



Limitation of free movement in Hungary

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We will speak about...

- Why is it important?
- EU regulations
- Hungarian Higher Education Act
- Effects of the act

Why is this topic important?

- European Union
 - EU2020 Strategy
- Hungarian Government
- Students

The optimal allocation of resources

- The 1st step: Treaty of Rome (1957)
- 1986. 4 freedoms:
 - Capital
 - Goods
 - Services
 - Workforces (people)
- 1987. elimination of restrictions (fiscal, technical, physical)
- 1992: Maastricht Treaty: free movement of persons

Hungarian higher education act

- 2012 modification of the higher education act on several points
- The most critical: limitation of free movement
- „...those whose post-secondary education is funded by the state must spend at least twice as much time working in Hungary in the next 20 years following graduation as spent in post secondary studies.”
- What does it mean: 12 semesters → 24 semesters (12 years) working

Alternatives

Limitation of free movement

Stay in
Hungary

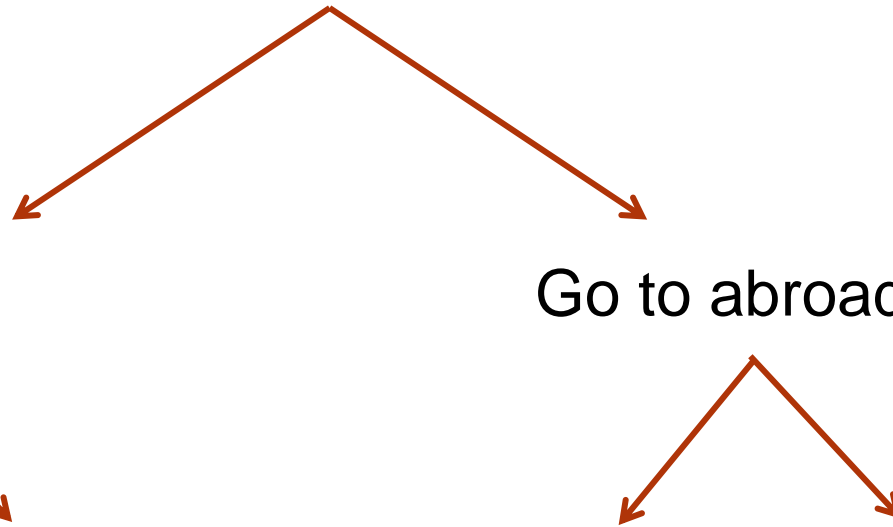
Go to abroad

Unemployment

Competitiveness

Return to
Hungary

Stay in a
foreign
country



act

- Migration (Open Europe?)
 - Negativ for the sender country
- Brain drain
 - Lower educated people: stay at home
- Lack of professions (doctors)
- Wages and the supply of works: decrease
 - We don't have a good development policy
- Tax revenues → decrease
 - Remittances will more important
- Multiplier effects
- Regional competitiveness: bad

Conclusions

- Pros and Contras → but not clear
- Hungarian higher education act:rational
 - Because of the tax payers
- Irrational
 - Because this act is limited free movements
 - It against with 4 freedoms → national employment strategy
- It causes big problems for the region
 - Regional competitiveness
 - International migraton

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