

IMMIGRATION DISCOURSES: THE CASE OF ROMANIAN IMMIGRANTS IN ITALY

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Abstract

The aim of this study is to provide an overview of the situation of Romanian immigrants to Italy and the way in which this is reflected at various layers of communication. We will start by presenting some statistical data concerning this phenomenon, provided by various OECD publications. Next, we will comment on the findings of the surveys carried out by Metro Media Transilvania and commissioned by Agentia pentru strategii guvernamentale¹: *Comunitatea românească în Italia: condiții sociale, valori, așteptări - Studiu sociologic*² (December 2007) and *Percepția cetățenilor italieni asupra României și comunității românești din Italia*³ (March-April 2008). Last but not least, we will focus on media discourses on the issue of Romanian immigrants in Italy, as seen in the English-speaking media.

Key words: migration, Romania, Italy, European integration, free movement of labour.

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