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# THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PRISM OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR WORKERS: RECOGNISED NEEDS, SLOW AND DIFFICULT IMPLEMENTATION



## ABSTRACT

Promoting peace, economic, social and cultural development and cooperation among South-East Asian States, ASEAN initially chose a minimalist integration path. Because of globalization, ASEAN headed to advanced integration. Workers' freedom of movement has been initiated but remains limited. Harmonisation of social and legislative rules will be necessary to broaden regional integration and allow the region to become a major global actor.

*KEY WORDS: ASEAN, Workers' freedom of movement, Mutual Recognition Arrangement, Regional Integration, Harmonisation.*

## RÉSUMÉ

Soutenant paix, développement économique, social et culturel et coopération entre États du Sud-Est asiatique, l'ASEAN a d'abord choisi une intégration a minima. Face au défi de la mondialisation, l'ASEAN s'oriente vers une intégration accrue. La nécessaire libre circulation des travailleurs s'organise mais reste restreinte. Une harmonisation des règles sociales et législatives s'avère essentielle pour renforcer l'intégration et peser dans la mondialisation.

*MOTS CLÉS: ASEAN, Libre circulation des travailleurs, Accord de reconnaissance mutuelle, Intégration régionale, Harmonisation.*