

Presentation of the new Twinning project was held at the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population



The new Twinning project "Support to the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the development of a system for medico-social rehabilitation of people with disabilities" to be implemented within the framework of EU's European Neighbourhood Policy was held at the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, on May 2.

The Minister of labour and social protection of population of the Republic of Azerbaijan Salim Muslumov, the Head of the European Union Delegation to Azerbaijan Malena Mard, the Ambassador of the Republic of France to Azerbaijan Pascal Meunier, and the deputy Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Wolfgang Mössinger, international experts and others attended the event.

S.Muslumov brought to the attention that, relations are constantly developed between our country and the European Union (EU) as one of the achievements of successful foreign policy course of the President of Azerbaijan Mr. Ilham Aliyev. The minister stated that, EU's TACIS projects have begun to be implemented in Azerbaijan from the first years of its independence. These projects gave their contribution to the improvement of the social protection system, provision technical assistance to state agencies and other areas in republic: "Since 2004, the Twinning and TAIEX programs are more preferred of the projects carried out within the framework of the EU's European Neighbourhood Policy.

The Twinning project implemented prior served increasing the capacity of opportunities of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population in the field of actuarial calculations, analysis of information, forecasting, monitoring, evaluation, social budgeting and the strategic planning. The purpose of the new Twinning project presented today is to improve the legislation related to persons with disabilities in Azerbaijan based on the experience of advanced European countries, development of medical and social rehabilitation

of the country". The strategy on the development of medical and social rehabilitation system and Master Plan, individual support plans and programs for persons with disabilities, mechanisms for their application will be prepared in the framework of the project covering the years 2014-2016. The professional knowledge and skills of staff working in the areas of social protection, medico-social expertise and rehabilitation of the disabled will be increased. At the same time, monitoring of medical and social rehabilitation system, reporting system will be revised and proposals will be prepared to adapt to the European standards. The project will be implemented on the basis of mutual cooperation with relevant government agencies of France and Germany, the members of EU in these issues. Experts from these countries are already participating in the new legislative projects prepared for people with disabilities".

Speaking about the development of cooperation between Azerbaijan and EU, the head of the European Union Delegation to Azerbaijan Malena Mard emphasized that, the new Twinning project is aimed at providing support for the reforms carried out in Azerbaijan. Expressing their satisfaction with the cooperation between their countries and Azerbaijan in the field of social protection within the project, Ambassador of the Republic of France to Azerbaijan Pascal Meunier, deputy ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Wolfgang Mössinger stated that, the respective efforts will be provided for expansion of this cooperation.

The head of the department of social protection policy of disabled of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population Vugar Hasanov presented information about the reforms carried out in the system of social protection of people with disabilities in Azerbaijan and works to be done on the Twinning project. The Project Leader Michelle Villac and the Resident Twinning advisor Christian Moutier made a presentation on the main components of the Twinning project. The opportunities arising from the twinning project in the field of adaptation of mechanism of action related to persons with disabilities to the progressive international practice and future directions of the project were discussed in the event.