we will review the recent evolution of worker flows from other EU countries and their demographic composition and distribution in the region.

As a complement to this, we will evaluate the extent of the mobility of the people from La Rioja to other states in the Unión Europe (although we acknowledge that data on this is scarce and only reflect long-term migration patterns).

EU CITIZENS RESIDENT IN LA RIOJA

The evolution of the number of citizens from other EU countries (plus Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) that have come to take up residence in La Rioja in the last 10 years reveals a surprising and spectacular profile: from the 662 people that appeared in municipal censi in 1998 there were 17,473 registered in January 2008.

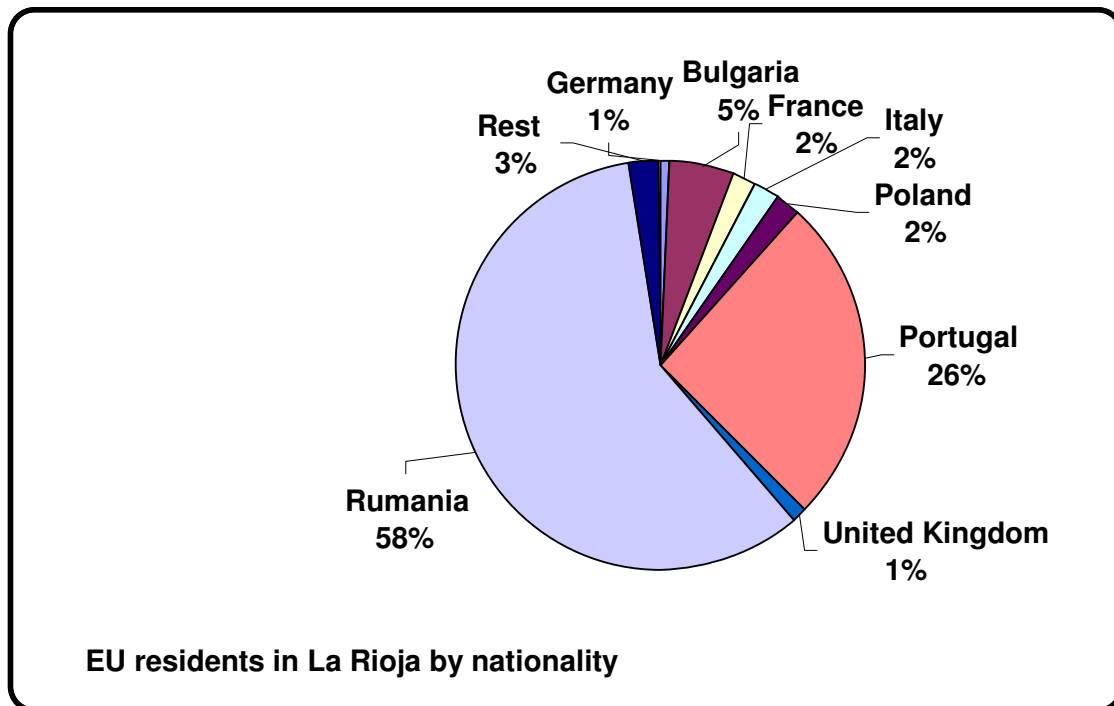


The phenomenon is even greater if we remember that this growth in the population foreign origin has been even higher if we consider non-EU citizens, whose numbers continue to be much higher than of people from the European Economic Space.

This evolution can be explained by the long period of economic growth enjoyed by our region in recent years (as has happened in the rest of Spain). The development of productive activity has allowed La Rioja to emerge from a long phase of demographic stagnation. In contrast, we should acknowledge that, without this contribution from outside, the regional economy could not have grown as it has.

At present, EU residents in La Rioja (17,473) represent 5.51% of the population in our municipal censi. The region is above the Spanish average (4.63%, 2.1 million EU residents).

If we look at the breakdown by nationality of this large group, we see the great predominance of two countries: Romanians, representing 58% of the total of EU residents in La Rioja (10,282) and Portuguese, with 26% (4,502). Very far behind are Bulgarians (5%), Italians, French and Poles (2%) and British and German (1%).



This distribution contrasts with the situation in the Spanish State as a whole, where (although the Romanians continue to be the majority group (35% of the total of EU residents), the weight of the other nationalities is more balanced: 17% British, 8% Germans, 7% Bulgarians and Italians, 6% Portuguese and 5% French.

The differences in the composition of EU citizens that can be made out between La Rioja and other Spanish regions can be explained by a number of factors. First, our region does not have the tourist structure and the climate that characterises the coastal areas and the islands. There are no residential centres that attract retired people from the northern EU countries. Secondly, we should point out that La Rioja is not home to large multinational companies that are capable of attracting executives from the *core countries* of the Unión Europe (France, Germany, United Kingdom). Finally, the productive structure of the region -characterised by the predominance of traditional industries (food, footwear, wood, metal structures) and the importance of the agricultural sector have led to the arrival of workers that are not very skilled in recent years, from closer countries (e.g. Portugal) or some of the new entrants into the Unión Europe (Romania, Bulgaria).

These three factors, in reference to the nationalities of origin of the EU residents, are also reflected in the demographic composition of these groups in Spain and La Rioja. Our region has more males and intermediate age EU workers (20-50 years of age) and young people (under 20 years of age).

The high proportion of people over 50 years of age in the Spanish State is related to the high number of retired EU citizens in certain coastal areas of the country. The youth of the foreign residents in La Rioja shows that this has to do with plans that are strictly of an employment nature.

DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF EU RESIDENTS

	SPAIN	La Rioja
Males	53%	57%
Women	47%	43%
Under 20 years of age	22%	26%
From 20 to 50 years of age	54%	66%
Over 50 years of age	24%	8%

The differences between groups of EU residents in La Rioja are also reflected in their distribution within the region. While those from central European countries (France, Germany, United Kingdom) are concentrated in the city (between 60-70% of people from these countries reside in Logroño, the provincial capital), the Romanians show a more balanced distribution (50% live in Logroño). The Portuguese and the Bulgarians are mainly found in rural areas (70%), linked to their higher participation in agriculture.

PEOPLE FROM LA RIOJA RESIDENT IN EUROPE

In contrast to other Spanish regions, emigration from La Rioja has never been mainly aimed at Europe. The vast majority of Riojans who left Spain in the 20th century did so to see new opportunities in Latin America. Migratory flows abroad fell drastically in the 1960s, and the return of Riojans to Spain has been gradually occurring since then.

The only reliable available source on this issue is the *Electoral Roll*, but it has major defects: it does not detect people under 18 years of age of those who travel abroad for a short time, either for work (seasonal, displaced workers) or people studying abroad.

Of the 8,319 Riojans resident abroad (according to the Electoral Roll updated in September in 2008), only 1,414 were resident in a country of the European Economic Space (plus Switzerland). They are distributed as follows:

AUSTRIA	9
BELGIUM	54
CYPRUS	1
DENMARK	5
FINLAND	5
FRANCE	553
GREECE	1
HUNGARY	1
IRELAND	28
ITALY	87
LUXEMBOURG	6
NORWAY	4
NETHERLANDS	48
POLAND	2
PORTUGAL	18
UNITED KINGDOM	184
GERMANY	181
ROMANIA	1
SWEDEN	18
SWITZERLAND	206
CZECH REPUBLIC	1
SLOVAKIA	1
TOTAL	1,414

CALLS AND OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT

The “Europeans in La Rioja” Report also includes a special section on the publication of EURES job offers and tenders aimed at both residents in La Rioja who seek work in other countries of the EU and EU citizens that would like to work in La Rioja and/or Spain.

In any event, they are offers published in EURES The European Portal of Professional Mobility (<http://europa.eu.int/eures>), where thousands of other job offers are also posted. Those shown here have been selected on the basis of their usefulness for potential readers of our publication.

CALL FOR ENGINEERS FOR COMPANIES IN GERMANY

(Fluency in English)

Description.

The Employment Service of Andalusia, in collaboration with the International Job Placement Office (ZAV) of the Federal Republic of Germany, is calling a selection process to cover 20 posts in companies located in Germany.

Salary / contract.

Salary: between 1700-2500 euros (net monthly), depending on the experience and the characteristics of the posts.

Requirements:

Professional qualifications:

- Industrial Engineering (speciality mechanical).
- Telecoms Engineering.
- Aeronautical Engineering.
- Chemical Engineering.

Profile:

Knowledge of fuselage assembly; design of conventional machinery; programming of PLCs; design and analysis of aircraft and their components; and participation in international projects. Knowledge of systems: CAD: CATIA V4, CATIA V5, CADD5, CCD, Cadra, PDM (Product Data Management), etc.

Language:

High level of English. Knowledge of German also valued.

Professional Experience:

Preferably with experience in the sector, through internship or employment contract.

Other requirements:

Initiative, communicative, entrepreneurial attitude and ability to work in a team.

Application date:

The deadline for receiving applications is 21 November 2008.

Method of enrolment:

Send a letter explaining your reasons for applying for the job and a CV in English or German to the Employment Service of Andalusia.

E-mail: ingenierosalemania.cem@juntadeandalucia.es

For more information, contact the Regional EURES delegate in Granada: José Martín:

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Preselected candidates will be contacted to arrange an interview on 28 November at the University of Granada.

Additional information:

Number of posts: 20.

SPANISH TELEMARKETER (United Kingdom)

Description: A young and creative marketing agency based in South London is looking for a Spanish native speaker to join their international team. The candidate must have previous experience in Telemarketing, Direct Sales/Telesales/Lead Generation or Market Research. The project will start next week and will run for about 3 weeks. If you are available and you match the previous requirements do not hesitate to apply immediately **Salario:** Salario mínimo: £7.50 - 8 per hour plus holiday pay . **Cómo application the puesto:** This job opportunity is brought to you by www.totaljobs.com. You can apply directly by clicking on the totaljobs.com button under DESCRIPTION or visiting www.totaljobs.com/JobSearch/JobDetails.aspx?JobId=41691057&DCMP=A_RE_JC_FD_1

Date limits of application: 07/11/2008. **Reference national:** 1271/41691057

AIDE-SOIGNANT/AIDE-SOIGNANTE (France, Pays of the Loire)

Description: 3 postes pour s'occuper d'un jeune handicapé dans ses actes de la vie quotidienne. Veille 24heures/24 heures deux aides soignants au domicile du patient. 1 poste est prévu pour accompagner le patient qui est étudiant (le conduire à l'école prise de notes niveau BTS). **Date of inicio:** 31/12/2008. **Salario / contract:** 8.71 € / hour (bruto). **Type of contract:** indefinido + jornada completa. **Requisitos:** Se requiere experiencia: 2 años; se necesita permiso de conducción: turismo de 8 plazas; camión de hasta 3.5 toneladas métricas. **Cómo application the puesto:** Envoi CV torque courrier + lettre de motivation. **Contacto:** ANPE The Ferte Bernard 25 Rue Jean Courtois BP 66 72403 The Ferte-Bernard. **Date limits of application:** 17/11/2008. **Reference national:** 416128A

PROGRAMME OF PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIPS ABROAD FOR YOUNG RIOJANS (EU COUNTRIES) - "LEONARDO DA VINCI" PROGRAMME

40 GRANTS to complete training in Europe. "EXPRESO" project.

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