



## EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEW

### EU BORDER MISSION HOLDS A WINTER SCHOOL FOR UKRAINIAN AND MOLDOVAN STUDENTS

**LVIV, 7 FEBRUARY** – The EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) held a special management skills training for students from EUBAM's summer schools. The 18 Moldovan and Ukrainian students were selected as the highest performers and most committed participants of the EUBAM summer camp (2010 and 2011), summer school (2011), or of the ongoing joint study course in Odesa.

In Lviv, the six-day programme – the first time EUBAM has conducted such a winter school – saw students consider ideas such as leadership, conflict management, communication skills, management styles, decision making and problem solving, negotiation skills, meetings, motivation, and planning and organisation.

The initiative demonstrates EUBAM's increased engagement with civil society and its expanding programme of activities with academic institutions in both Moldova and Ukraine. The Mission has already signed six Joint Statements of Cooperation with universities in both countries, where EUBAM experts continue to deliver lectures on border-related issues.



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### EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORTS REFORMS OF UKRAINIAN LAW-ENFORCEMENT FORCES

**KYIV, 3 FEBRUARY** – The European Union is supporting to the Interior Troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine (ITU) with € 1.55 million to improve the efficiency of Ukrainian law-enforcement agencies in their efforts to protect and safeguard rights and freedoms of citizens.

The Twinning project "Contribution to improvement of the system of public order protection by the Interior Troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine" will assist structural reforms of the Ukrainian law-enforcement by introducing the best European and world practices, thus strengthening the Rule of Law in Ukraine.

The consortium, which implements the Twinning project, consists of France and Romania. The Twinning offers a diverse mix of EU expertise, both from a "new" EU Member State as well as the one with long established law-enforcement traditions.

The ceremony dedicated to the opening of the Twinning project held at the ITU Headquarters was attended by the Head of Operations of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, Ambassadors of France and Romania, as well as high-level officials of the Ministry of Interior of Ukraine.



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### UKRAINIAN CIVIL SERVICE TO BE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BEST EUROPEAN PRACTICES

**KYIV, 2 FEBRUARY** – The European Union provided assistance to the development of a professional, merit-based, politically neutral and sustainable civil service in Ukraine in accordance with best European practices.

The officials of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service (NAUCS), National Academy of Public Administration and EU experts gathered at the kick-off meeting at NAUCS to discuss the implementation of the EU-funded Twinning project "Support to Civil Service Development in Ukraine".

The 23-month project with a budget of €1.5 million will build the capacity of NAUCS to effectively steer the public administration and civil service reforms, as well as introduce effective public management practices to enhance human resources management in the civil service. The project will improve organisational and management capacity of NAUCS and quality of human resource management.



**For more information:** <http://twinning.com.ua/> and <http://nads.gov.ua/>



## UKRAINIAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS TRAINED ON ANALYST SOFTWARE USAGE

**ODESA, 2 FEBRUARY** – The EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) delivered a five-day training for 10 officers from the Anti-Smuggling, Risk Analysis and Anti-Corruption Department of the State Customs Service of Ukraine on usage of i2 Analyst software.

The software empowers government, law enforcement agencies and private sector businesses to investigate, predict, prevent and disrupt the world's most sophisticated criminal threats including cross-border economic crimes. These analytical tools deliver powerful visualisation and analysis capabilities coupled with advanced data access functionality – helping to spend less time managing and processing information, and more time on performing analysis. The i2's analysis solutions are the de facto standard for intelligence development and analysis in many countries.

The application of i2 Analyst software is currently being expanded to almost all the units of the Anti-Smuggling, Risk Analysis and Anti-Corruption Department in Ukraine. Two specialists from the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau of the Republic of Poland are assisting EUBAM in this endeavour.

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## SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CRIMEAN DISTRICTS IS DESIGNED WITH EU ASSISTANCE

**CRIMEA, 27 JANUARY** – The EU-funded project on support to the Regional Development Agency of Crimea (SRDA) contributes to the design of the Socio-economic Development Strategy for Chornomoske District of Crimea. The SRDA experts met with the officials of the Regional Development Agency (RDA) at the third meeting of Strategic Planning Committee at Chornomoske District State Administration.

Mustafa Sait-Ametov, Director of RDA Research and Strategic Planning Department described the process: "To determine a development vision of the local community and district, the experts held working meetings with community representatives of Kirovske, Krasnoyarske, Daleke, Mizhvodne, Okunivka and Chornomoske Village Councils".

Elena Kozlyuk, strategic planning and coordination expert of the SRDA Project: "We have chosen these villages on the basis of such criteria as population and access to sea. Two-hour meetings were conducted in each village with the representatives of village councils, entrepreneurs, and employees of social sphere, social activists and community organisations".

On the basis of the working meeting, the experts conducted SWOT analysis of Chornomoske District which will be used for elaboration of the Socio-economic Development Strategy for Chornomoske District.

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## EUROPEAN UNION STARTS NEW PROJECT TO SUPPORT REFORMS IN ENERGY SECTOR OF UKRAINE

**KYIV, 27 JANUARY** – The European Union provides support to the implementation of Ukraine's energy strategy in the area of energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy. A new EU-funded project that will strengthen the capacity of the State Agency for Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation (SAEEEC) to foster EU-Ukraine cooperation in the area of energy efficiency was launched with all EU and Ukrainian partners. The project will be implemented during 36 months with a budget of € 2.7 million.

The project will:

- strengthen the professional skills of SAEEEC senior management to develop and implement government policies in energy efficiency and renewable energy sources and the professional skills and functional knowledge of SAEEEC staff at large;
- provide assistance in the carrying out of SAEEEC's tasks, and training to enable the relevant staff of SAEEEC to confidently carry out these tasks;
- support to the implementation of the sector budget support programme in energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy.

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