



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EU FUNDED PROGRAMME TRAINES JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR PREVENTION OF TORTURE

There were 3 training seminars on international standards for combating ill-treatment and impunity organised as part of the Democracy Support Programme on 10, 17 and 24 March 2011.

Some 70 judges and prosecutors benefited from participation in the training. Participants were familiarised with the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) and its case-law, as well as the Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) standards and the working methods of the CPT when carrying out country visits.

As a result, judges and prosecutors are now equipped with knowledge and able to apply the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and CPT standards for combating ill-treatment and impunity in their daily work. Some 20 cascade training seminars for judges and prosecutors will be delivered on this topic in the period of March – May 2011.

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EUROPEAN UNION BORDER ASSISTANCE MISSION TO MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE LAUNCHES "MY EUROPE" – DRAWING COMPETITION

On 11th March 2011, in the framework of the annual Europe Day celebrations, EUBAM mission is pleased to launch 'My Europe' drawing competition for children from Odessa or Odessa region aged between 8 and 16 years.

All artworks should be developed with the following themes in mind:

- How do you see Europe?
- What are your biggest impressions about Europe?

Competition calendar:

- Deadline for submission of drawings: 22 April 2011
- Meeting of the jury panel: 27 April 2011
- Informing the participants via e-mail about jury's decision: 6 May 2011
- Opening of the exhibition and awarding the winners: 20 May 2011

There are some conditions for participation:

- Participants should be attending school in Odessa or Odessa region, Ukraine;
- Drawings should be focused on one of the themes of the competition, using any artistic technique (watercolours, oil painting, drawing, graphics etc.);
- Size of works will be: minimum 21cm x 29.7cm, maximum 29,7cm x 42cm;

A jury composed of one chairperson and four members will select the 12 winners (4 winners per each age category participating in the competition). No appeal on the organization or on the results of the competition will be accepted. The jury's decision will be final;

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DEMOCRACY SUPPORT PROGRAMME TRAINS JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS ON THE ALTERNATIVES TO PRE-TRIAL DETENTION AND IMPRISONMENT

On 11, 18 and 25 March 2011, three training seminars on the use of alternatives to pre-trial detention and imprisonment were organised as part of the Democracy Support Programme.

Some 80 judges and prosecutors were trained on national and international standards related to the use of bail and probation as alternatives to pre-trial detention and imprisonment. Some 20 cascade training seminars will be delivered on this topic in the period of March – May 2011.

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TELERADIO MOLDOVA'S REGIONAL RADIO CORRESPONDENTS LEARN MODERN KNOW-HOW AND TOOLS FOR REPORTING

During 14–18 March 2011, the network of regional radio correspondents of the public broadcaster "Teleradio Moldova" (TRM) learnt how to prepare news and interviews in a professional, balanced and entertaining way during a seminar, organised in the framework of the "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova".

There were some 14 radio journalists of TRM trained by the trainers of the DW-AKADEMIE of Deutsche Welle, Germany's international public service broadcaster. The German experts put strong emphasis on practical sessions and group work as well as on presentations and discussions.

The participants obtained knowledge of the modern know-how and tools for reporting on interesting and significant issues and developments in their home regions. Also, the TRM's correspondents were trained on how to conduct well-prepared, focused and meaningful interviews with local leaders as well as with common people in their communities.

The same group of journalists will continue to improve their skills in covering objectively and professionally the local social and political events during the advanced training session to be held on 4–8 April 2011.

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BETTER CONDITIONS FOR IRREGULAR MIGRANTS IN MOLDOVA CREATED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE EU FUNDED PROJECT

On 14th March 2011, an official inauguration of the two new buildings destined for accommodation of migrant women and families as well as for some administrative facilities of the Migrants Accommodation Center (MAC) took place.

The MAC is a subdivision of the Bureau of Migration and Asylum (BMA) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs which is destined for temporary placement of irregular migrants under the public custody. The ceremony hosted honorable guests such as donors, representatives of the government and international community, and local mass media.

The refurbishment and equipping of the new buildings have been possible due to the EU financial support through the project "Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building for the Governments of Ukraine and Moldova for the Implementation of Readmission Agreements with the European Union (GUMIRA)", co-funded by the Italian Development Cooperation and the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees.

At the present moment the Center has the capacity of hosting in decent conditions up to 200 persons and providing them a complex set of professional legal, medical, psychological and social assistance services. The first renovated building of the MAC was officially opened on 4 April 2008 within the EU funded project "Strengthening Migration Management in the Republics of Belarus and Moldova – Migrabel – Migramol" which was co-funded by the Government of Finland.

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DEMOCRACY SUPPORT PROGRAMME PROVIDES LEGISLATIVE EXPERTISE TO THE PARLIAMENT

In response to a request for assistance from the Standing Committee for Legal Affairs, Appointments and Immunity and the Legal Department of the Parliament of Moldova, the Joint Democracy Support EU-funded Programme has began on 14th March 2011 the provision of legislative expertise for the elaboration of the draft Law on modifications of the Electoral Code related, in particular, to the mass-media coverage of local electoral campaigns.

This type of assistance envisages the involvement of local technical experts in addition to international consultants, and it shall be expanded over the subsequent months to better address the needs of Moldovan Legislature.

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EUBAM HOSTS VISIT OF STUDENTS FROM THE UKRAINE CUSTOMS ACADEMY

On 15th March 2011, a group of some of the best students from the Academy of the State Customs Service of Ukraine (located in Dnipropetrovs'k) visited EUBAM headquarters.

The visit was a reward for some of the highest achievers in the Academy. Upon arrival the students were welcomed by a representative of the Mission's Management, Mr Martin Wintersberger.

EUBAM experts Aneta Bobeva and Vladimir Pizar briefed students on the range of work the Mission undertakes to support the custom services of Moldova and Ukraine, as well as on recent pertinent trends in European customs services. Training expert Jolanta Sobiesiek presented EUBAM's training programme to students.



This is the second such visit of students from the Customs Academy to EUBAM HQ. The Mission enjoys a strong partnership with the Academy, particularly in the area of capacity building.

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PARTNER SERVICES CONSIDER THREAT ASSESSMENT METHODS AT THREE-DAY SEMINAR

On 15–17 March 2011, a working seminar on 'Organised Crime Threats and Risks Associated with the Ports of Odessa and Ilyichevsk', a joint EUROPOL/EUBAM initiative, was held at EUBAM HQ in Odessa.

Customs, border guard and security-service representatives from central and regional levels in Ukraine took part in the event. Specifically, 13 officers from EUBAM's Ukrainian partner services worked jointly with five EUBAM experts from Field Office Odessa.

In preparation for the seminar, participants were invited to present information related to criminal phenomena in both ports. The material gathered stimulated a frank discussion and provided a broader perspective on crime in Ukraine. Participants received certificates on the ability to apply these methods for strategic analysis for early warning systems.



As a practical outcome of the training course, the Europol SCAN Team, in collaboration with EUBAM, delivered a Threat Notice regarding organised crime threats and risks associated with the ports of Odessa and Ilyichevsk

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MOLDOVAN DELEGATION PARTICIPATES AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE SEMINAR ON IMPROVING DETENTION CONDITIONS

During 17 - 18 March 2011, the Delegation of the Ministry of Justice participated at the seminar „Improving Detention Conditions through Effective Monitoring and Standard-Setting” organised within the framework of the Turkish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

The seminar considered the scope and content of the Council of Europe’s activities in the penitentiary field, with special focus on the role of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture. Moldovan participants discussed with their European colleagues priority issues such as detention conditions, the provision of healthcare in prisons, prisoners’ rights and safeguards and the treatment of particular groups of prisoners.

The participation of the Moldovan delegation in this event was supported within the framework of the Joint Programme between the European Union and the Council of Europe entitled “Democracy Support Programme in Moldova”.

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FIRST RESULTS OF THE EU-FUNDED PROJECT PROMOTING TEMPORARY RETURN OF MOLDOVAN SCIENTIFIC DIASPORA

During the period of September 2010 – March 2011, twelve highly qualified Moldovan professionals residing in the USA, Austria, France, Switzerland, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Israel, Russia have benefited from the temporary return program of scientific Diaspora within the EU-funded project “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership”.

All twelve scientists have already got actively engaged in strengthening the research-development sector in Moldova by organizing and attending scientific events, delivering lectures to students, discussing the possibility of writing joint publications and project proposals within international programs. They have manifested eagerness and readiness to participate in the evaluation process of the national projects, programmes and strategies as independent experts, and expressed their intentions to maintain future collaborations with their local colleagues.

The initiative aims at addressing the brain-drain and contributing to the development of scientific and research domains in Moldova through circular migration of highly qualified nationals residing in other countries. At the pilot stage it is envisaged to bring home 30 Moldovan scientists for sharing their knowledge and expertise with local colleagues, as well as for developing cooperation links between institutions abroad and those from homeland.

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CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES: SEMINAR IN ODESSA ON BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH BANKS OF THE DNIESTER RIVER

A high level seminar was organized on March 25–26th 2011 in Odessa, and brought together decisions-makers and top business leaders from both banks of the river, to discuss the opportunities offered by the opening of the EU market, notably in the prospect of the EU-Moldova talks on a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement.

The seminar offered an opportunity for intensive discussions and exchanges and proposed concrete measures to improve trade and economic relations between both banks of the river.

This seminar constitutes the first event in a series of five meetings dedicated to economic related issues. The project is funded by the EU under the Programme “Building Confidence between Chisinau and Tiraspol” and implemented by UNDP.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1 APRIL 2011, CHISINAU

EU-funded waste governance project to hold training in Moldova

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3–7 APRIL 2011

Study Tour for businessmen from Moldova and the Transnistrian region to Germany organized under the EU programme: “Building Confidence between Chisinau and Tiraspol”

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4–7 APRIL 2011

Expert mission on number portability (TAIEX)

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MAY 2011, CHISINAU,

Official launch of the Moldova Energy Efficiency and Biomass project

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