

RUSSIAN MIGRATION POLICY IN THE LAST 25 YEARS

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Abstract. *The article considers the most common approaches to the definition of migration policy in the broad and narrow senses of the word, analyzing its goals, content and effectiveness. Migration policy has the following dimensions: social, economic, geopolitical, national security and demographic. This calls for a comprehensive approach to migration policy in various aspects of social life. The authors formulate the main principles of Russia's state migration policy and trace how its dominant trends changed over the past 25 years. The article analyzes the legal framework that currently underlies migration processes. It notes that in the 1990s the country lacked some basic migration laws. The first attempt to conceptualize the state migration policy was marked by the adoption in 2003 of the Concept of Regulating Migration Processes in the Russian Federation. In 2006-2007 Russian legislation was for the first time set the task of regulating migration and preventing its illegal forms not by tough restrictions, but by giving migrants greater freedom of movement and removing obstacles in the way of registration. In 2015 more amendments were made to the Russian migration legislation which does not always correspond to the current and future needs of economic, social and demographic development of Russian society.*

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