

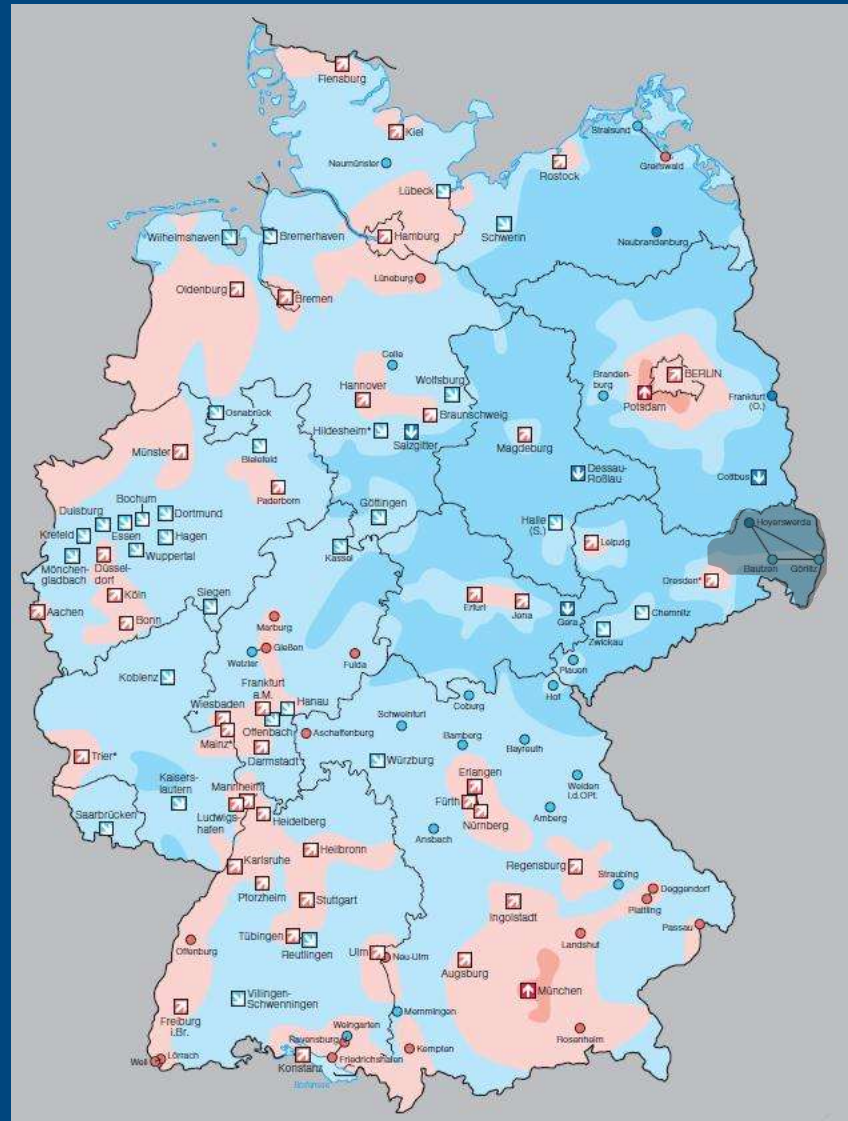


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International migration in rural Saxony

Oberlausitz Region

Population development



Source: Herfert & Osterhage 2011

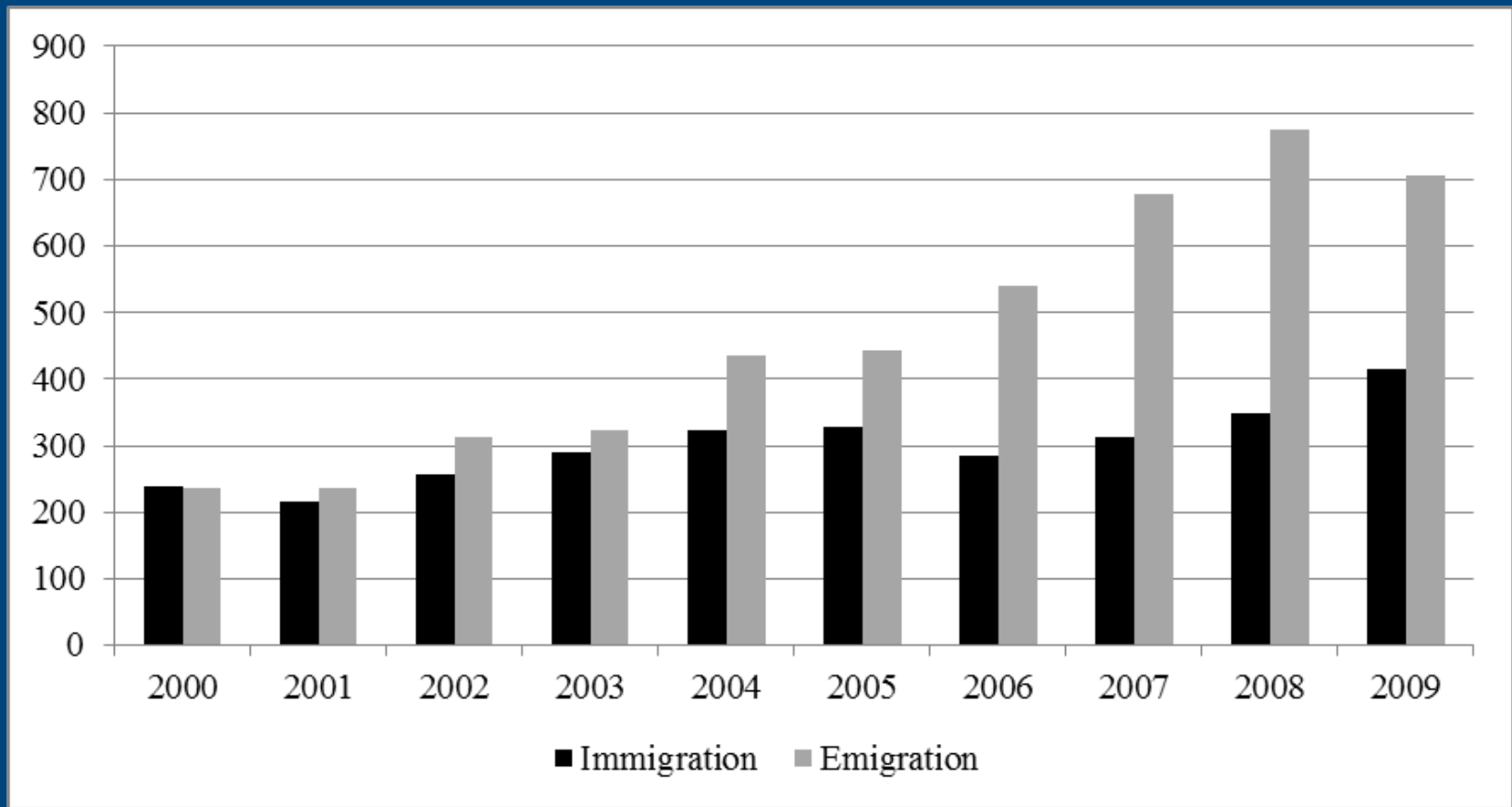


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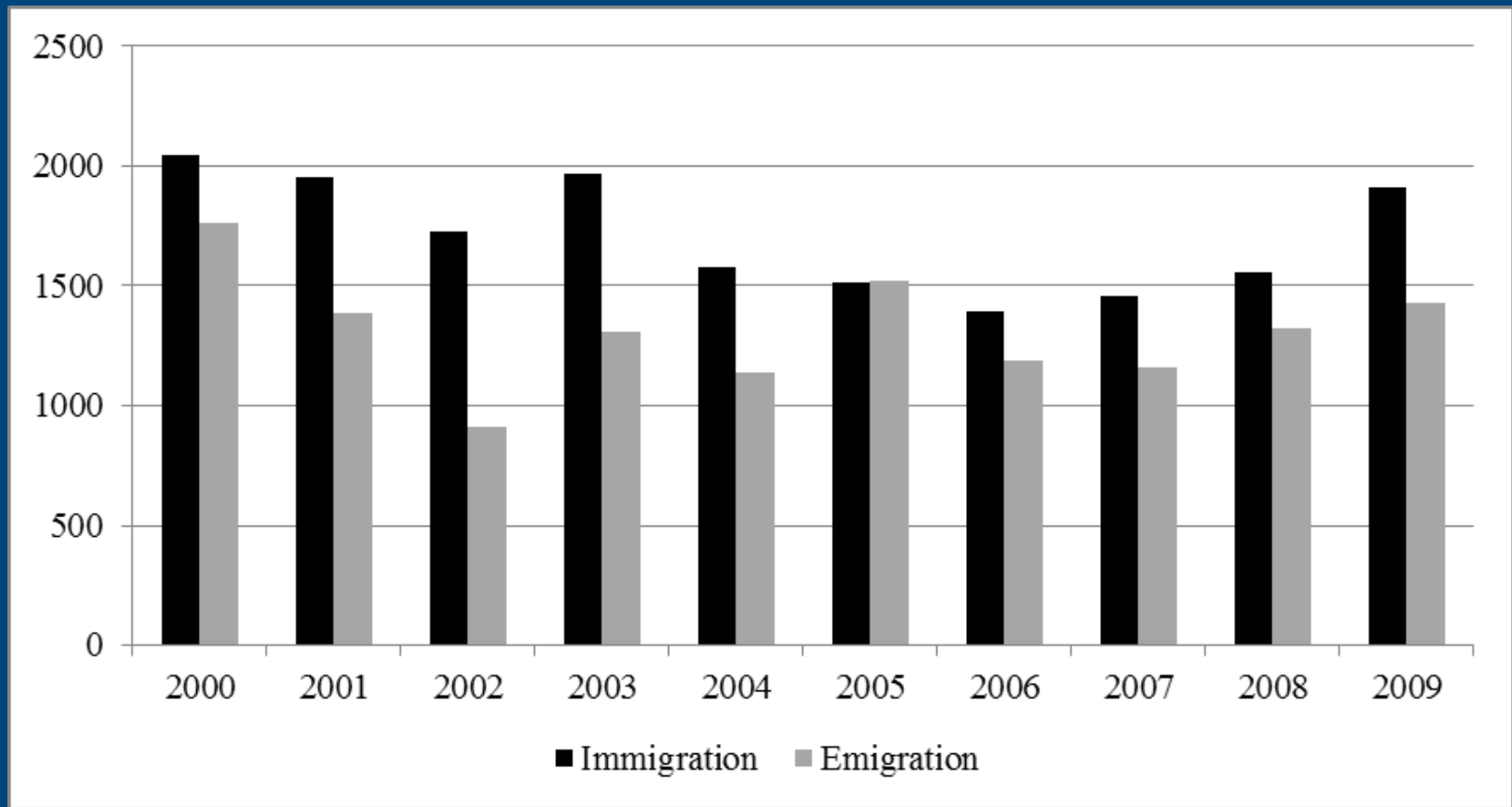
Native international migration



Source: Federal Statistical Office and the statistical Offices of the Länder, 2011; own graphic



Foreign international migration



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Migrants' perspectives

15 qualitative interviews

Gender	8 male / 7 female
Age	23 – 64 years
Arrival	0.5 – 29 years ago
Income	<500 - >3.000 €
Occupation	Un-/ Self- /Employed
Family status	With vs. without children
Motivation to immigrate	Job vs. Family
Motivation for future	Stay vs. Go



Migrants´ perspectives

- *„Nullpunkterfahrung“ – The rural as the unknown and unexpected*
- *General satisfaction vs. Specific problems*
- *Weak labour market vs. Growing niche sectors*
- *Integration vs. Rural community*
- *Private vs. Professional networks*



Local challenges

- How to establish a welcoming atmosphere?
- How to attract/maintain a skilled work force?
- How to capitalise on tri-national border situation?



Local responses

10 regional social initiatives

- Civil society | democracy | tolerance | anti-xenophobia
- Sorbian heritage | Spätaussiedler
- Link & exchange with CZ & PL regions



Local responses

Capitalising on tri-national border: Internationales Begegnungszentrum St. Marienthal



Source: Beata Bykowska/IBZ



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Local responses

Capitalising on tri-national border: Augen auf e.V.



Source:
<http://www.augenauf.net/index.php?whl=13070000&lg=de>



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Local responses

Welcoming atmosphere: Lokaler Aktionsplan für Vielfalt, Demokratie und Toleranz (LAP), Landkreis Bautzen



Source:
<http://www.kijunetzwerk.de/lap-lokaler-aktionsplan-fuer-vielfalt-demokratie-und-toleranz.html> & Oliver Schneider/LAP



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Thank you!
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