

# Ukraine's Labour Migration: Facts v Public Discourse

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# Project: Promoting Evidence-Based Media Coverage of Labour Migration from Ukraine to V4 Countries

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# **Project: Promoting Evidence-Based Media Coverage of Labour Migration from Ukraine to V4 Countries**

**Goal:** to increase amount of evidence-based information about Ukrainian labour migration to V4 countries in media

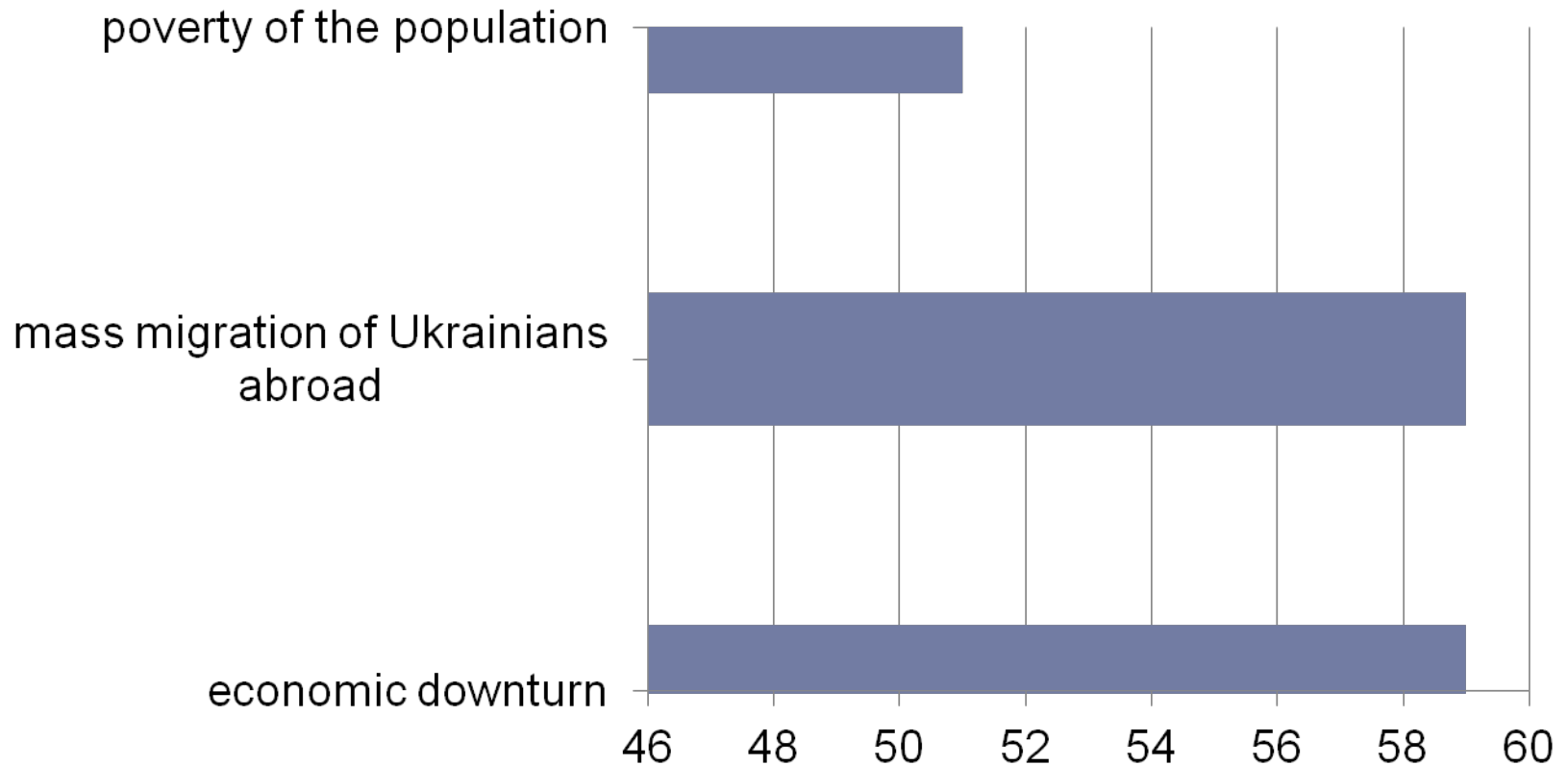
## **Instruments:**

1. find out common mistakes and myths
2. to provide trustworthy data and its sources

**Audience:** journalists, officials and public persons who intend to make public statements about labour migration

# The most relevant threats for Ukraine

**Public opinion, November 2018**



Source: Rating sociological group

# 12m

## Ukrainians go to work abroad - Reva

- **3,2 m** Ukrainians work abroad permanently
- while **9m** – temporarily

Andrii Reva is the social policy minister of Ukraine

Source: <http://bit.do/eRsJH>



28.7m

working-age Ukrainians  
(statistics service)

12m

“labour  
migrants”(Reva)??

**How many Ukrainians do work abroad?**

# How many Ukrainians do work abroad?

State Statistics  
Service  
of Ukraine

1.3  
m

0.9-  
1.4m

National Bank

4m

2.6-2.7m

abroad  
at the same time

2-3m

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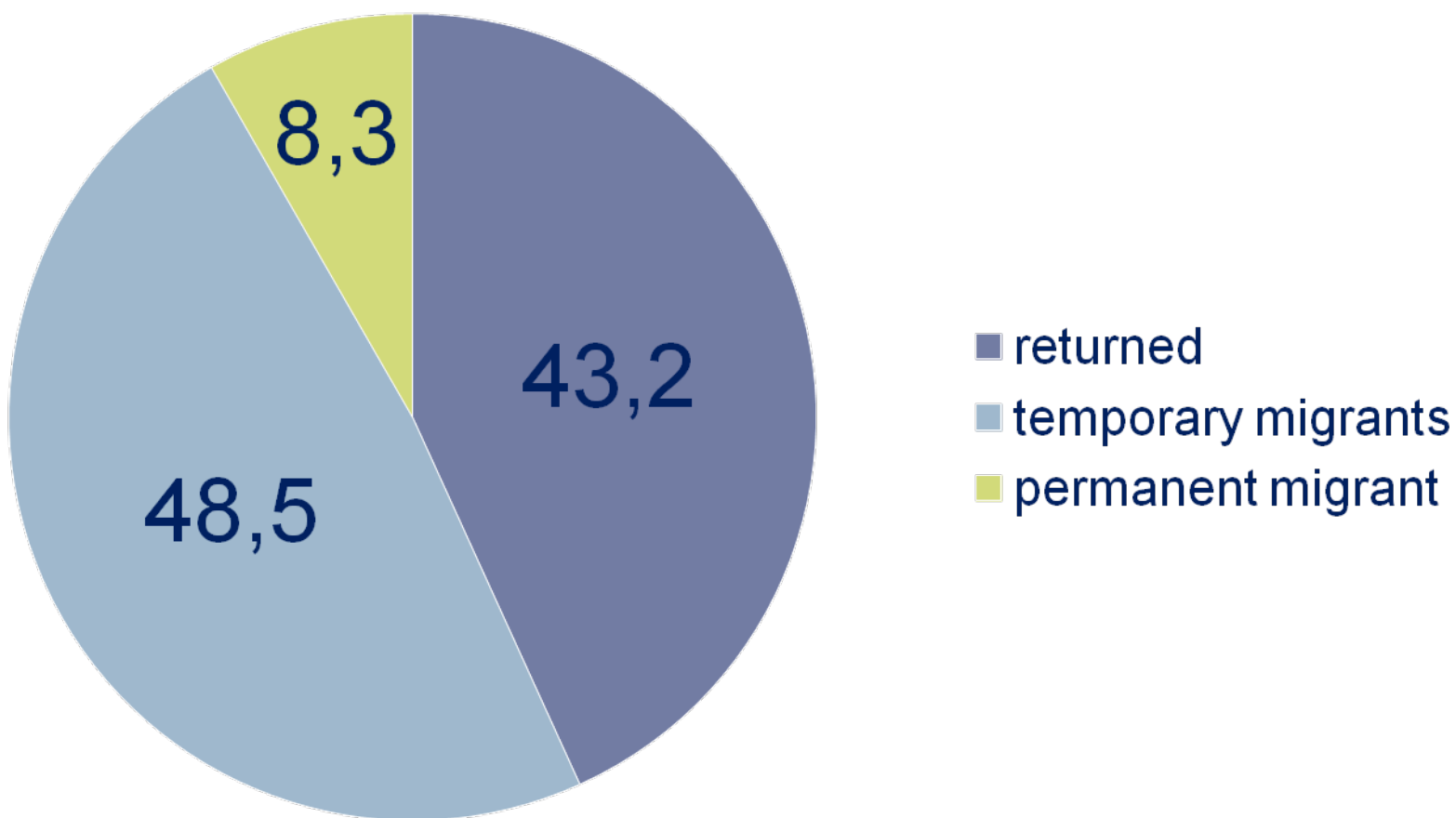


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# Do Ukrainians usually come back? (1)

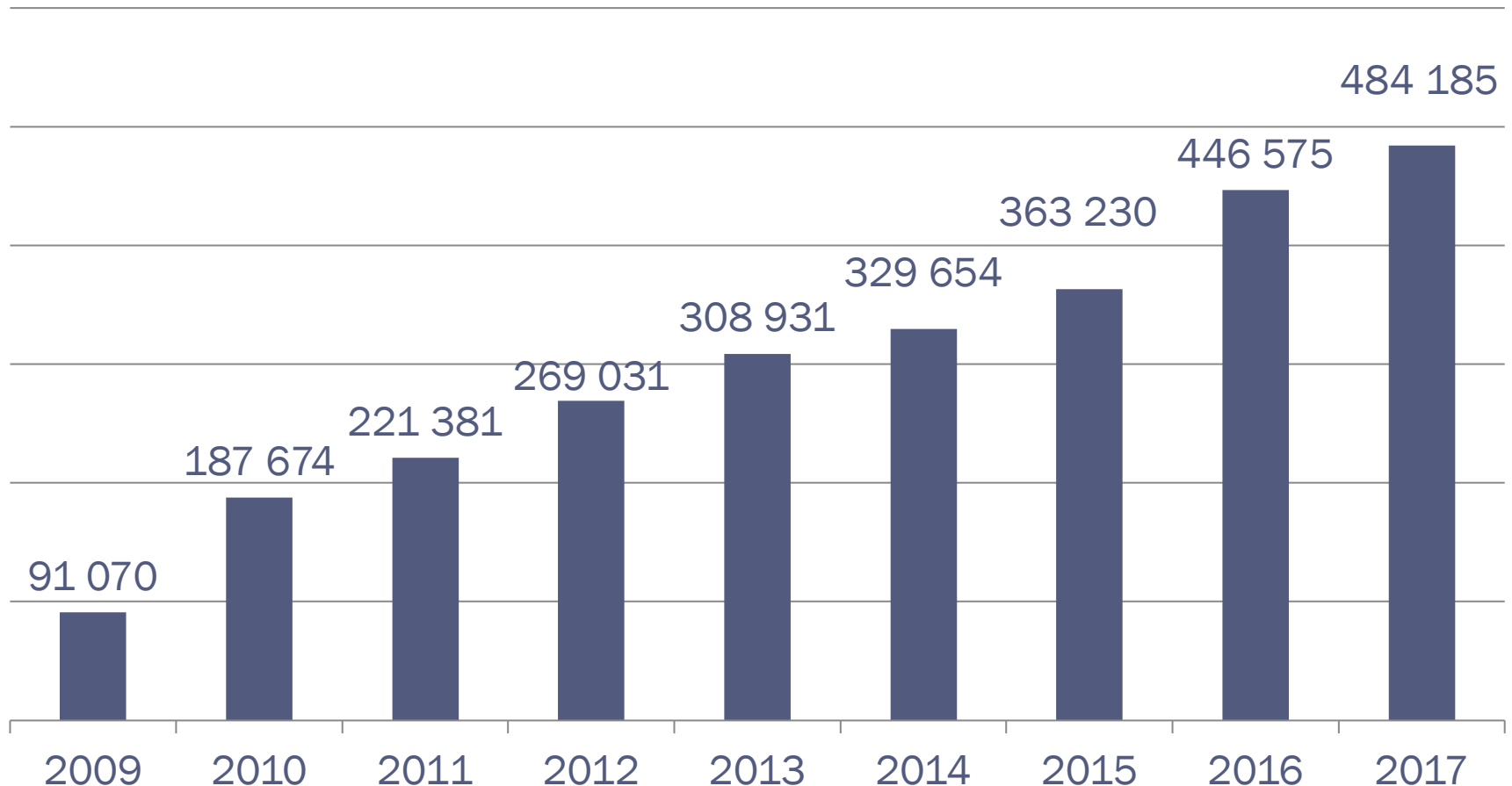
Labour migrants, 2015-2017, %:



Source: State Statistics Service of Ukraine

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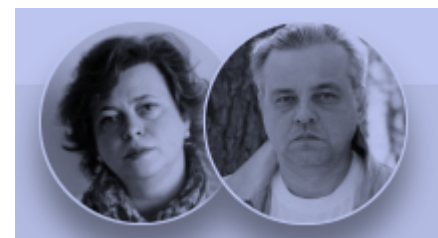
Long-term Ukrainian residents in EU



Source: Eurostat

# “Bleeding” (or “haemorrhage”)

- Quoted in more than 400 media materials in 2 days:
  - The focus was on negative aspects
  - Manipulations
- The article:
  - Based on public opinion survey
  - The goal determines methodology
  - Conclusions without analysis

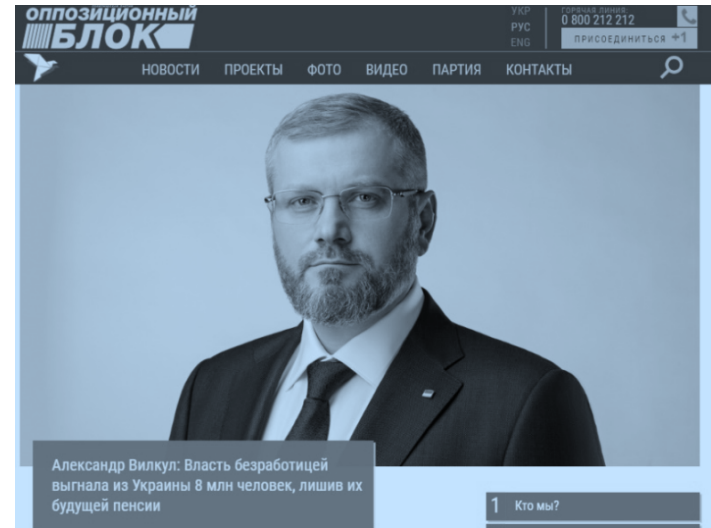


Yuliia Mostova & Serhii Rakhmanin

Source: <http://bit.do/eRuqW>

# Emigration ← bad authorities ?

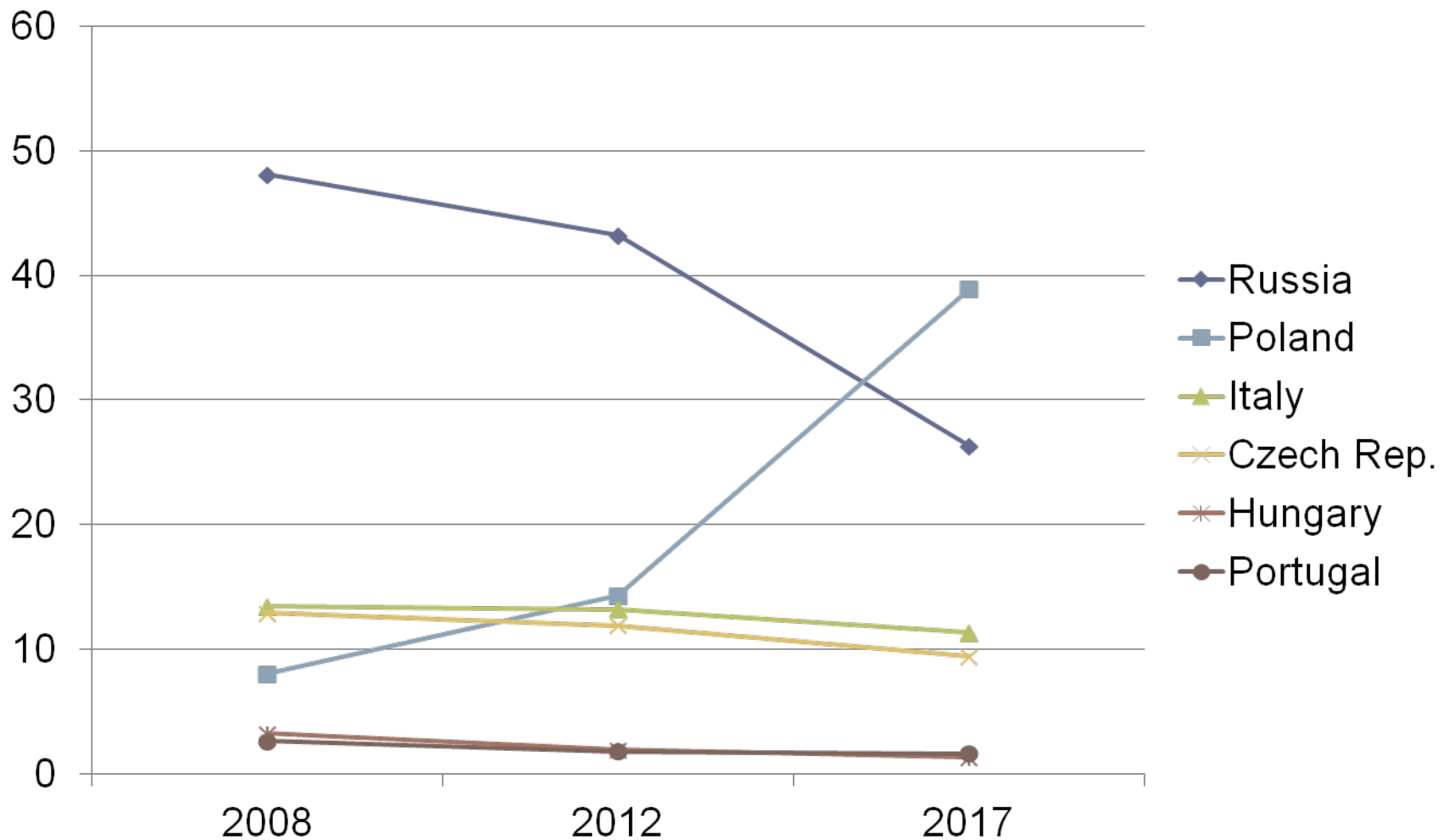
- “The authorities forced out 8m people from Ukraine due to unemployment” – Oleksandr Vilkul, politician



Виступ Юлії Тимошенко на з'їзді партії ВО "Батьківщина"

“These are not reforms (what the government did – ed.). This was the well-planned way to minimize Ukrainian population.” – Yuliia Tymoshenko, politician

# Where do Ukrainians work?



Source: State Statistics Service of Ukraine

# Where do they come from?

	North	Center	South	East	West
2008	5,7	9,2	8,9	18,8	57,4
2012	6,7	3,3	8,6	9,8	71,6
2017	6	9,2	8,6	6,8	69,4

Source: State Statistics Service of Ukraine

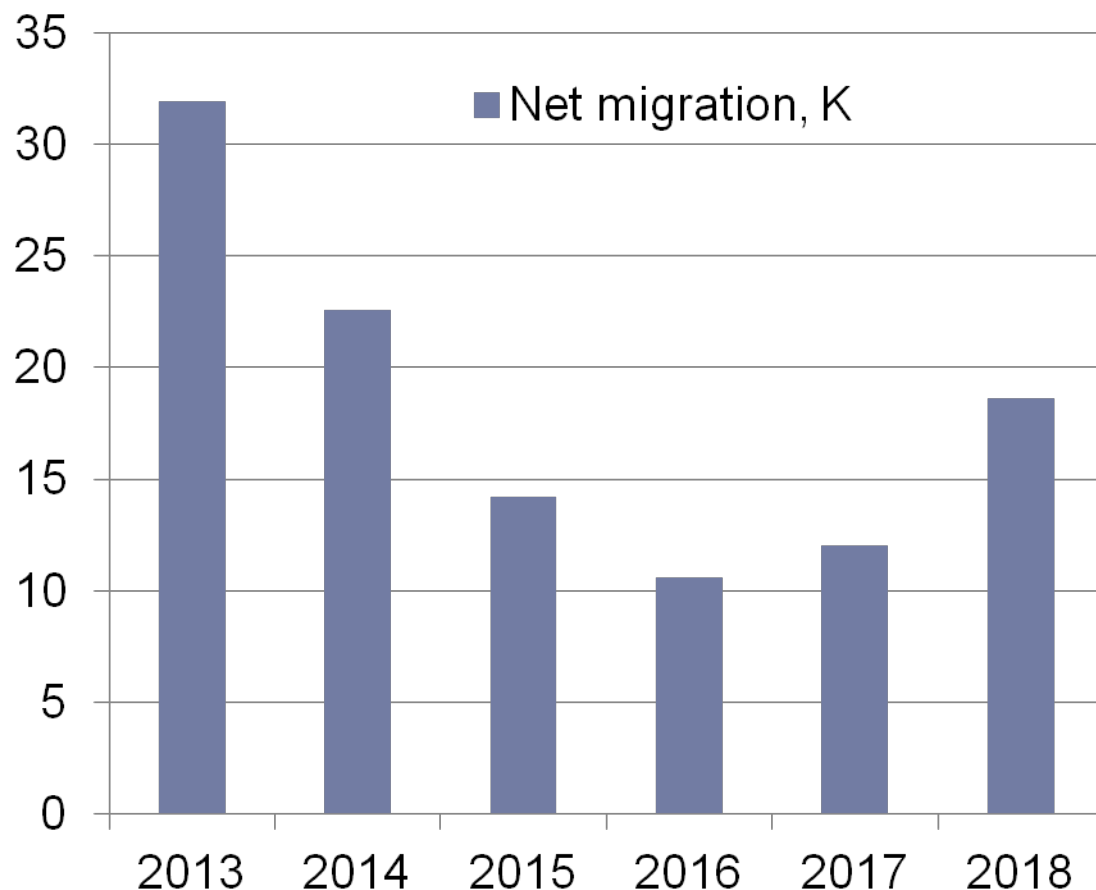
# The migration balance is positive

- Migrants TO Ukraine – Migrants FROM Ukraine =  
**+11-14K**

Source: <http://bit.do/eRuzs>



# Net migration is +11-14K ??



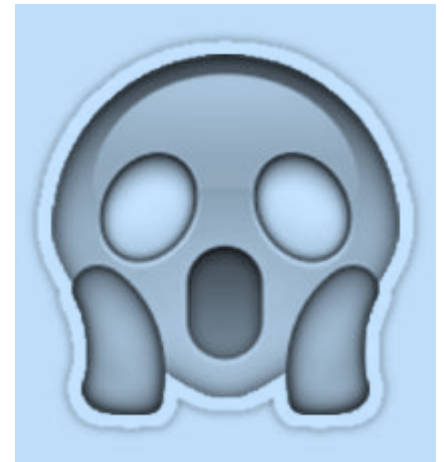
Note: Data after 2014 don't account for occupied Crimea and part of Donbas

Source: State Statistics Service of Ukraine



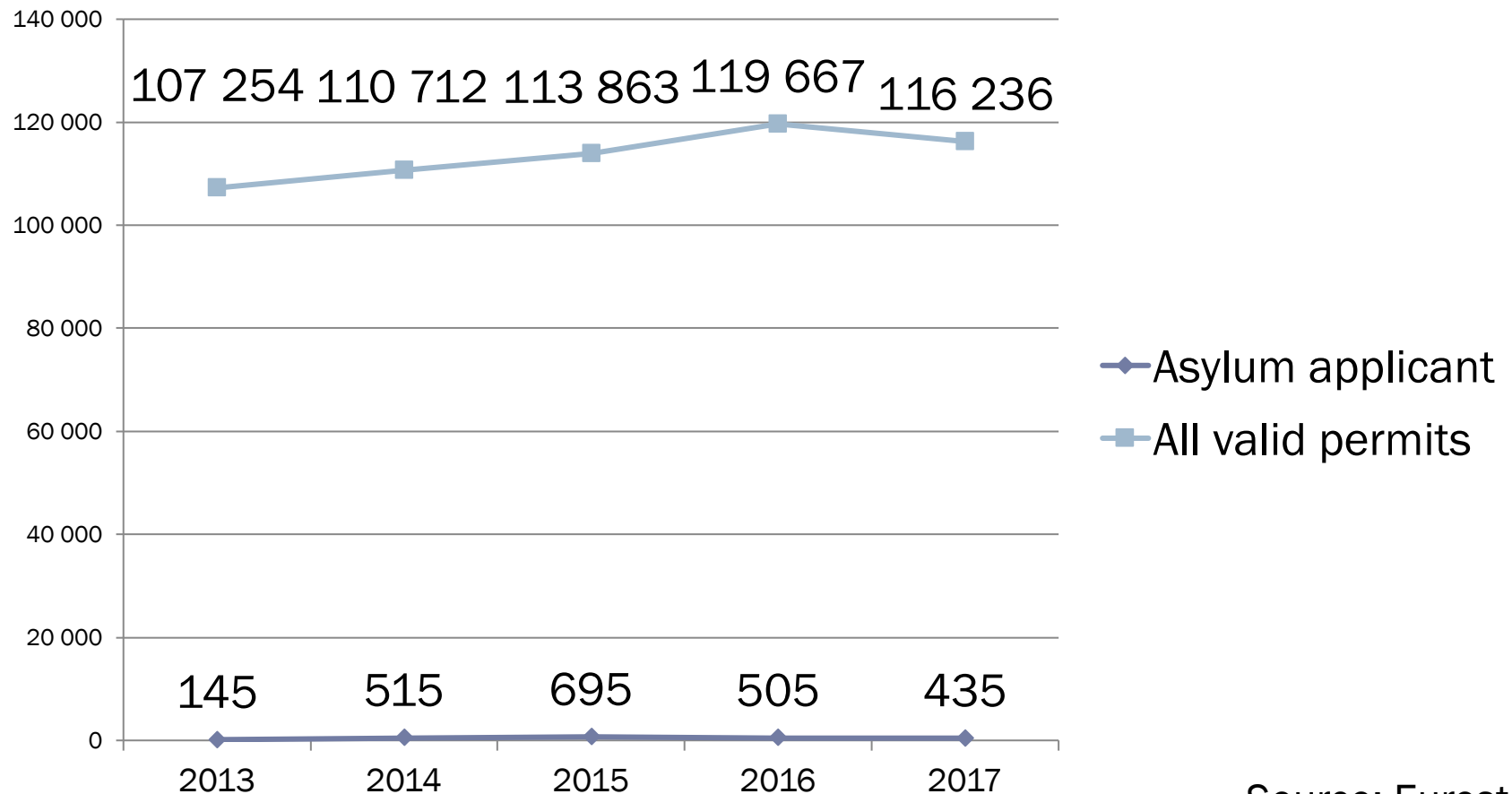
# Some narratives of Russian disinformation

- Ukraine facing labor ‘catastrophe’ as millions of citizens flee country – RT
- Kyiv’s junta prepares ethnic cleansing: concentration camp next to Odessa, lists of Russian, and death penalty for “traitors” – Journalist truth, Russia’s outlet



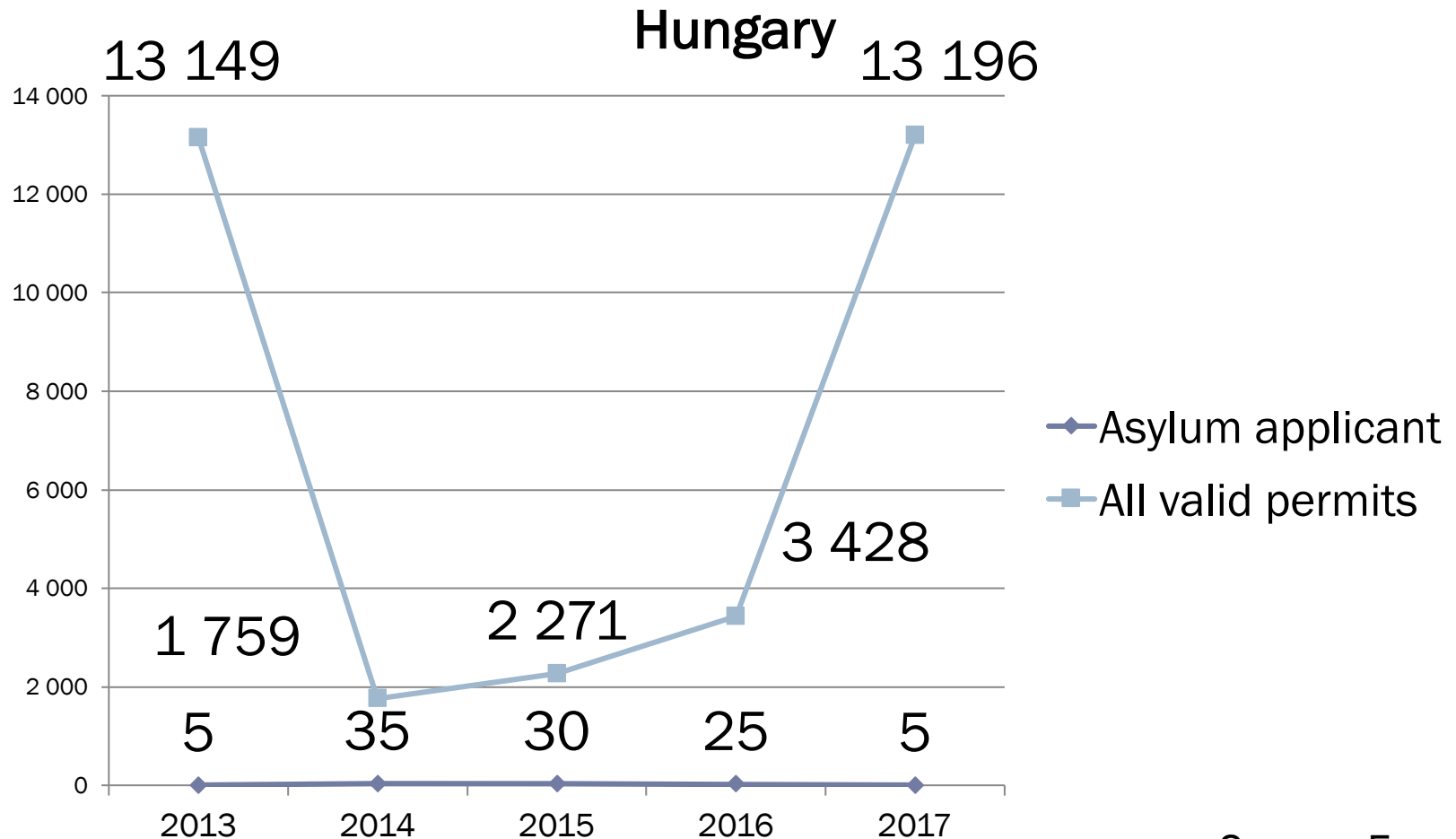
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## Czechia



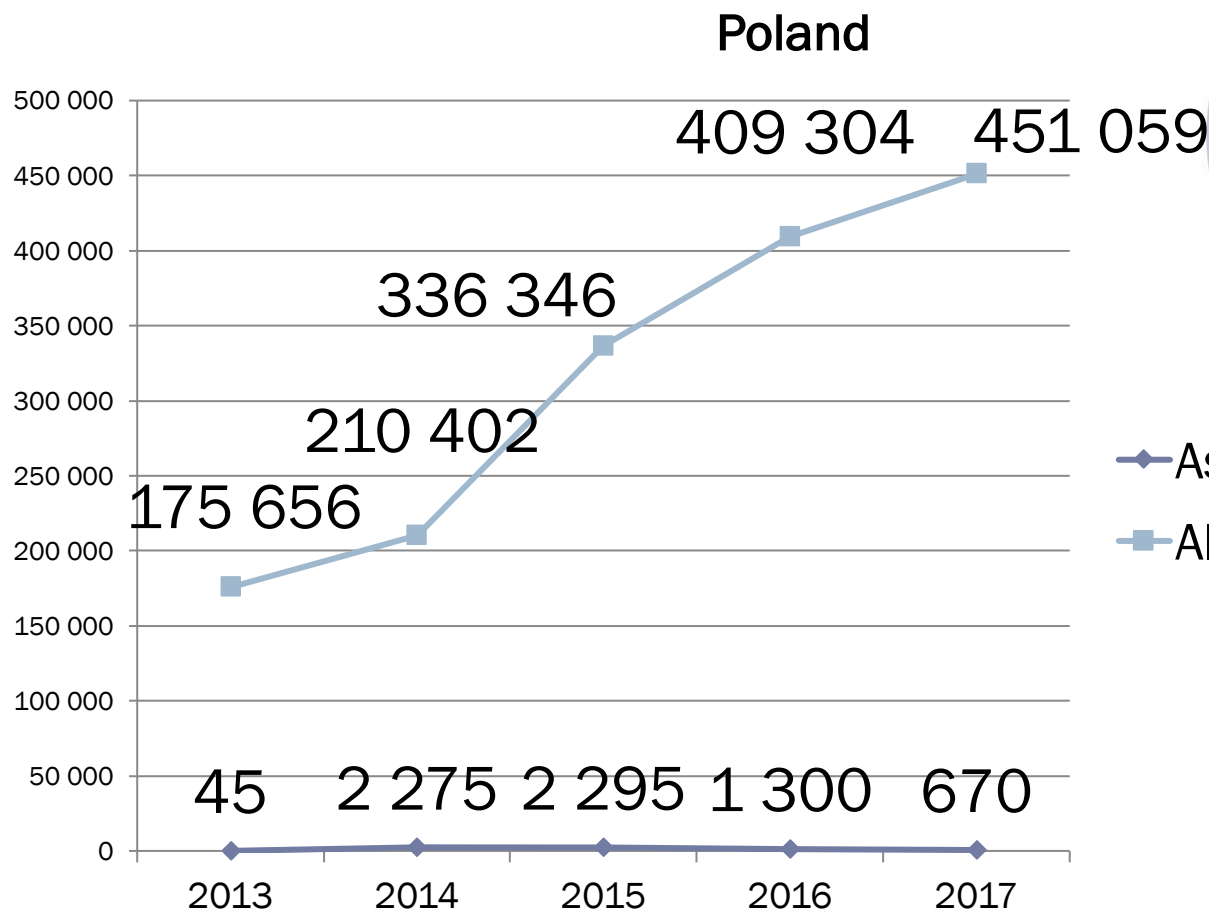
Source: Eurostat

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# 1-2m Ukrainian refugees in Poland?

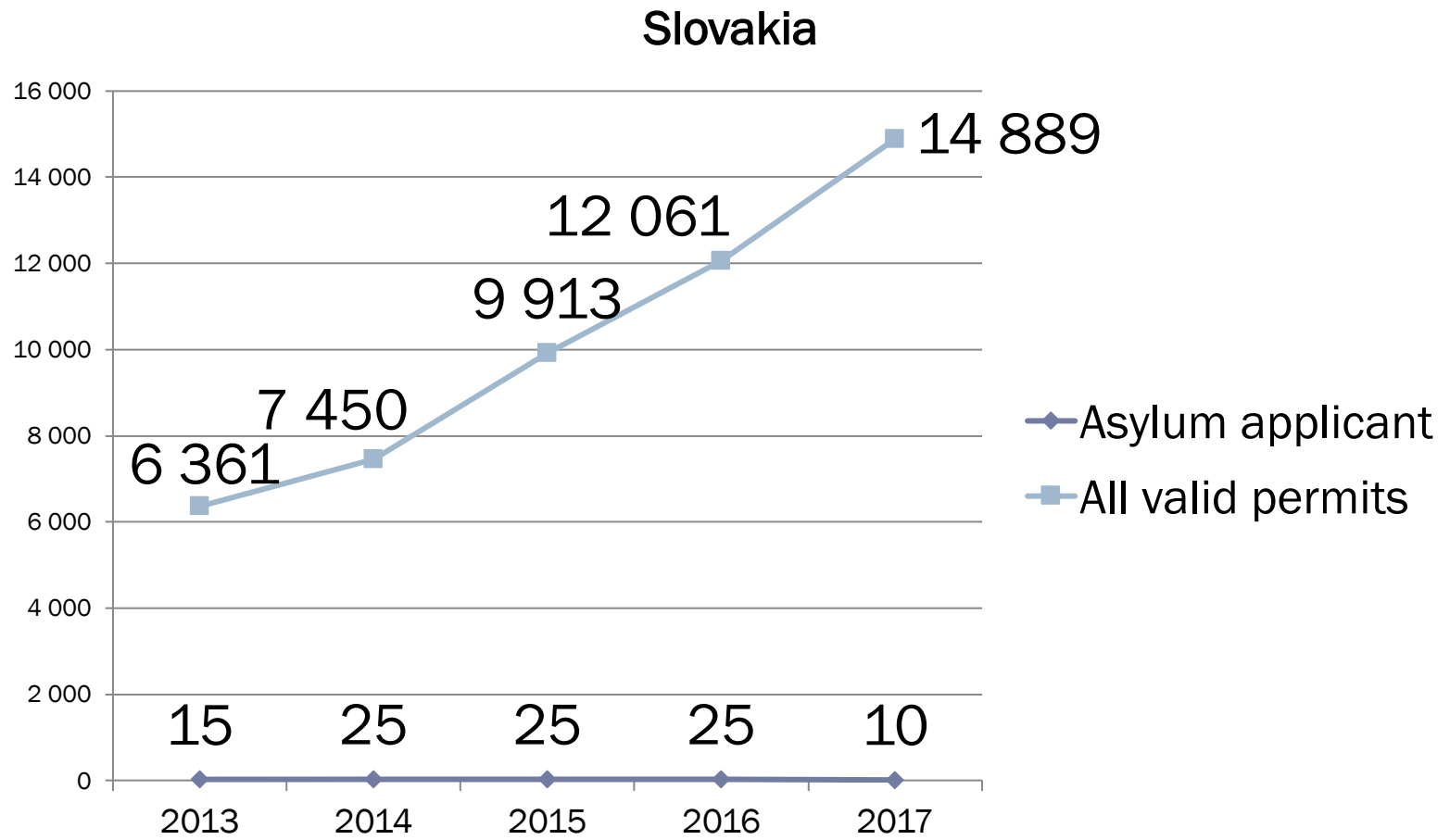


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- Asylum applicant
- All valid permits

Source: Eurostat

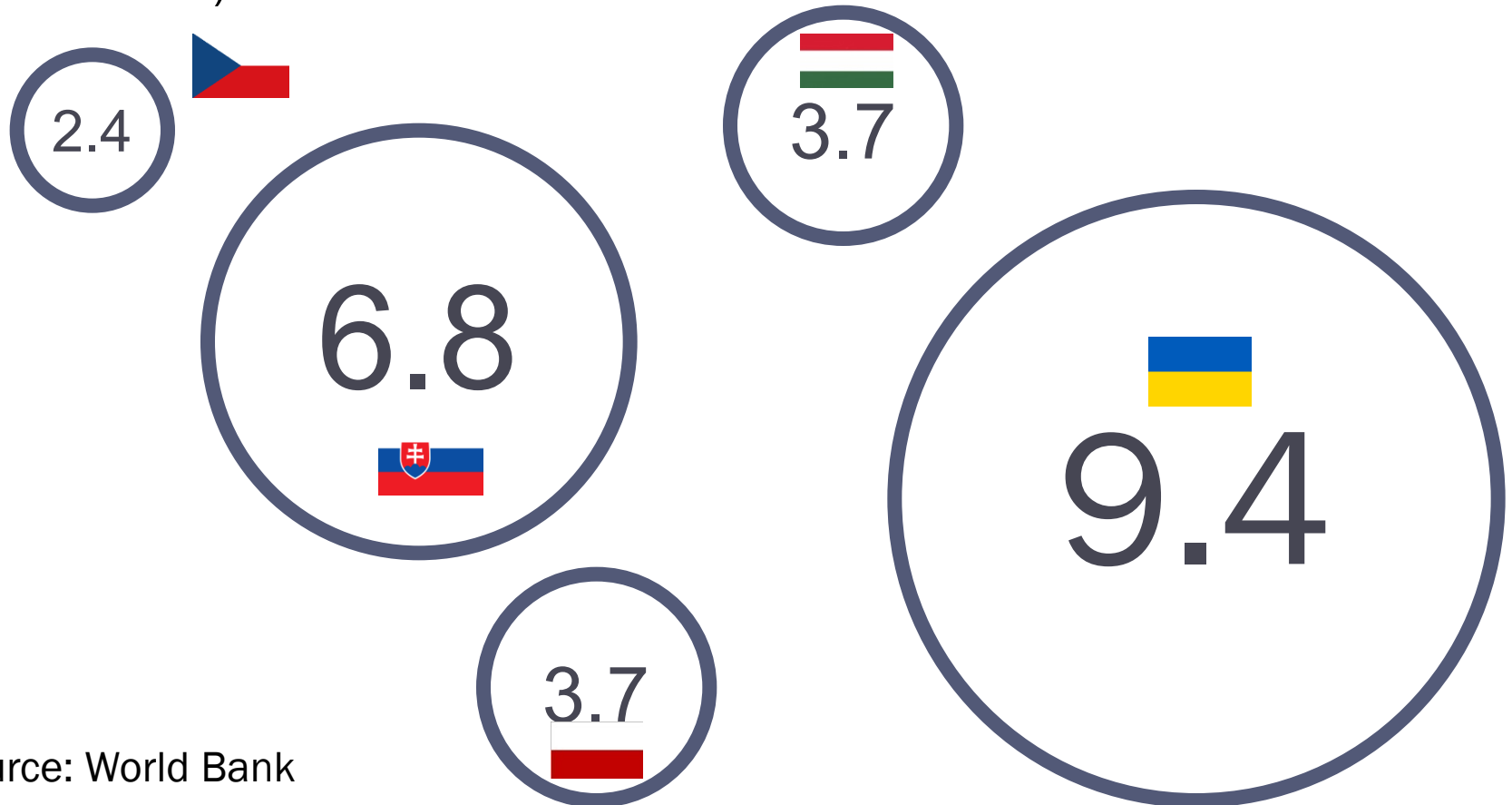
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# Unemployment, 2018

- Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate)



Source: World Bank

# What Ukrainian media lack

- Monitoring migrants reintegration measures
- Human interest stories
- Practical advices
- Comprehensive evaluation of labour migration effects

# Promoting evidence-based media coverage

- Public discussions and events for journalist on latest trends, information sources, pros and cons of various datasets
- Debunking manipulations and disinformation timely and with a big outreach
- Support to the coverage of this topic according to journalists' code of ethics



# Labour migration effects

Realm	Positive effects	Negative effects
<b>Economy</b>	Remittances Investments Unemployment decrease	Social system burden Labour shortage at home
<b>Human capital</b>	New skills Motivation for residents	Loosing HC
<b>Social realm</b>	Well-being	Family problems

# Contest



	1 <sup>st</sup> place	2d place	3d place
Video or TV programme	4,500 UAH	3,000 UAH	2,000 UAH
Radio or podcast	3,500 UAH	2,500 UAH	1,000 UAH
Printed or online article	3,500 UAH	2,500 UAH	1,000 UAH

Languages: English, Ukrainian, Russian

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