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Appendix

Transitional arrangements regarding the 2004 EU enlargement

- 2004: Only Ireland, the UK and Sweden opened their labour markets to workers from the EU-8. Hungary, Poland and Slovenia used reciprocal measures and restricted access to their labour markets for nationals from those member states that restricted labour market access for their nationals;
- 2006: Greece, Spain, Portugal, Finland, Italy and Iceland opened their labour markets to workers from the EU-8;
- 2007: The Netherlands and Luxembourg opened their labour markets to workers from the EU-8;
- 2008: France opened its labour market and the reciprocal measures were dropped by Slovenia and Poland;
- Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Norway maintained their restrictions to workers from the EU-8 over the full period under study. Hungary maintained its reciprocal measures.

Source: European Commission (2011)

