



## EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

### EU FUNDED PROJECT SUPPORTS THE ORGANISATION OF ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT TRAINING FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN FROM RURAL AREAS

During 13-24 December 2010, twenty young people and women from Cahul region participated at the economic empowerment training organized within the PNAET program, implemented by the Organisation for the Development of SME and International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Moldova in the framework of the ENPI EU funded project "Supporting the implementation of migration and development component of the Mobility Partnership UE-Moldova".

It was the first out of twenty trainings targeting youth and women from rural areas, with an added value of including participants from socially vulnerable families that are to take place throughout the year 2011 covering the whole territory of the RM.



Although young, but already much life experienced, the participants eagerly developed and presented their business plans to be put into practice in order to support their families. The plans showed a wide variety of activities, including opening a hairdresser's salon, cooking and selling bakery in schools and kindergartens, growing strawberries and breeding animals. The approved business plans will receive an in-kind grant of up to €2000, whereas their implementation will be monitored alongside with provision of further consultancy assistance.

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### REPRESENTATIVES OF EU BORDER ASSISTANCE MISSION CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS WITH CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE IN RAZDELNAYA, ODESSA REGION

On 24th December, 2010 the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) experts from Field Office Kuchurgan visited the "Warm House" orphanage for children from disadvantaged families and school № 1 in Razdelnaya, Odessa region.

They brought gifts and told children about the Christmas traditions in Europe. Also all throughout the Christmas day all children met by the EUBAM patrol in the streets of Razdelnaya were given with gifts and souvenirs.

"Back home we usually celebrate Christmas with our families and friends, – says Iwona Nurek, the EUBAM expert from Poland, Deputy Chief of Field Office Kuchurgan. Today, since we are away from our families, we wanted to share the joy of Christmas with children of Razdelnaya, the town where we live and work".



The EU Border Assistance Mission has established good long-lasting relationship with a number of schools located in the EUBAM's area of responsibility. Since 2007 the EU Mission's experts regularly visit schools, where they tell children about the work of the EUBAM, the European Union and the traditions of their home countries. Last year to celebrate the International Children's Day, the EUBAM's Field Office in Kuchurgan together with pupils from four schools in Razdelnaya planted 60 trees in the school park.

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT ORGANISES A ROUND TABLE "SOCIAL DIALOGUE IN MOLDOVA"

On 12th January 2011, the EU-funded project „Strengthening Moldova’s capacity to manage labour and return migration” organised a round table with the topic „Social Dialogue in Moldova”. There were representatives of the National Confederation of Patronate, National Confederation of Trade Unions, National Employment Agency and Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection participated.

The seminar was led by two international experts, Irina Bontch-Osmolovskaia Norstrom and Goran Trogen, involved in a know-how experience in developing the social dialogue on labour market. Both experts have been working in Ukraine within the EU funded project aimed at establishing and developing the social dialogue in Ukraine within 6 years.

During the year 2011 there will be organized four workshops which will aim to share the experience of Sweden and Ukraine in terms of social dialogue; to establish the base for the collective bargain; to present the principles of forming the wages and other related issues.

There will be representatives of trade unions and patronates at national and regional invited as well as representatives of ministries involved in the social dialogue.

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## BORDER GUARD SERVICE RECEIVES EQUIPMENT TO STRENGTHEN OPERATIONAL CAPACITY WITH THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

On 18th January 2011 a ceremony of hand-over of the Docu center “Mobile-DOC Colour Projectina” took place at the HQ of Border Guard Service. The event was held in framework of the “Strengthening Capacities and Cooperation in the Identification of Forged and Falsified Travel Documents at the Moldova-Romania Border”, finances by the European Commission under the Thematic Call and implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development.

The total value of the equipment is €100.000, which has been previously in use by the project partner Dutch Royal Marechaussee. The ceremony was opened by the Head of the European Union Delegation to Moldova, Ambassador Dirk Schuebel. The Dutch project partners, who handed over the equipment, were represented by the Dutch Royal Marechaussee, Consulate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Moldova, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Ukraine. The ceremony was attended by the representatives of EUBAM, the Romanian and Czech Embassies to Moldova, as well as Moldovan project partners, such as the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Informational Technologies and Communication, and of course the delegation of the Border Guard Service.

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS A WORKSHOP FOR EVALUATION AND FEEDBACK ON THE PILOT PHASE ON TRAINING ON DOCUMENT SECURITY

**On 18-20 January 2011 a workshop for evaluation and feedback on the pilot phase on training on document security took place in the framework of the project "Strengthening Capacities and Cooperation in the Identification of Forged and Falsified Travel Documents at the Moldova-Romania Border", funded by the European Commission.**

The workshop convened working group, consisting of representatives from the Border Guard Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Informational Technologies and Communication and international experts from the Netherlands and Romania. The trainees discussed overall evaluation of the project module for training on document security and in particular, the results of the pilot phase of training on document security.



The Moldovan institutions were encouraged to present their critical evaluation of the module, together with further sustainability and utilization of the project results. This presentation followed by recommendations from the side of international experts and common discussion. The training manual on document security, which was fine-tuned and finalised during this last workshop, will be produced by the end of project in March 2011.

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## THE EUROPEAN UNION DONATES MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO PERINATAL CENTRES FROM TIRASPOL AND BENDER

**On 21st January 2011, the perinatal centres from Tiraspol and Bender are now endowed with specialised equipment required to ensure quality health care for pregnant women and newborns from Transnistrian region. The equipment was donated by the project "Support to Confidence Building Measures", funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme.**

The total cost of the equipment donated by project is about € 468.000. The list of donated equipment was developed by an international expert in cooperation with local specialists as result of an assessment visit to Moldova. The devices will be used by the perinatal centres to maintain vital functions, monitoring, and emergency testing of severe cases.



The Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Moldova, Ambassador Dirk Schuebel, said: "I would like to welcome the involvement of the perinatal centre teams as well as the good cooperation of the Transnistrian authorities in the project. The EU, indeed, plans to launch new projects, in particular in the social, business and environmental fields."

To ensure the efficient use of the equipment, the reanimation sections of the perinatal centres were repaired with financial means from the local budget. In spring 2010, a memorandum of cooperation between the specialists in perinatology from Chisinau and Tiraspol was signed in the framework of the project. As a result, the Association of Perinatal Health trained 260 neonatologists, pediatricians, nurses and obstetricians from the region, offering computers and presentation equipment.

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## EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 24-28 JANUARY, CHISINAU

The EU-funded project "Strengthening Moldova's capacity to manage labour and return migration" organizes a follow-up training for the employees.

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### 25 JANUARY, CHISINAU

EUBAM Mission signs the Cooperation Agreement with the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (AESM).

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### 26 JANUARY, CHISINAU

A new version of the Code of Ethics for Journalists is elaborated in accordance with the Council of Europe standards.

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### 27 TO 28 JANUARY, CHISINAU

Expert Mission on Country of origin information in Refugee's status determination procedure.

### 28 JANUARY, LEUSENI

Regional Protection Programme Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (Moldova component) organizes the Protection Monitoring at Leuseni Border Crossing Point.

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### 1 FEBRUARY, CHISINAU AIRPORT, R. MOLDOVA

Regional Protection Programme Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine (Moldova component) organizes Protection Monitoring at the Chisinau Airport.

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