



# **National Report of Cyprus for the EMN Study on 'Immigration of International Students to the EU' 2012**

*Dr. Elmos Konis, European University Cyprus*



# The Challenge



**To Attract  
International  
Students**



**To Prevent Misuse  
of 'International  
Study' Route for  
Migration**

# **Actions to Attract International Students**

**1) National Policy and  
Action Plan 2010-2012**

**2) National Strategic Goal:  
To Become a 'High  
Specifications' Regional  
Educational Centre**

**Prevent Misuse of  
'International  
Study' Route for  
Migration**

# Specific Actions to Attract International Students

## Examples :

- (a) Cooperation with international institutions
- (b) International Fairs
- (c) Reinforcement of the DHTE
- (d) Creation of a 'Promotional Body'
- e) More English language curricula

Prevent Misuse of  
'International  
Study' Route for  
Migration

# Actions to Prevent Misuse of International Study Route to Migration



To Attract  
International  
Students

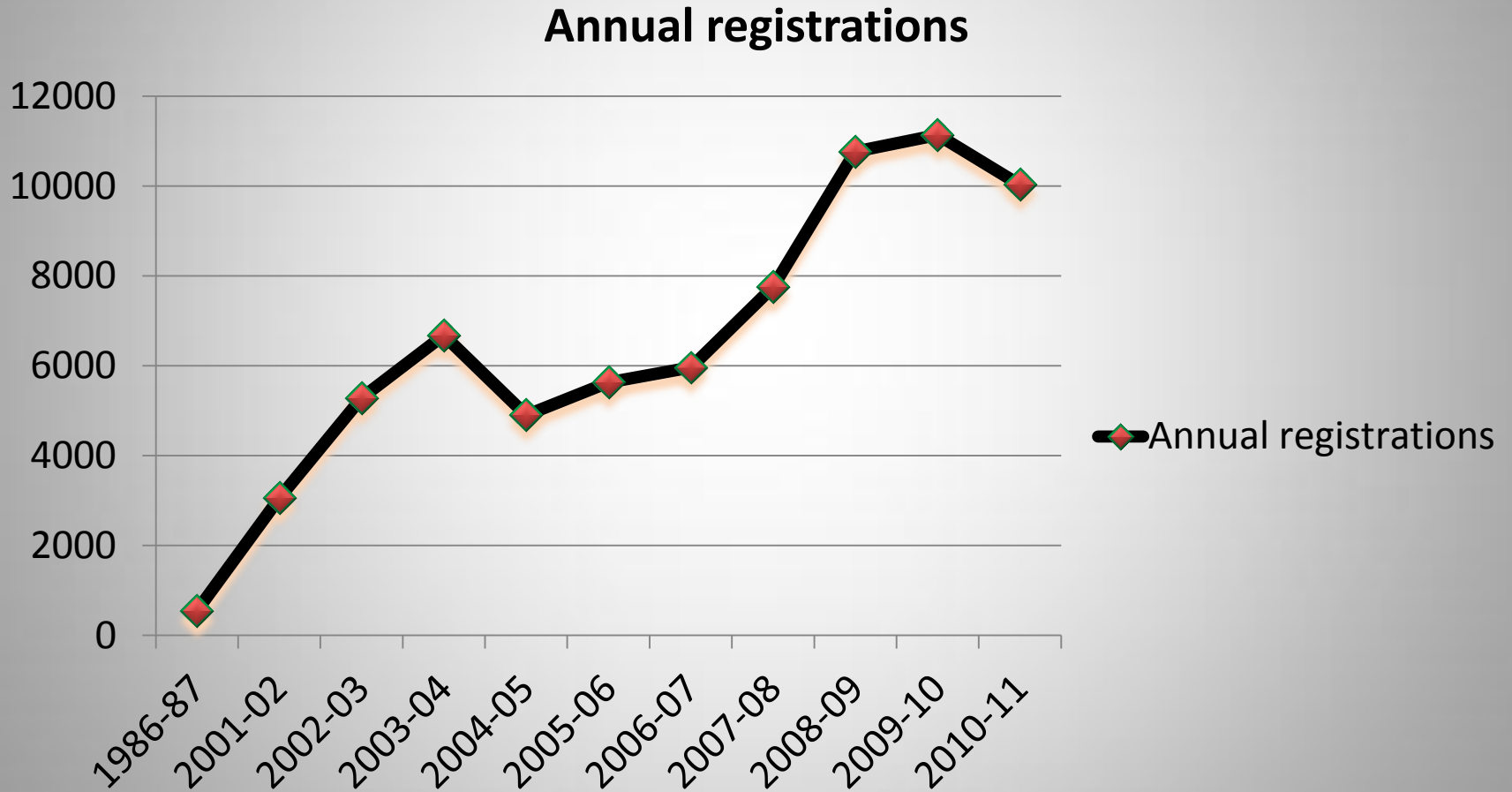


**1) More stringent entry & stay  
measures**

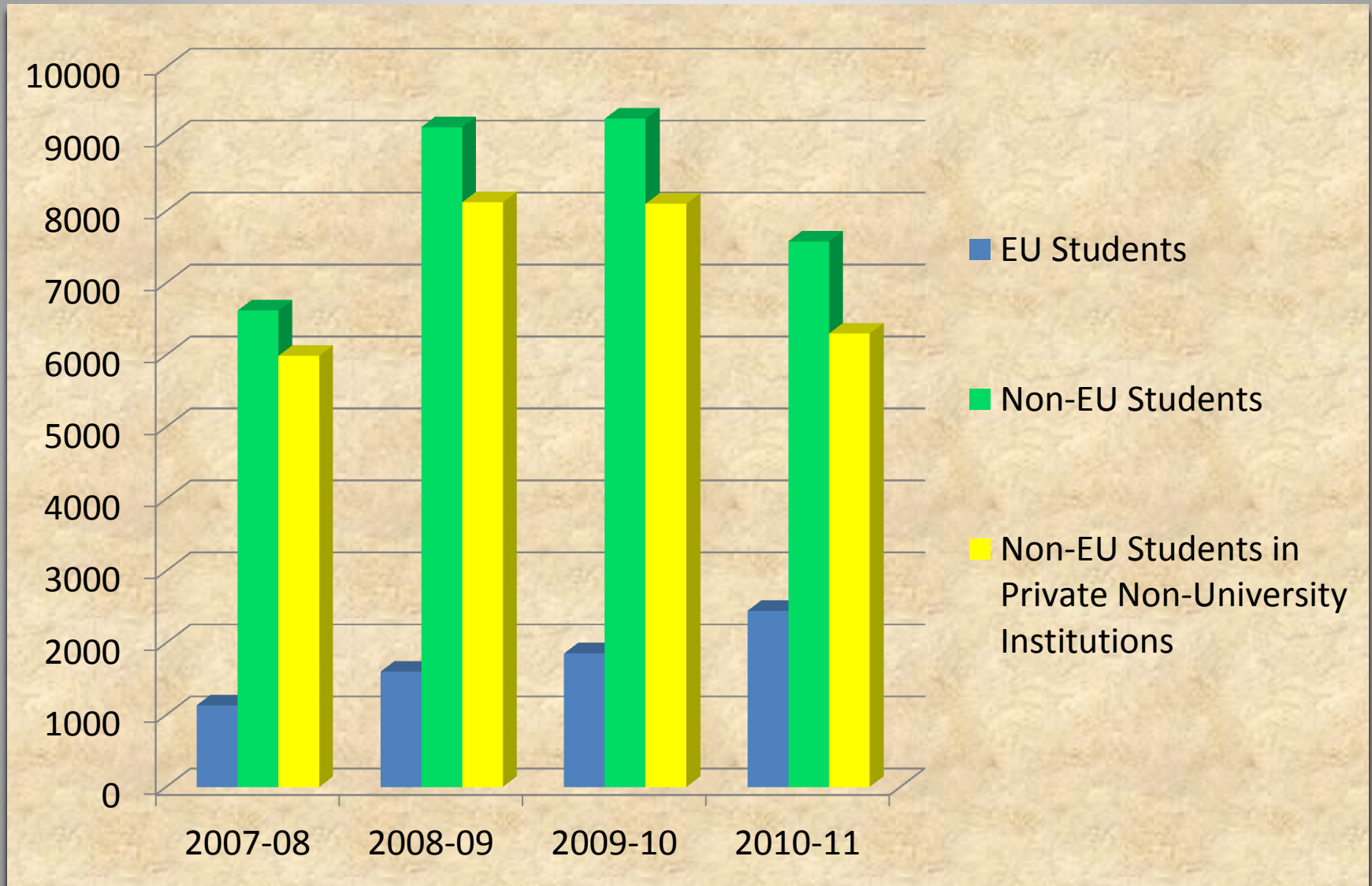
**Examples**

- (a) Personal interviews by DHTE and  
more controls at all stages**
- (b) Strict adherence to legislature and  
procedures**

# International Students in Cyprus



# Composition of International Students





# ***Top Five Sending Nations***

2009-2010	Number of Students in Private Non-University Institutions
Bangladesh	2,385
India	1,292
Pakistan	1,174
Nepal	844
China	799



# Conclusions & Recommendations

- The targeted 'balance'    
has yet to be achieved
- Better and more updated information
- Bilateral governmental agreements
- Less reliance on agents
- Specific & comprehensive national strategy with targets
- Creation of an overarching body

# European Commission Communication: COM(2011)743

“In essence, migration governance is not about ‘flows’, ‘stocks’ and ‘routes’, **it is about people**. In order to be relevant, effective and sustainable, policies must be designed to respond to the aspirations and problems of the people concerned.”