Labour Migration from Ukraine to EU: How Full-Scale War Impacted on the Flows of Ukrainian Citizens Abroad

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The issue of labor migration in Ukraine is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon. And, when Ukraine finds itself in terms of post COVID-19 and ongoing war of aggression realities, situation with labor migrants and regulation of their stay abroad deteriorates significantly since it is impossible, at least, to estimate the number of people who fled Ukraine because of war and who left for working reasons.

Nowadays, the external labor migration of Ukrainians is a natural reaction of the population to negative changes in the socio-economic life of society, under the conditions of underdevelopment, deformation of the internal labor market and increasing inequality.

Despite the pandemic, majority of labor migrants did not return to Ukraine but continued to stay and look for a better fate abroad.

However, Russian full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine entangled and challenged several aspects, including, primarily, emigration of Ukrainian citizens abroad. Since February 2022, statistics do not reflect on the point of how many migrants managed to leave the country for purely labor reasons.

The objective of given paper is to illustrate tendencies of the labor market for Ukrainians in post-war 2022 situation when Ukrainian people faced with unprecedented circumstances.

This material has a goal to assess how the Russian war of aggression impacted on the labor migration developments within Ukrainian context and what is the state of play of Ukrainians who turned out to be in EU after 24 February 2022.