



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

A ROUND TABLE "THE INTEGRATION OF PEOPLE WITH A FORM OF PROTECTION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA" TOOK PLACE

On 17 February 2011, a round table on „The Integration of People with a Form of Protection in the Republic of Moldova, Best Practices and Gaps” was organised by the EU-funded project “Enhancing the Asylum Conditions and International Protection in the Republic of Moldova”.

The local integration of refugees and beneficiaries of humanitarian protection is an important step in the implementation of the project. Thus, during the round table the following subjects were approached: International standards in refugees’ integration; pre-requisites for the refugees’ integration; social problems and guarantees; refugees’ health as a necessary factor for the integration into society; experience of local public authorities in the context of refugees’ integration.



The Round Table was attended by representatives of the government sector, NGOs and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Moldova, who discussed the existing problems from different aspects and identified solutions for each separate component.

Contact person: Roman Leahu, e-mail: aneas@mtc.md

EUBAM AND PARTNERS TAKE STOCK OF PROGRESS AS FOURTH TRI-LATERAL MEETING

On 23rd February 2011, at the fourth Tri-Lateral meeting of the European Union Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) to Moldova and Ukraine and the security services of both countries, held in Odessa, the Head of EUBAM Udo Burkholder paid tribute to the joint efforts of all parties to tackle cross-border crime.

The chairman of the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU), Valeriy Khoroshkovskiy, and director of the Information and Security Service of the Republic of Moldova (MDISS), Major General Gheorghe Mihai, joined Burkholder in commending the “remarkable progress” achieved in critical areas of cooperation such as information exchange, joint intelligence-led investigations and joint border control operations, since December 2006.



As evidence of the intensified cooperation between EUBAM and both security services, the parties highlighted the efforts of the two ‘working groups’, one to address illegal migration and THB, and the second to address illicit smuggling activities. These working groups, coordinated by EUBAM, provide the security services a mechanism through which they exchange information.

Khoroshkovskiy noted that the meeting proved the law enforcement agencies of Ukraine, Moldova and European Union have common priorities, aimed at strengthening security on national, regional and European levels.

Contact person: Maryna Reshetnyak, e-mail: press@eubam.org



SENIOR MEMBER OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO EUBAM HQ

On 22nd February 2011, senior management at the European Union Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) headquarters was delighted to host the visit of a leading figure of the European Parliament in Odessa.

The Head of EUBAM, Udo Burkholder, greeted Dr Swoboda, the Austrian vice-chairman of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament – and member of the Social Democratic Party of Austria, and presented an informal ‘progress report’ on behalf of the Mission.

Items discussed included EUBAM achievements, works in progress, and projects for delivery over the coming months. In response, Dr Swoboda expressed praise on EUBAM and its contribution to border security on the Moldova-Ukraine common border over the past five years.

Contact person: Maryna Reshetnyak, e-mail: press@eubam.org



EUBAM HANDS OVER STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT FOR EDISON TD SYSTEM TO MOLDOVAN BORDER GUARD SERVICE (MDBGS)

On 23rd February 2011, the European Union Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) donated two special computers for the Edison TD system – a travel-document database system – to the Moldovan Border Guard Service (MDBGS).

The handover ceremony took place on the MDBGS headquarters during a meeting dedicated to the implementation of the Integrated Border Management (IBM) strategy in Moldova.

The equipment will enable Moldovan border guards to better access the Edison TD electronic library. This Edison TD was provided through the ‘Strengthening Capacities and Cooperation in the Identification of Forged and Falsified Travel Documents at the Moldova-Romania Border’ project of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

One computer will be used by the border guards for the Edison TD databases, and the second one at Chisinau Airport. The equipment will significantly improve the fight against illegal migration and other cross-border crime by facilitating improved detection of forged and falsified travel documents.

Contact person: Maryna Reshetnyak, e-mail: press@eubam.org





EU PROJECT SUPPORTS DISTRIBUTION OF IOM'S PASSPORT EXAMINATION PROCEDURE MANUALS

On 25th of February 2011 over one hundred fifty of IOM's Passport Examination Procedure Manuals (the Manual) were provided to the Border Guard Service of the Republic of Moldova for distribution to the main border crossing points of Moldova with the neighboring Romania and Ukraine.

The distribution was supported by the EU-funded project "Technical cooperation and capacity building for the governments of Ukraine and Moldova for the implementation of readmission agreements with the European Union" (GUMIRA), and implemented by the International Organization for Migration mission to Moldova (IOM).

An introductory lecture on the Manual's content was given by the Border Guard Service' major, Mr. G. Mogurean, guiding the students through the main eight steps of the examination procedure, aligned according to the letters of the acronym "F.A.L.S.E.D.O.C.". At each step of the procedure, the manual anticipates the most relevant questions and provides generic answers and guidance. Moreover, it gives recommendations on the use of basic examination equipment including magnifiers, ultra-violet lamps, retro-reflective viewers etc.

The Manual aims at providing border guard officials and other migration management agencies with clear guidance on how to improve the screening and examination of identity documents along with the methods of identification of false and fraudulent documents.

Contact person: Simion Terzioglo, e-mail: sterzioglo@iom.int



EU PROJECT SUPPORTS OPENING OF THE ONE STOP-SHOP IN THE BUREAU OF MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

On 25th of February 2011, a combined facility for documenting foreigners – One Stop Shop opened its doors at the Bureau of Migration and Asylum. The new facility is designed to facilitate the documenting of foreigners coming to Moldova for work, studies, family reunification etc.

Creation of the One Stop Shop according to the established European standards was possible due to the support provided in the framework of the EU-funded project "Technical cooperation and capacity building for the Governments of Ukraine and Moldova for the implementation of readmission agreements with the European Union" (GUMIRA).

The project implemented by the International Organization for Migration mission to Moldova (IOM) has provided furniture for the premises, five working stations, the access control system, a multifunction biometric data capture device and other necessary equipment with the total value of € 22 000.

The launching event was welcomed by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. Alexei ROIBU, who stressed the importance of the One Stop Shop facility opening in bringing Moldova closer to the European Union's standards. The new facility will simplify documentation procedure, decrease bureaucratic barriers and improve quality of services provided to the foreigners in Moldova.

Contact person: Simion Terzioglo, e-mail: sterzioglo@iom.int





CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES BETWEEN CHISINAU AND TIRASPOL

A study visit for business managers in the tourist/hotel/service industry from Moldova and the Transnistrian region to the Slovak Republic and Hungary has been organized from February 28th to March 7th, 2011.

The Support to Confidence Building Measures (SCBM) Project, financed by EU and implemented by UNDP contributes to improving the communication and cooperation of the business communities in Moldova and Transnistria and to starting joint projects, including targeting EU markets.

The key objective is to boost the development of business services and business support providers through upgrading their knowledge and stimulation of international cooperation, while building confidence and partnerships between entrepreneurs from both banks of the Nistru river, as well as from the European Union.

Contact person: Victor Munteanu, Hubert Duhot,
e-mail: victor.munteanu@undp.org; Hubert.DUHOT@eeas.europa.eu



OFFICIAL WRAP-UP MEETING OF THE PROJECT "ENHANCING THE ASYLUM CONDITIONS AND INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA"

On 3rd March 2011, the Public Association „Salvați Copiii” Moldova (SCM) organises a closing ceremony for the Project “Enhancing the Asylum Conditions and International Protection in the Republic of Moldova”, within the European Commission AENEAS Programme.

The project, with a budget of € 625 000, was implemented during 2008-2011 in compliance with the existing legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

In accordance with the mentioned overall objective, the project implemented the following specific objectives:

1. Access of asylum seekers to appropriate services of medical assistance and examination;
2. Provide real possibilities for recognised refugees and for beneficiaries of the humanitarian protection in order to integrate into the Moldovan society;
3. Access for asylum seekers and refugees to services of social assistance improvement, provided by the state and non-governmental providers;
4. Reduce xenophobic tendencies in favour of increased protection and the understanding of refugees' protection by the general public.

The implementation of the abovementioned activities was justified by problems faced by asylum seekers and refugees in the Republic of Moldova.

The event was attended by the invited representatives of the government sector.

Contact person: Roman Leahu, e-mail: aneas@mtc.md





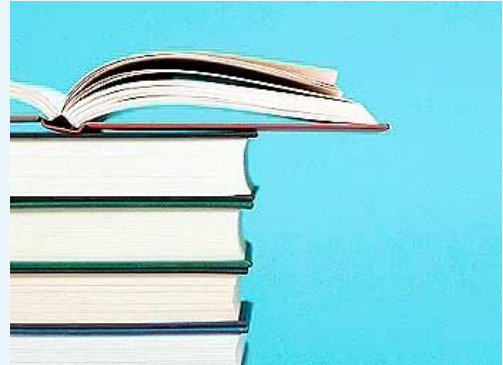
MOLDOVAN PARLIAMENT ENROLLS INTO ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES ORGANISED BY EU-FUNDED DEMOCRACY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

English language courses for the Moldovan Parliament have been continuing in February 2011 with the 3rd training module provided under the Joint Programme Component 6.

In 2010 it was mostly staff of the Secretariat who gained from this type of assistance. However, after the new legislature resumed activities in January, about 20 Members of the Parliament from different factions enlisted, including two Chairs of standing committees and one Deputy Speaker of the Parliament.

Thus, the number of project beneficiaries for this activity totaled 62 students. Six high-level officials will benefit from individual, custom-tailored classes.

Contact person: Ulvi Akhundlu, e-mail: Ulvi.AKHUNDLU@coe.int



EU-FUNDED PROGRAMME STRENGTHENS PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY OF REGIONAL TV CORRESPONDENTS

During 7-11 March 2011, the local and regional TV correspondents of the public broadcaster "Teleradio Moldova" (TRM) have learned the modern know-how and tools for reporting on interesting and significant issues and developments in their home regions during a seminar, organised in the framework of the Joint Programme between the European Union and the Council of Europe entitled "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova".

The participants learned how to prepare reports, interviews and other journalistic formats for a national audience in a professional, balanced and entertaining way. The solutions for challenges in dealing with local elites, with higher ranking officials or businesspersons visiting their communities or with common locals in peril situations were also covered by the training programme.

The same group of journalists will continue to improve their skills in covering objectively and professional the local social and political events during an advanced training in the period 21-25 March 2011, organised in the framework of the "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova".

Contact person: Ulvi Akhundlu, e-mail: Ulvi.AKHUNDLU@coe.int





EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

(end March– beginning April 2011)

14–18 MARCH 2011, CHISINAU

Expert Mission on beekeeping (TAIEX).

E-mail: Delegation-Moldova@ec.europa.eu

21 MARCH 2011, CHISINAU

Signing of financing agreement with the Apa Canal Nisporeni within EU Funded Sector Policy Support Programme (SPSP) in the Water Sector.

E-mail: Delegation-Moldova@ec.europa.eu

25–26 MARCH 2011, ODESSA

"A Conference on Trade and Economic Relations between Moldova and the Transnitrian region: Problems and Perspectives is organized in the framework of the EU-funded program: Building Confidence between Chisinau and Tiraspol

Contact Persons: Vladislav Kulminski , Hubert Duhot

e-mail: vladislav.kulminski@undp.org; hubert.duhot@eeas.europa.eu

4–7 APRIL 2011

Expert mission on number portability (TAIEX)

E-mail: Delegation-Moldova@ec.europa.eu

END OF APRIL 2011, CHISINAU,

Official launch of the Moldova Energy Efficiency and Biomass project

Contact person: Nadja Vettters, e-mail: nadja.vettters@undp.org