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The Challenges Ahead – from the perspective of new Member States

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Issues addressed

- Relunched Lisbon strategy – where would it lead us?
- ESF – key financial instrument for delivering
- Integrated European labour market?

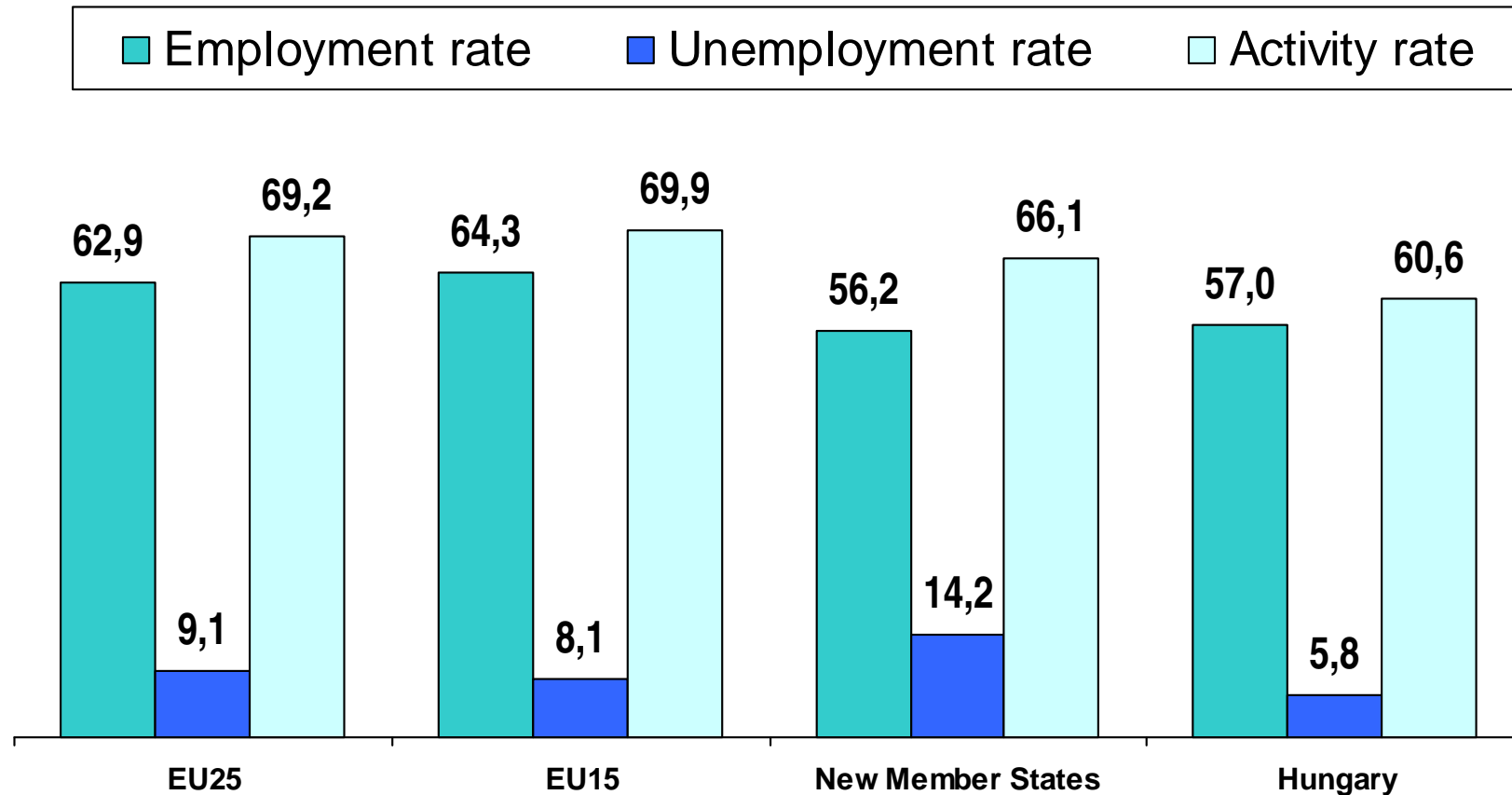


Relaunched Lisbon Strategy

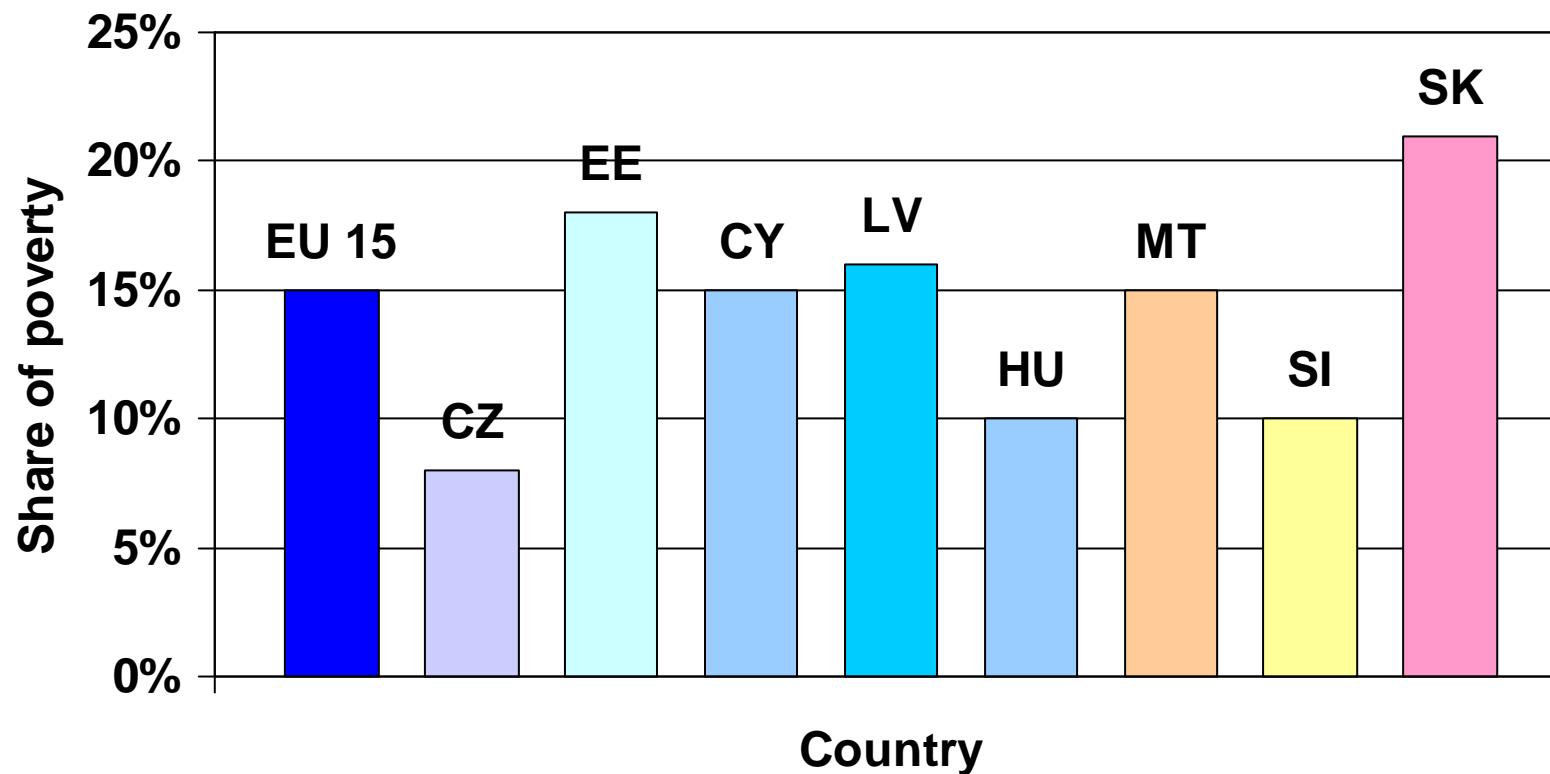
- Where has the balanced approach gone?
 - economic growth, employment growth AND social cohesion
- Concerns:
 - Economical growth does not automatically bring about social cohesion
 - Fight against social exclusion - requires more than just employment and integration to labour market
 - Increased diversity and disparities in enlarged EU call for a renewed endeavour to foster economic, social and territorial cohesion



Employment situation in the enlarged EU



Poverty in selected new Member States

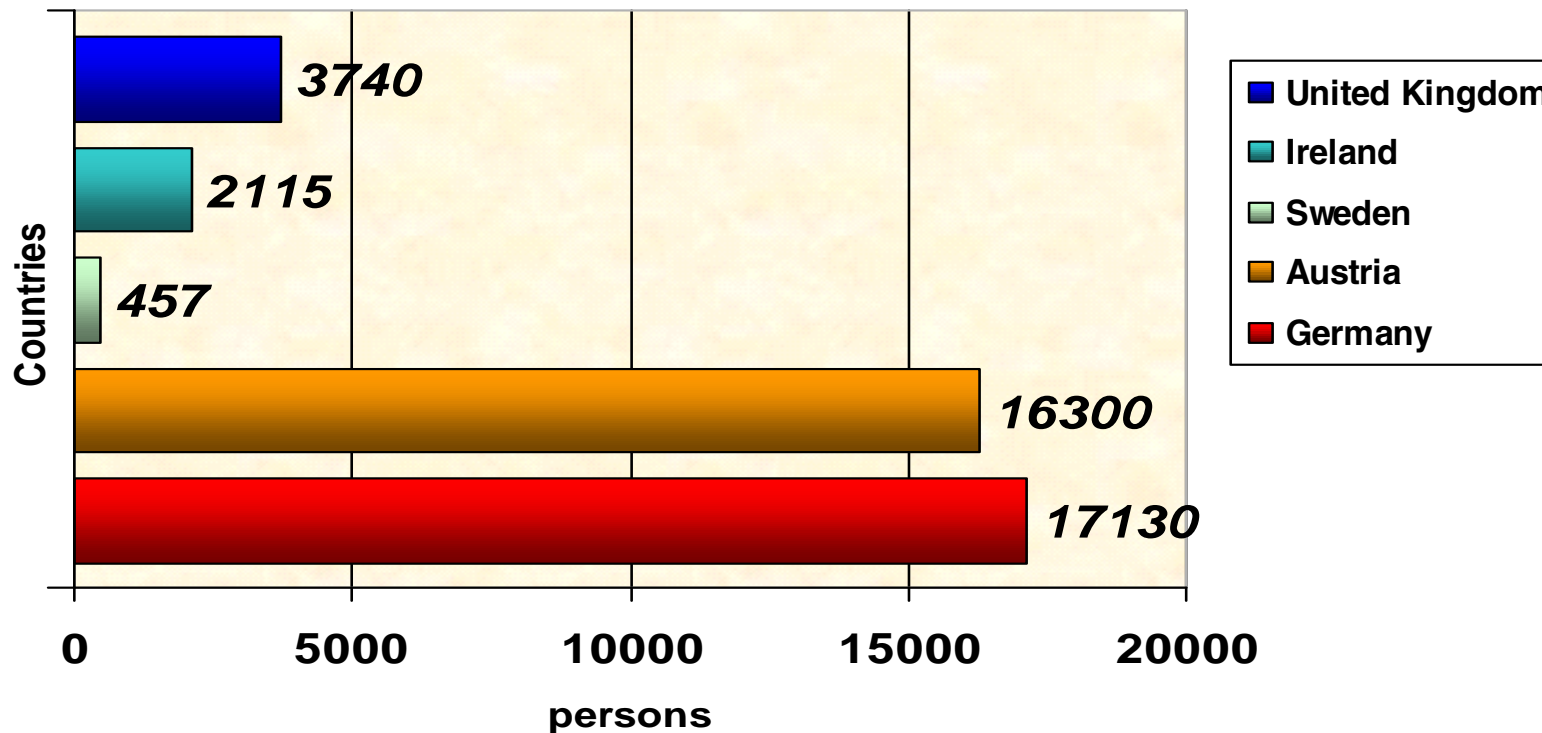


ESF – key financial instrument

- ESF – increased role in new MSs
- ESF should continue to support the implementation of
 - European Employment Strategy, National Action Plans
 - Social Inclusion Strategy
- ESF alone is not enough for supporting employment goals
 - Reform of Community financial instruments

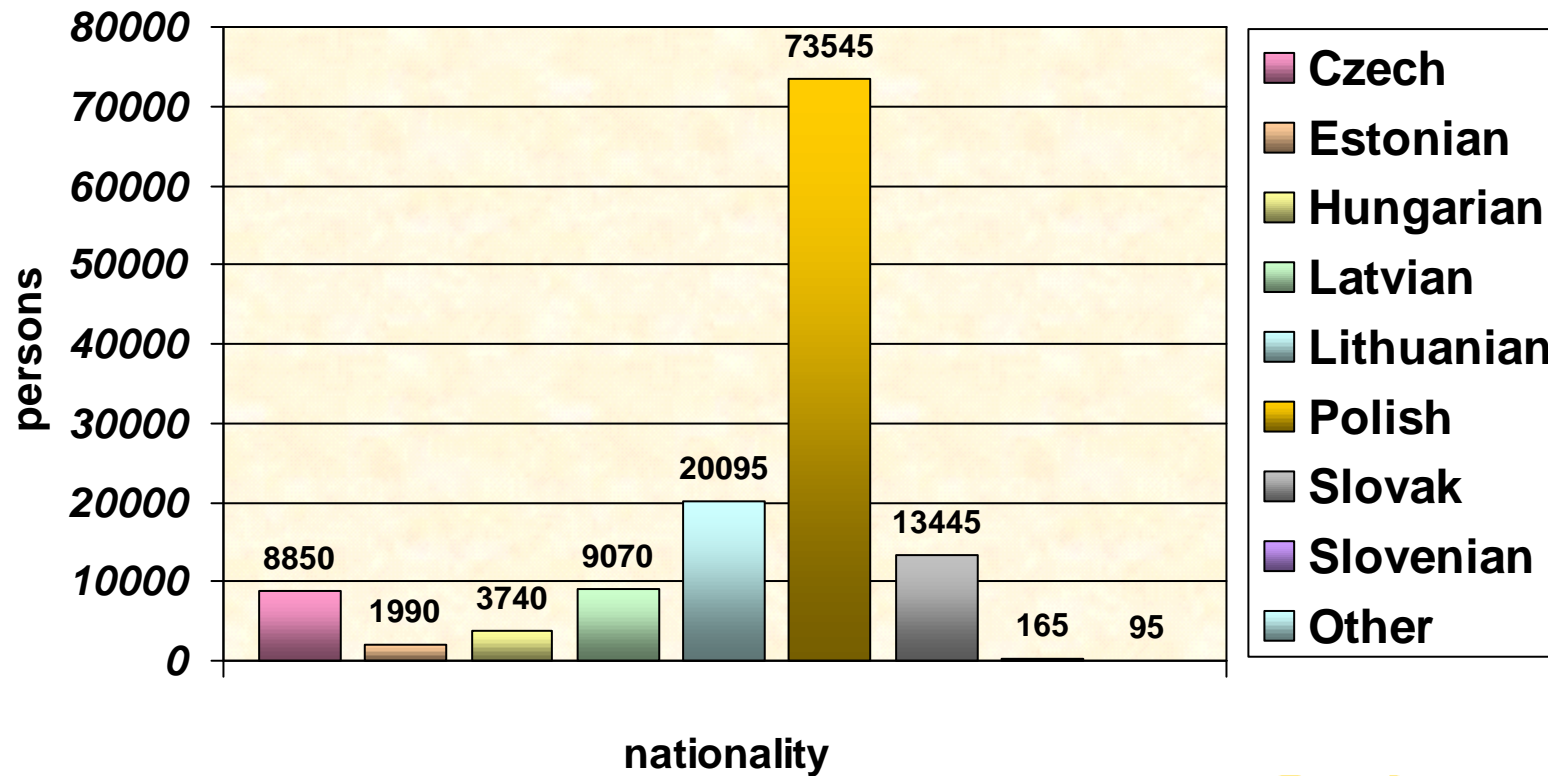


Hungarian workers in selected EU Member States (May-December 2004)



Nationality of newly entered workers in the **United Kingdom** after May 2004

(based on applications, in total 130990 workers)



European labour market

- Labour market – integral part of internal market
- Restrictions - loss of growth potential
- Let's try to detach political connotations from economic migration

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