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Welcome to the EU Newsletter. This Newsletter will keep you abreast of all important developments in the EU and its relations with Kazakhstan.

The project "ACCESS" on EU-Kazakhstan cooperation in Clean Coal and CO₂ Storage Solutions is building capacity through trainings and case studies

From 1st until 3rd of November 2011 a 3-day training session was hosted in the CA Regional Environmental Center in Almaty in the framework of the EU funded project "ACCESS" (Assistance in Clean Coal and Environmentally Sound Storage Solutions). The training session is part of the capacity building mission of the project and is specifically designed for industrialists, representatives of government entities, scientists and other beneficiaries. [Press-release](#)

Training of PPP Trainers course developed and delivered by the EU PPP project

Training of PPP Trainers course commences today in Astana. During the next two weeks, the participants will work on the development of their capacity to disseminate the PPP methodology and best practices across the regions of Kazakhstan. Among selected participants are officials of PPP Centers (national and regional) as well as civil servants from Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Healthcare, and the Agency of Urban Utilities. [Press-release](#)

Training of NGOs on rehabilitation of torture victims as part of the project funded by the EU and the British embassy in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

A three-day training on rehabilitation of torture victims for the staff of public organizations of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan was held from 31 October to 2 November in the *Kazzhol* Hotel in Almaty. The main goal of this training is to teach participants (medical doctors, psychologists, social workers) the methodology for complex rehabilitation of torture victims and build successful rehabilitation centers for further application of the existing knowledge and experience in their own countries. [Press-release](#)

Euro area unemployment rate at 10.2% EU27 at 9.7%

The **euro area** (EA17) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 10.2% in September 2011, compared with 10.1% in August⁴. It was 10.1% in September 2010. The **EU27** unemployment rate was 9.7% in September 2011, compared with 9.6% in August⁴. It was 9.6% in September 2010.

Eurostat estimates that 23.264 million men and women in the **EU27**, of whom 16.198 million were in the **euro area**, were unemployed in September 2011. Compared with August 2011, the number of persons unemployed increased by 174 000 in the **EU27** and by 188 000 in the **euro area**. Compared with September 2010, unemployment rose by 215 000 in the **EU27** and by 329 000 in the **euro area**.

These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. [Press-release](#)

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