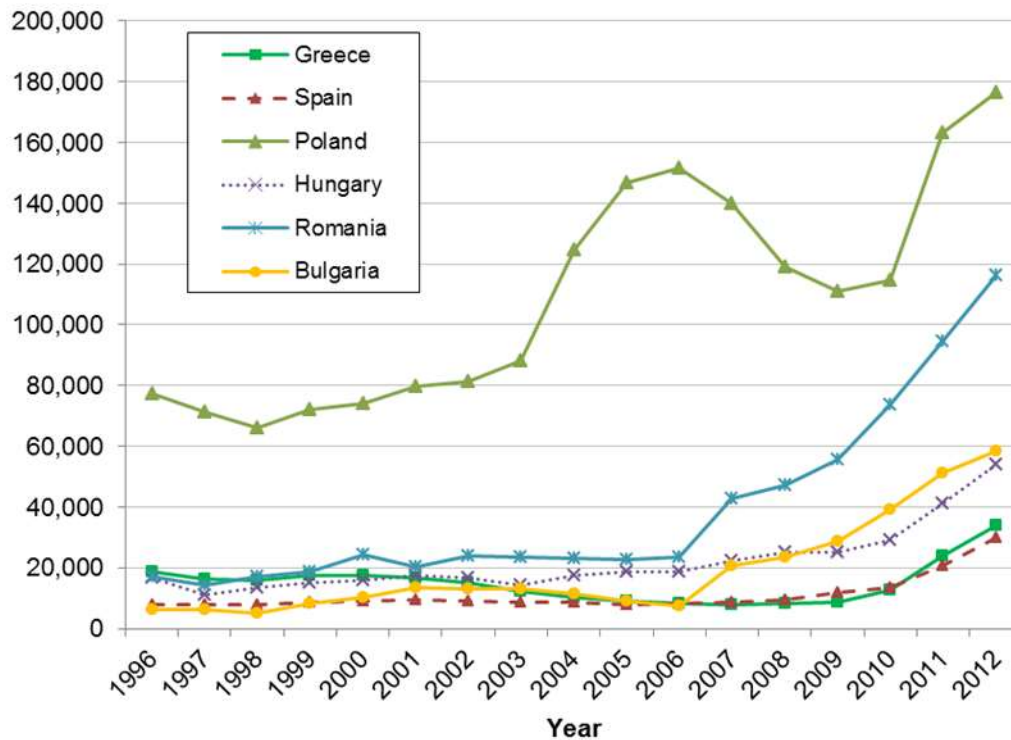




### Immigration to Germany from Significant Source Countries by Year, 1996-2012



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“Outflows of nationals from crisi-hit countries in Southern Europe headed to countries with more solid economies in Northern and Western Europe have significantly increased in relative terms since 2009. Nonetheless, according to available data, these flows still account for a low share of total free movement flows to Northern and Western EU Member States and are largely outnumbered by flows from the main free mobility players among the countries which became EU Members in 2004 ad 2007.”

“Still, the composition of recent outflows from Greece, Italy, Portugal or Spain deserves attention. While, in the short term, emigration of unemployed young people from crisis-hit countries can alleviate tensions on the labour market, in the longer term, the drain of skilled professionals may challenge the recovery and growth prospects of these countries once the labour market impact of the crisis will attenuate. Origin and receiving countries within the EU should work together to maximize the benefits of free movement and minimize the pitfalls for all the involved parties.”

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