



## EU SUPPORT TO UKRAINE ON THE EU-UKRAINE READMISSION AGREEMENT

**The EU strongly supports its Ukrainian partners in addressing common challenge of irregular migration. The EU has been providing support through a number of different projects and programmes including the "Capacity Building and Technical Support to Ukrainian authorities to Effectively Respond to Irregular Transit-Migration (ERIT)" project (see below).**

This project started in February 2009, and came at the pertinent time, nearly a year before the entry into force of Readmission Agreement (1 January 2010). When concluding the readmission agreement, the European Union agreed to help Ukraine in establishing necessary infrastructure and procedural standards for the proper implementation of the agreement.

The EU continues to place border management and migration at the heart of its co-operation with Ukraine. The EU has allocated EUR 35 million under its ENPI 2007 National Programme for Ukraine for improving infrastructure and procedures related to the accommodation and treatment of irregular migrants ("Readmission-related assistance").

The EU is also currently funding the IOM-implemented "Technical cooperation and capacity building of Ukrainian and Moldovan governments for implementation of readmission agreements with the European Union (GUMIRA)" project. This project includes training on legal, technical and administrative aspects of readmission, the development of a methodology for monitoring and evaluation of governmental bodies' activities in the field of readmission, and awareness-raising of civil servants on readmission-related matters.



## EU INVESTS IMPROVEMENT OF UKRAINIAN DETENTION CENTRES

**The European Union has recently invested EUR 140 000 for further improvement of two existing detention centres in Rozsudiiv (Chernihiv oblast) and Zhuravichi (Volyn oblast).**

In both centres modern perimeter security systems were installed. In addition, Rozsudiiv DC received power stabilizers to eliminate problems with electricity supply and to ensure optimal functioning of the provided security equipment. Zhuravichi DC received tourniquet system with registration cards for migrants, electronic door locking system, security window tapes and bars for dormitories. The perimeter protection system will prevent migrants from escapes while the internal system will ensure security of staff working in the centres and facilitates management of possible mass conflicts. The provided security systems conform to European standards and are essential for smoother running and higher safety of the detention centre. In addition to the technical support, the project provided full scale training program for the staff of both centres.



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## EU TWINNING PROJECT HOLDS ITS CLOSING EVENT

**On 18 February in Kiev the EU-funded Twinning project "Strengthening Activities of the National Accreditation Agency of Ukraine (NAAU)" presented its final results and held a press-conference.**

The project with budget EUR 1,4 million and duration of 27 months was one of the first Twinning projects launched by the European Commission in Ukraine to facilitate implementation of the ENP EU-Ukraine Action Plan. The aim of the project was to strengthen accreditation in Ukraine so that it would satisfy the requirements of the Action Plan concerning the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Industrial Products Acceptance (ACAA).

The main purpose of the project was building up the knowledge among the Ukrainian industry, vendors and national authorities about the importance of accreditation and conformity assessment requirements; to increase the competence and capacity of NAAU to assess the competence of laboratories, certification and inspection bodies, and by that fulfill European and international conformity assessments requirements.

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## EU PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN STANDARDS OF STATISTICS PRODUCTION

On 18 February the EU-funded Statistics Twinning Light Project was officially launched at a press conference providing assistance to the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine (SSCU) to harmonise the official statistics of Ukraine to the standards of the European Union. The event was attended by Laura Garagnani, Head of the Operations Section of the EU Delegation to Ukraine and Ambassador Michael Borg-Hansen of Denmark. The partner for the project will be Statistics Denmark, the national statistics institute of Denmark.



The Twinning project will focus on SSCU's compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice which sets standards for an independent, reliable statistics production and dissemination of high quality. The cooperation is aimed on strengthening the methods of compilation for macro economic and structural business indicators.

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## EU PROMOTES ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN SEVASTOPOL

On 19 February the EU-funded project "Increasing energy efficiency of Sevastopol municipality based on existing positive experience" was launched in Sevastopol. The event was attended by The Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine Ambassador José Manuel Pinto Teixeira.



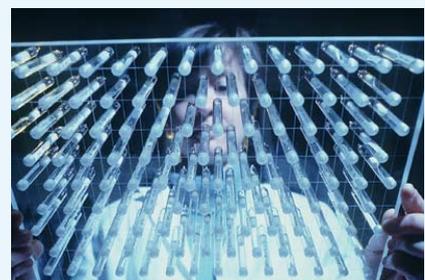
This project is part of the EU's Cooperation in Urban Development and Dialogue (CIUDAD) programme. The overall objective of CIUDAD is the promotion of mutual understanding, dialogue and cooperation between local actors in the EU and in partner countries of the ENPI region.

The project - running until May 2012 - will promote energy efficient technologies, encourage energy efficient behaviour in public institutions and in citizens' households, and develop investment projects in the field of energy efficiency.

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## EU SUPPORTS SCIENCE COOPERATION WITH UKRAINE

On February 24, the EU-funded project "Joint Support Office for Enhancing Ukraine's Integration into the European Research Area (JSO-ERA)" provided its First Conference "Science and Technology Cooperation between Ukraine and the European Union: current state of play, benefits and future prospects". The event was attended by senior representatives of the European Commission, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and National Academy of Science of Ukraine.



During the conference were presented and analysed several successful examples of S&T cooperation between the European Union's framework programmes and Ukraine's research communities. The presentations had also focused on potential opportunities and existing obstacles to enhanced S&T cooperation between Ukraine and the European Research Area (ERA).

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 26-27 FEBRUARY, INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISM, KYIV

International conference «New Ukrainian journalism: from challenges to best European practices. Issues of regulation and self-regulation» organised by the EU-CoE project on Promotion of European standards in the Ukrainian Media Environment.

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### 1-2 MARCH, HOTEL PREMIER PALACE, KYIV

Regional Seminar "University Governance in the Tempus Countries" organised by the European Commission's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in cooperation with EU Delegation to Ukraine, National Tempus Office in Ukraine and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

More information at: <http://tempus.org.ua/>

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### 3 MARCH, PRESIDENT HOTEL, KYIV

TAIEX Conference on Development of civil society in the rural and agricultural sectors of Ukraine.

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### 3 MARCH, INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, KYIV

Signature of Declaration of respect in support of human rights and equality of men and women within the framework of the "Stop violence" national campaign by the Ministry of Ukraine for Family, Youth and Sports, EU Delegation to Ukraine, UNDP, and the National Network of Men-leaders against Violence. The ceremony will be opened by Minister for Family, Youth and Sports Yuri Pavlenko and Head of Delegation, Ambassador José Manuel Pinto Teixeira.

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### 10 MARCH – APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR CALL FOR PROPOSALS ON CIVIL SERVANTS' IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The EU-funded Twinning project on Support to the development and improvement of the civil servants training system in Ukraine announced a call for participation in the comprehensive train-the-trainers programme in the field of civil servants' in-service training. This activity aims at enhancing the training capacity of the National Academy of Public Administration, the Regional Institutes of Public Administration and other civil servants training institutions. Full text of announcement and application form available at <http://napa-portal.academy.gov.ua:8101/international/twinning/default.aspx>

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