

## **THE IMPACT OF WORKERS FREE MOVEMENT ON INNOVATION. ROMANIAS' RDI STRATEGY - BETWEEN SET OBJECTIVES AND THEIR DEGREE OF FULFILLMENT**

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**ABSTRACT:** *The correlation between innovation and free movement of persons, in general, and of work force, in particular, represents a topical issue. The scholarly literature, mostly USA originated, has underlined over time the impact which free movement of work force has upon innovation and consequently on the level of economic, social and cultural development of states. The strategies on research, development and innovation, but also in the field of migration, express the desire of the EU to attract highly qualified young workers. Romania, as EU member state has set, at its turn, certain goals to this end. In the present paper, we present specialist opinions on the issue of the impact that free movement of work force has on innovation and through these effects how it affects individuals, origin states and host states. Also, we mention the lines of action at EU level, set to attract well-trained young workers and to develop the innovative sector, as well as the goals established through the provisions of the RDI strategy in Romania and their fulfillment degree.*

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