

The economic behaviour of immigrants versus natives over the life cycle

- Immigration and its socio-economic aspects are in the focus of European countries
- Identifying the economic behavior of immigrants across ages as an initial step to assess the economic impact of immigration on the immigrant countries. Labour side widely researched, we focus on the consumption side as well
- We go beyond the standard NTA by using the data for country of origin and focus on the difference in the lifecycle deficit (LCD) of immigrants and natives



Main Results– Immigrants versus Natives

- ▶ Big difference in labour income, difference in consumption but to a lower extent (private consumption difference)
- ▶ Shorter age span of negative LCD of immigrants

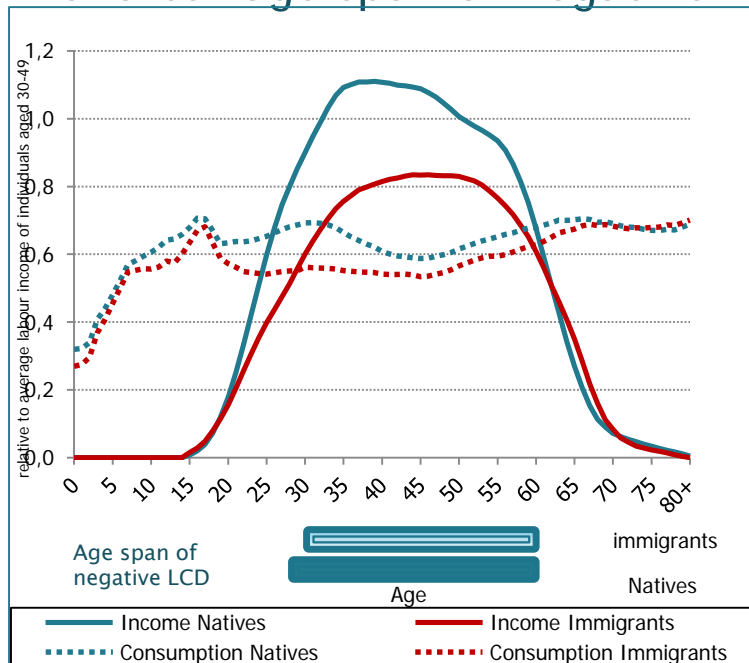


Figure 1. Labour income and consumption average for all 5 countries

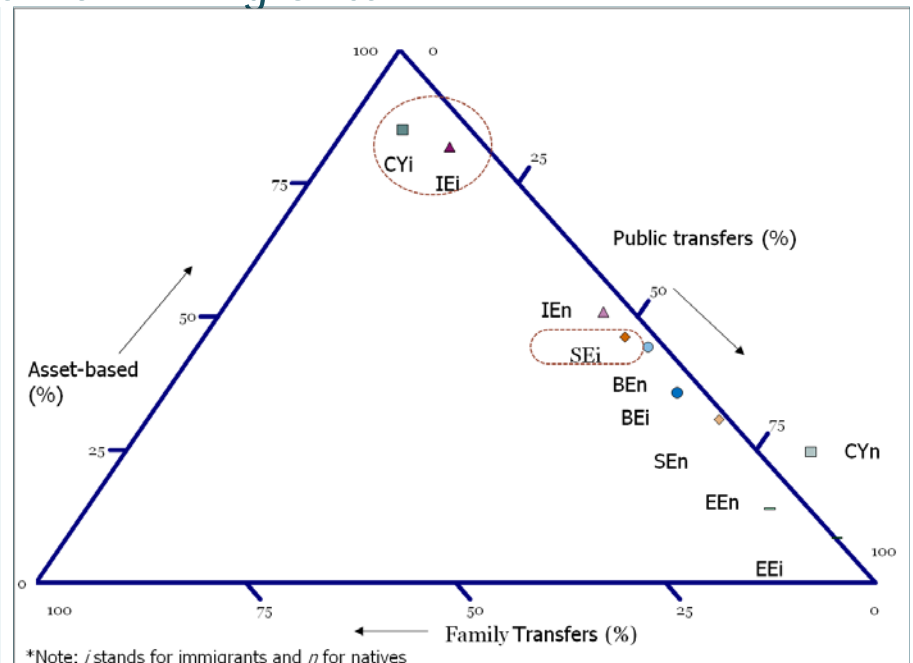


Figure 2. Life cycle deficit financing in old age (65+)

- ▶ Financing the LCD in the old age- immigrants rely more on asset based reallocations in few of the analysed countries- interesting result for further research