

VU Research Portal

Impacts of immigration and cultural diversity on innovation and economic growth

Ozgen, C.

2013

document version

Publisher's PDF, also known as Version of record

[Link to publication in VU Research Portal](#)

citation for published version (APA)

Ozgen, C. (2013). *Impacts of immigration and cultural diversity on innovation and economic growth*. [PhD-Thesis - Research and graduation internal, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam]. Tinbergen Institute.

General rights

Copyright and moral rights for the publications made accessible in the public portal are retained by the authors and/or other copyright owners and it is a condition of accessing publications that users recognise and abide by the legal requirements associated with these rights.

- Users may download and print one copy of any publication from the public portal for the purpose of private study or research.
- You may not further distribute the material or use it for any profit-making activity or commercial gain
- You may freely distribute the URL identifying the publication in the public portal

Take down policy

If you believe that this document breaches copyright please contact us providing details, and we will remove access to the work immediately and investigate your claim.

E-mail address:

vuresearchportal.ub@vu.nl

Abstract

Today, one out of every 33 people in the world is an immigrant. With the increasing scale and complexity of immigration, an important question is: what are the economic consequences of this massive mobility? This thesis focuses on consequences of international migration and the associated growing cultural diversity. The empirical findings of the thesis from national, regional and firm level analyses demonstrate that the demographic, human capital and cultural composition of immigration is more important than the size of the immigrant population for innovation and economic growth. Furthermore, immigrants can be beneficial both at the firm and the regional levels to facilitate international, interregional and within firms' knowledge spillovers and increasing productivity. The thesis shows that with their talent and unique combination of diverse backgrounds, immigrants increase the ability of firms to innovate products and services.