## Free movement of persons and Brexit

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# **Citizens Rights Directive**



#### Reasons given for immigrating to the UK

Immigration of EU and non-EU nationals by main reason state for migrating, 2015



\*The figures in this chart exclude British nationals. The figures only include the 'main' reason given so the actual proportion coming for any particular reason may be higher

Source: ONS Migration Statistics Quarterly Report, May 2016, table 3a



### Why do migrants move?





And UK under 25s want this very much too

# What is going to happen to migration in the short term?

Numbers: Likely to decrease

- Fall in value of pound
- Eurozone economy will improve
- Psychological effect of not being welcomed
- Bulgarian/Romanian 'bulge' past

Position of EU nationals in the UK

- Likely to be able to stay especially if long term residents
- Many practical problems: cut off? recording? Costly bureaucratic system

### Future arrangements I

Adaptation of existing arrangements

Associate citizenship??

Free movement for those who have actually got a job (not work seekers – but risks)

Visa free travel??

Sectoral specific agreements – higher education??

### Future arrangements II

Economically active migrants only

No EU citizenship

FFA

Emergency brake: Art. 112-3 – if serious economic, societal or environmental difficulties of a sectorial or regional nature persist'

### Future arrangements III

EU-Ukraine association agreement

Introduction of visa free travel regime for citizens of Ukraine in due course provided that conditions for well-managed and secure mobility are in place

Trade and trade related matters – approximation of Ukraine to EU legislation

### Future arrangements IV

GATS Mode IV

Intra corporate transferees regarded as essential personnel eg managers and technical staff linked with a commercial presence in the host country

Business visitors ie short term visitors not in general gainfully employed in the host country