



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EU FUNDED PROJECT ORGANIZES ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR THE STAFF OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF MAGISTRATES

During 8 February – 8 July 2011, the Democracy Support Programme is organizing English language courses for the members and employees of the Superior Council of Magistrates.

The aim of this activity is to provide the staff and members of the Council with the opportunity to develop their professional capabilities, to establish and maintain international contacts on their own as well as to have independent access to information.

According to the study plan, 13 members and employees of the Superior Council of Magistrates will benefit from 44 classes (88 hours of tuition), structured in two modules (levels of studies).

The classes are held twice a week, with duration of 2 hours per class.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS TRAINED TO DELIVER COURSES IN PREPARATION FOR EURO 2012

From 8–11 February 2011 in Khmelnytsky, the European Union Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) training officer has facilitated training for 30 English instructors within the framework of preparations for the European Football Championship in 2012.

The event was organised by the Faculty of Foreign Languages at the National Academy of State Border Guard Service of Ukraine. During the event the instructors, all graduates of the Faculty, were trained in foreign language training techniques and practical delivery of classes.

The target group of trainees consisted of inspectors working on strategy for EURO 2012 border crossing points (BCPs), who have little or no knowledge of English. The courses will start in April 2011 and finish in May 2012.

From the feedback gathered on completion of the 'training the trainers' course, it was evident that participants appreciated the quality and organisation of the training, which was conducted in spirit of friendship. They feel that they are now well prepared to deliver English-language classes.

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COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON DOCUMENT SECURITY

On 17th February 2011 in Chisinau the Signing Ceremony of the Agreement on Inter-Agency Information Exchange on Document Security took place between the Border Guard Service, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Informational Technologies and Communication and the Ministry of Justice of Moldova.

The Ceremony 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", financed by the European Commission and implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development.



This Agreement foresees the creation of an effective information exchange system among four departments in order to track down false and falsified documents, prevent and suppress trans border crimes and illegal migration.

The representative of the European Union Delegation in the Republic of Moldova Dirk Lorenz has indicated that this agreement is an important step in the visa-liberalization process for the country. The Ceremony was also attended by the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Lurie Cheptanaru, the Director of the National Center of Forensic Expertise of the Ministry of Justice Gheoghe Cretu, the Head of the Border Guard Service Apparatus Rosian Vasiloii.

The concept of the information exchange was elaborated by the Working Group on information exchange consisting of the representatives of the signatory ministries and EU experts. During the final workshop the representatives made a critical module evaluation and further sustainability and utilization of the overall project results achieved.

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MOLDOVAN AND UKRAINIAN YOUTH RECEIVE TRAINING IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION

On 21st February 2011, the international Winter School 'Youth against Corruption', an initiative organised jointly by the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM), the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine (UASBGS) and the Centre for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption of the Republic of Moldova (CCECC) was launched in Odessa.

The week-long training programme will include tutoring for 26 students from Ukraine and Moldova on corruption and methods to mitigate the phenomenon.



The students were warmly welcomed by the Head of EUBAM, Udo Burkholder, representative of Odessa State Regional Administration, the Head of the Internal Security Department of UASBGS, Yuriy Oblaukhov, and the Vice-Director of CCECC, George Russu.

Outlining the goals of the Winter School, Udo Burkholder said: "By bringing students from different countries and universities together to learn, to discuss common issues and to share different opinions EUBAM wants to facilitate cooperation between academic communities and to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms such as freedom of speech and an open society".

Young people will study the methods of preventing and fighting corruption in European Union law-enforcement agencies, the role of opinion polls in measuring the level of corruption, and the role of mass media in mitigating corruption. Anti-corruption experts from the UASBGS and Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, CCECC and EUBAM will present real cases to students.

Participants will also learn about the role of 'ethics codes' in preventing corruption in public institutions and take part in a round-table debate.

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MIGRATION AND HEALTH

On 21–24 February 2011, the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy hosted the workshop “Managing the impact of migration on the health system of the Republic of Moldova”.

The opening event of 22 February was attended by Ambassador Dirk Schuebel, Head of the EU Delegation, Mr. Berthold Johannes, German Ambassador, Mr. Mihai Moldovanu, Deputy Prime-Minister, Mr. Jarno Habicht, WHO Representative, and Mr. Viorel Soltan, Deputy Minister of Health.



The workshop was launched under the European Union – United Nations Joint Migration & Development Initiative, which represents one of the largest programmes linking migration and development globally. Additionally, it is an innovative attempt to complement the international policy debate with a “bottom-up” approach that supports small-scale actors to undertake concrete actions.

For these purposes, the European Commission provided EUR 10.0 million to support over fifty migration & development projects. Altogether, 135 organizations benefit from the programme’s funds in 16 target countries (Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Cape Verde, Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Senegal, Ethiopia, Ecuador, Jamaica, Georgia, Moldova, Sri Lanka, and Philippines) and 13 EU Member States.

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CONFIDENCE BUILDING BETWEEN CHISINAU AND TIRASPOL

On February 24th 2011, two round tables were held on “EU Market Access” in the framework of the programme Confidence Building between Chisinau and Tiraspol, which gathered representatives of the Ministry of Economy, experts from the EU and businessmen from Moldova, including from Transnistria.



As a second step of this project, a study visit will take place in Slovakia and Hungary from February 27th to March 7th and will include 25 representatives from Moldovan SMEs (including from Transnistria). The study visit will focus on tourism promotion and foster experience sharing between EU local entrepreneurs and their Moldovan counterparts.

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Basic training “All reporting is local!” for the network of local and regional TV correspondents of the public broadcaster “Teleradio Moldova”.

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