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Propositions accompanying the dissertation

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1. The EU should move away from the current sectorial approach to legal migration and return to the idea of a general framework directive on economic migration.
2. Policy-makers should depart from the promotion of circular migration at the EU level and instead encourage flexible labour migration policies, using the Blue Card Directive as a model.
3. Piloting temporary migration schemes and referring to them as “circular” does not lead to sustainable and workable rights-based policy solutions and requires a shift in policy thinking in this respect.
4. If Member States want to pursue circular migration policies, they need to start collecting data on migrants that are engaged in this type of migration and provide regular evaluations of the policies that are in place.
5. Establishment of a mechanism for regular monitoring and reporting to the European Commission could lead to better implementation and enforcement of the *acquis* at the national level.
6. Member States should proactively pursue the conclusion of bilateral agreements on social security and establish an accessible information policy for migrants that are engaged in circular migration, especially by using the possibilities that the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility offers.
7. National governments should establish family reunification policies that minimise family life disruption, such as allowing migrant workers to be joined temporarily by their family members as a measure which precedes the family reunification procedure.
8. The EU should facilitate recognition of qualifications for third-country nationals coming to work in regulated professions in the Member States.
9. Bulgaria and Poland should consider ratifying ILO Conventions Nos. 97 and 143 in order to establish policy measures ensuring an adequate level of protection for migrant workers.
10. BREXIT will be a textbook example for one of the biggest political mistakes in modern history.
11. Not all migrants want to go round in circles!