

EUROPEANS IN LA RIOJA



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PRESENTATION

In this issue of the periodic report “Europeans in La Rioja” attention is focused on the employment implications of the integration of EU citizens who are resident in our region. In the previous issue it was concluded that the immense majority of EU citizens resident in La Rioja had come to the area with the intention of working, either as employees or self-employed. This is not the case in other regions of Spain, where the number of retired people is significant (for example, certain groups of British and German people on the Mediterranean coast and in the islands).

EU regulations on the *free movement of workers* establish a number of rights:

- The right to seek employment and to work in another Member State (self-employed or working for someone else).
- The right to reside there if the person becomes unemployed.
- The right to residence accompanied by other members of the family unit.
- The right to remain in the Member State where he/she has worked on reaching retirement age.
- The right to receive the same treatment as a national of the receiving Member State regarding access to employment, working conditions and social protection.

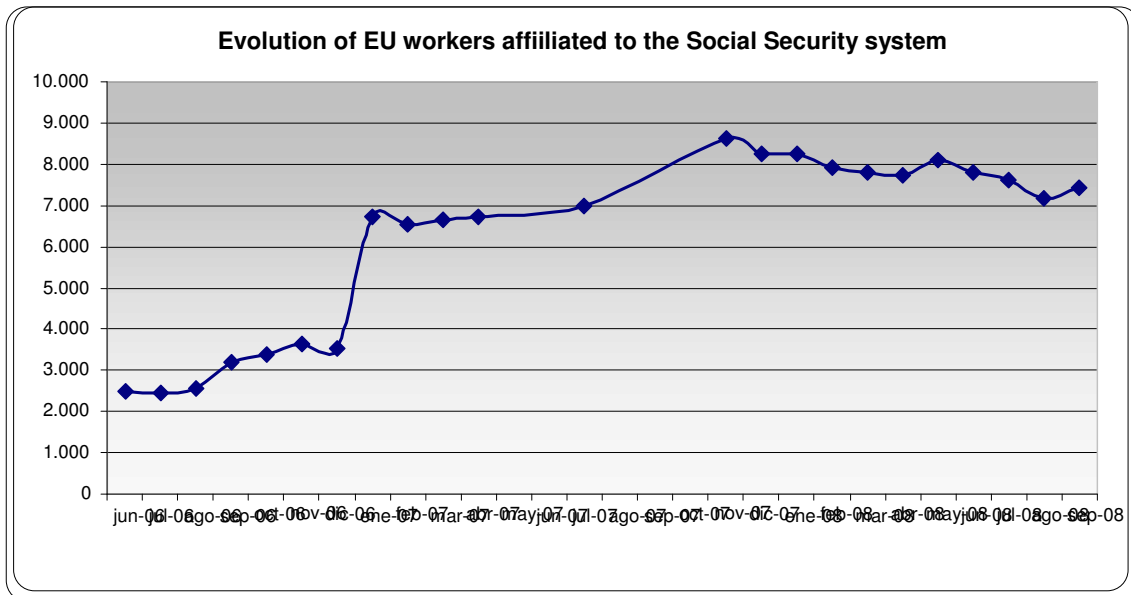
With the incorporation of new Member States member from 1 May 2004 onwards a new (but gradual) opening up of the labour market has taken place. This allows labour to come in while maintaining a balance between both receiving and originating countries. This is regulated in the Treaty of Adhesion of these countries through transitory *measures* that vary from country to country.

These restrictions only refer to freedom of movement in order to obtain employment, and they may differ from one Member State to another. In Spain these transitory measures currently affect citizens from countries that joined the EU on 1 January 2007 (Romania and Bulgaria). The conditions for the application of these transitory measures can be consulted on the EURES website (<http://europe.eu.int/eures>).

However, these temporary restrictions on the free circulation of workers have not prevented the integration of thousands of workers from the countries affected by the transitory period into our labour market.

RECENT EVOLUTION OF EU WORKERS IN LA RIOJA

Source: Spanish Social Security affiliation data. The strong increase in the number of EU citizens working in our region is clear from these figures.



From the graph we would highlight the rise in the number of contributors between December 2006 (3,514 more) and January 2007 (+6,720), coinciding with the entry of Rumania and Bulgaria into the European Union. From that date on, the number of EU workers in La Rioja has continued to grow, reaching a peak of 8,616 people in November 2007.

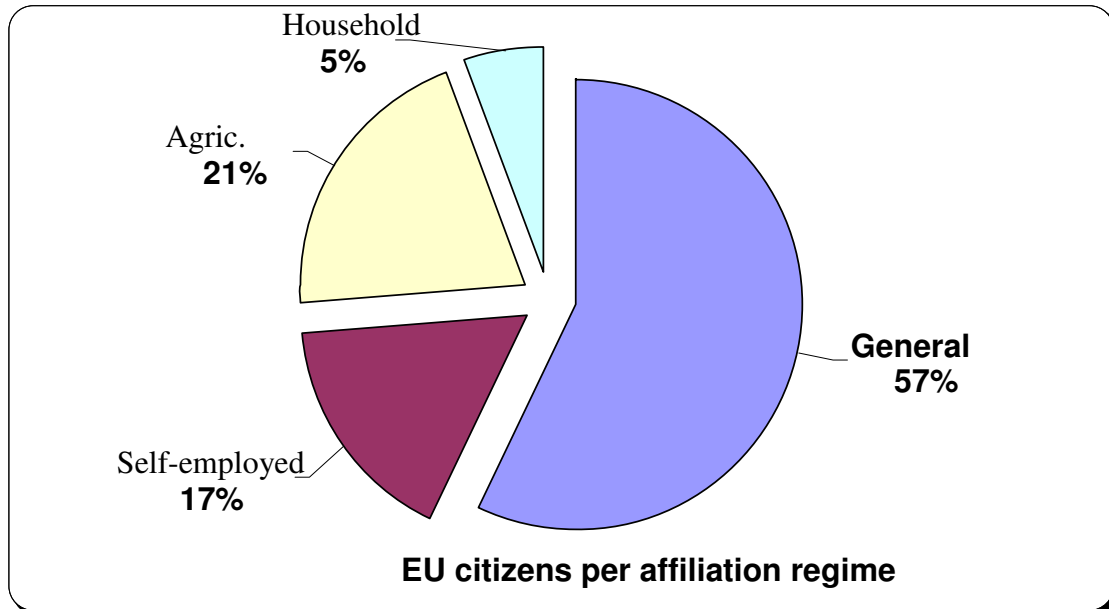
This year (2008), and despite the ups and downs caused by the seasonal nature of certain productive activities, a clearly downward trend is observed. This has to do with a reduction of the level of activity in the construction sector.

The weight of these EU workers in the regional labour market can be better evaluated if we look at the percentage of contributors they represent (figures from mid-September 2008):

	Total affiliates	EU affiliates	%
Spain	19.020.360	701.415	3,69%
La Rioja	132.354	7.437	5,62%

EMPLOYMENT OF EU WORKERS

Continuing the data of contributors to the Social Security system, the graph below shows the distribution of these 7,437 EU workers in La Rioja on the basis of the Social Security regime they contribute to.



More than 4,200 EU workers in La Rioja are affiliated to the General Regime. There are also many affiliated to the special agricultural regime (1,563) and the special self-employed workers regime (1,240). In the special household workers regime 407 EU workers appear as affiliated (almost all women).

Within the General Regime (employed workers) we would highlight the following sectors in terms of the number of affiliates: Construction (1,264), Manufacturing (796), Food Service (681), Commerce (396), Transport (343) and Services to Companies (343).

In the special self-employed workers regime the immense majority of EU workers (899 out of 1,240) work in the construction sector.

Finally, we should point out that two-thirds of these EU workers are men. Women account for 36% of EU contributors to the General Regime, 15% of the self-employed regime, 30% of the agricultural regime and 97% of the household employees' regime.

AFFILIATION BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

The breakdown by nationality of EU workers in La Rioja shows the predominance of two specific groups: Romanians (58% of the total) and Portuguese (29%). Bulgarians (5%) and Italians (2%) are far behind these figures. The remaining nationalities have a very slight presence, and some countries are not even represented.

	GENERAL REGIME	SELF-EMPLOYED REGIME	AGRICULTURAL REGIME	HOUSEHOLD WORKERS REGIME	TOTAL
GERMANY	31	13	2	0	46
AUSTRIA	1	0	0	0	1
BELGIUM	6	1	0	0	7
BULGARIA	286	61	13	17	377
DENMARK	3	1	0	0	4
SLOVAKIA	7	0	0	0	7
SLOVENIA	2	0	0	0	2
ESTONIA	0	1	0	0	1
FINLAND	1	0	0	0	1
FRANCE	81	26	2	0	109
GREECE	8	1	0	0	9
HUNGARY	20	1	0	0	21
IRELAND	2	5	0	0	7
ITALY	120	34	4	0	158
LATVIA	4	0	0	0	4
LITHUANIA	42	17	1	1	61
MALTA	2	0	0	0	2
NETHERLANDS	11	8	0	0	19
POLAND	89	7	9	1	106
PORTUGAL	817	254	1060	9	2140
UK	34	28	0	0	62
CZECH REPUBLIC	9	2	1	0	12
ROMANIA	2651	778	472	378	4279
SWEDEN	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL EUROPEAN UNION	4228	1238	1564	406	7436

If we consider the profile in the Spanish Social Security, we can see that workers from the core countries of the E U (France, United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, etc.) are either affiliated to the General Regime or the Self-Employed Regime.

However, among the countries that have recently joined the importance of the Special Regimes (e.g. Agricultural, Household Employees) is higher. The case of Portuguese citizens is surprising, as the majority come under the Special Agricultural Regime.

CONCLUSIONS

To finish, we will summarise the conclusions reached from an analysis of the affiliation data for EU workers in La Rioja (in relation to the data presented in the previous report, which collected information on residents of this group, regardless of their involvement in the labour market).

- La Rioja is above the Spanish average in terms of the importance of citizens from the Unión Europe (5.6% of the workers affiliated to the Social Security system).
- The growth of this group is very recent. It started strongly at the beginning of the 21st Century and has risen fast with the entry of Rumania and Bulgaria into the E U (January 2007).
- From the demographic point of view, it is a young and predominantly male group. It is distributed across the region, and is not particularly concentrated in urban areas.
- The main reason these people come to La Rioja is to work, and there are very few inactive people over 18 years of age.
- Two countries account for 85% of the EU workers: Rumania and Portugal.
- The sectors where they have a greater presence are construction, agriculture, industry and certain services (foodservice, personal services).
- Self-employed workers, although a minority, are well represented within the group.
- Since early 2008 there has been a clear reduction in the number of EU citizens affiliated to the Safety Social. This has to do with lesser activity in the construction sector, which had previously been their main employment niche.

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

One of the objectives “Europeans in La Rioja” is to provide useful information to the agents of labour movements so that they can design their mobility projects on objective and realistic objectives. To do this, we will provide up-to-date and objective data on the current situation and future trends in our labour market.

We will use both internal sources (studies prepared by the EURES network or by Rioja Employment Service) and external sources (public or private institutions that prepare reports on the future evolution of the labour market in the different levels of the Unión Europe).

We will begin with the *III Yearbook of Immigrant Communication in Spain*, which was presented last 22nd October (prepared by the consultancy company *Etnia Communication*). This *Yearbook* includes a forecast of the labour needs of Spain up to 2050 (based on the “Mind the Gap” study by Randstad). The main conclusion of this study is that, despite the present economic climate, Spain will continue to need a high level of foreign workers over the next few years. What will change is the profile of these workers, who will be increasingly skilled.

The III Yearbook of Immigrant Communication in Spain reveals that no less than 430,000 skilled workers are required to maintain the competitiveness of the country's economy up to 2012. This would mean a requirement of a further 100,000 skilled workers for our country, which indicates a major lack of labour. This is mainly due to the imbalance in the labour market between supply and demand of skilled workers, and also the gradual ageing of Spanish society and the country's low birth rate.

If we extend this period up to 2020, it is believed that Spain will need at least 1.3 million skilled workers. The lack of highly-qualified people in the technology sector is starting to become a major problem, particularly in the Internet area, and also health care, engineering and consultancy. The report states that other profiles that are difficult to cover in Spain continue to be mid-range technical personnel (mainly in production, operation and maintenance) and manual trades such as electricians and welders.

More information:

<http://www.mundoetnia.com/>

<http://www.etniamunicacion.com/>

<http://www.randstad.es/res/randstad/publicaciones/> (“Mind the Gap” Report)

JOB TENDERS AND OFFERS

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

In any case they are offers published in EURES the European Portal of Professional Mobility (<http://europa.eu.int/eures>), where thousands of other job offers also appear. The ones shown here have been selected on the basis of their expected usefulness to possible readers of our newsletter.

CALL FOR NURSES FOR ITALY

Description:

Public Hospitals in Milan (Lombardy) will be recruiting nursing personnel.

Specialities:

- Standby/A&E area: service 118 (A&E with helicopter), anaesthetics, emergency surgery, orthopaedics, neonatal intensive therapy, coronary unit, serious burns unit, etc.
- Transplants area: heart, lung, kidneys, liver, bone marrow, bones, pancreas.
- Cardiology area: cardiology and heart surgery.

Number of jobs: 25/30.

Salary / contract:

Salary: between 1350-1500 euros (net monthly salary). Incentive and bonuses for on-call and overtime.

Type of contract:

8 months renewable, according to the National Contract for Public Health Employees.

Working hours:

36 hours per week. Possibility of on-call and overtime.

Extras:

Accommodation provided in the hospital: shared or individual room, with kitchen. Very reasonable rent (between 100-400 euros/month).

Travel expenses: Paid by the interested persons. Information will be given in the interview.

Requirements

Professional qualifications required:

- Letter of presentation and CV in Italian, with a recent photograph.
- Police Certificate (stating the applicant is free of any criminal charges)
- Certified copy of the Nursing qualification.
- Photocopy of National Identity Card or Passport.
- Photocopies of qualifications and/or certificates of courses attended and professional experience.
- Certificate accrediting the qualification, issued by the MEC (Ministry of Education and Culture) in Spain.

To apply for this certificate, you have to present:

- Application form.
- Certified photocopy of your academic qualifications
- Certified photocopy of your academic and professional qualifications

Languages:

Good knowledge of Italian. The interview will be in this language.

Employer.

Hospital Niguarda Ca' Granda E. Istituto Nazionale Tumori, Fondazione IRCCS

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE POST.

Date of application:

The deadline for the reception of the CV is 11 December 2008.

Those interested should inform the EURES Regional Delegate that they are presenting their candidature.

The Documentation has to be presented directly on the day of the interview (bring photocopies of all the documents required).

In this meeting with the Hospital(s) or its/their representatives, more specific information will be given and any questions you may have will be answered. The interested parties may sign a pre-contract with the Hospital they have chosen. Later, the Hospital will confirm the date and place of starting work.

Method of enrolment:

Send a letter explaining your reasons for wanting the post, and a CV in Italian.

E-mail: eures.sevilla.sae@juntadeandalucia.es. Indicating the subject: Public hospitals Italy.

Date of application: The deadline for receiving applications is 21 November 2008.

Additional information.

Number of posts: 25 - 30.

Date of the call: The interviews will take place, on appointment on 18 December 2008 in the Nursing College of Seville.

Date of starting work: In the coming months, once the processing of the documentation has been completed.

More information: EURES network: tel. 955 065672 or 954 990125.

TEACHER OF SPANISH LANGUAGE

Description: If you speak Spanish fluently and have a passion for teaching this beautiful language we have just the job for you. You will be travelling to businesses or homes in London teaching individuals and groups from beginners to advanced. Teaching experien. now by email for further information to sam@spanishathome.co.uk and see <http://www.spanishathome.co.uk> for new vacancies and updates.. Pension: No details held.

Information gráfica Country: United Kingdom Region : GREATER LONDON

Salario: GBP 15 per hour, often two hours together

Hours por week: 1 or 2 hours per lesson, flexible times through the week

Type of contract: indefinido + media jornada

Empresario Name: Teacher at Home

Cómo application the puesto: You can apply for this job by sending a CV/written application to Samantha Otero at Teacher at Home, 18 Eastbrook Way, EMAIL PREFERRED, Brighton, Sussex, BN41 1PS. Advice about completing a CV is available from your local Jobcentre Plus Office.

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