



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EU FUNDED PROJECT TWINNING PROJECT „SUPPORT TO THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA” ORGANISED AN INTERNSHIP TO ROMANIA

Within 10-27 March 2011, according to the provisions of the twinning agreement No. 2010/250-869 an internship to Romania in the offices of many authorities with powers in carrying out, control and monitoring of public procurement procedures was organised by the twinning project „Support to the public procurement system in the Republic of Moldova”, funded by the European Union.

There was a group of 3 experts from the Public Procurement Agency of the Republic of Moldova participated in the internship. During 2 weeks, participants were contacting with the public procurement system of Romania and, particularly, the electronic procurement system.

This stage represented a very good opportunity for beneficiary's experts to explore in practice the e-procurement system of Romania and interconnectivity with all institutions and economic operators, involved in the e-procurement system, developed in Romania.

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THE EU BORDER ASSISTANCE MISSION (EUBAM) ORGANISES TRAINING SESSIONS ON PATROLS AND MOBILE UNIT ACTIVITY

On March 22-23 2011, EUBAM's Chisinau Field Office (FOCH) organised a third workshop on patrols and mobile unit activity as part of its extensive series of training for the Mission's Moldovan partners.

Seventeen participants – representatives from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Customs and Border Guard Services of the Republic of Moldova – enrolled in the workshop, which was designed to offer a European perspective on the cooperation of law enforcement agencies, Integrated Border Management (IBM), and on operational tactics such as assessment of situations and planning of operations.

These were among several subjects related to the improvement of patrol performance and development of patrol and mobile units in Moldova addressed during the workshop. Three further such workshops are scheduled to take place at FOCH during 2011.

Klaus Durmeier, head of FOCH said: „Mobile search capacity is an essential pillar of internal security. The EUBAM team here takes pride in supporting our partners and assisting them in this development process”.

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FUTURE POLICE OFFICERS GET INSIGHT INTO ANTI-DRUG TRAFFICKING TECHNIQUES PROVIDED BY EUBAM EXPERT

On 23rd March 2011 more than 300 students of Odessa State Institute of Internal Affairs attended a lecture on EU methods of counteracting drug trafficking. The lecture was a first initiative within the framework of cooperation between the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) and the Institute.

The lecture was delivered by the Head of EUBAM's Odessa Field Office Malcolm Pells, a former senior British customs officer with more than 35 years of professional experience. It covered various techniques that European law enforcement agencies use in counteracting trafficking of drugs, such as risk analysis, detection, and investigation. Students also had an opportunity to study the effectiveness of the modern risk analysis approach by examining the record seizures of cocaine and cannabis at Odessa and Ilyichevsk sea ports in 2010.

During a meeting with the rector of the Institute of Internal Affairs Major General Dr Anatoly Voloshuk that followed the lecture, Malcolm Pells highlighted the importance EUBAM's senior management were placing on partnerships with universities and the younger generation in general. For his part Dr Voloshuk noted that such lectures allow future police officers to learn of best EU practices and expressed his readiness to continue cooperation with the Mission.

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A STUDY VISIT TO ITALY ORGANISED BY THE EU FUNDED TWINNING PROJECT „SUPPORT TO THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA”

Within 26 March –2 April 2011 a study visit to Italy was organised by a twinning project, funded by the European Union „Support to the public procurement system in the Republic of Moldova”.

This study visit was organised within the Activity 1.1 of the Component I of the twinning project, where joint delegation of the Republic of Moldova and Romania with a total number of 7 persons (4 employees from the Public Procurement Agency, an employee of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova and two employees of the Ministry of Public Finance of Romania) participated.

Study visit represented a good opportunity for beneficiary's experts to contact with similar institutions from Italy with a long-term experience in public procurements.

The Study Visit aimed at presenting other institutional model, the model according to which different functions in the public procurement system are separated, as well as the working module of target institutions.

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TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) ON MIGRANTS LEGAL TREATMENT FOR JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS PROVIDED WITHIN EU FUNDED PROJECT

On 28th March 2011, over 25 judges and prosecutors from both central and regional levels received Training of Trainers (ToT) focusing on material and procedural aspects of foreigner's legal treatment on contravention cases.

The Training of Trainers was organised by the International Organisation for Migration, Mission to Moldova (IOM) in close partnership with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) within 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 Training of Trainers (ToT) set the objective to build the capacities of the Moldovan prosecutors and judges' in the field of protection of foreigners' rights, providing them with the information on standards and rules of migrants' protection in contravention cases, as well as giving them a platform for analysing material and procedural aspects of the detention and expulsion procedures for irregular migrants based on the Contravention Code.

The ToT was facilitated by the representatives of IOM International Migration Law Division, the Superior Council of Magistracy, the Supreme Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal.

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EUBAM HOSTS VISIT OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

On 29th March 2011, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, Evaldas Ignatovichus and H.E. Petras Vatiekunas, Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to Ukraine, paid a visit to EUBAM headquarters.

During the meeting the Mission's management, including the Head of EUBAM Udo Burkholder, briefed the Lithuanian guests on the history, current work and future perspectives of the Mission. For his part Mr Ignatovichus noted that Lithuania pays special attention to the work of EUBAM in the region, especially in light of the Lithuanian OSCE presidency – he wished the Mission further success in future.

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EU FUNDED PROJECT SUPPORTS TRAINING ON LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS IN CLOSED FACILITIES

During 29–30 March 2011, over 25 representatives of government institutions and civil society organisations working in the field of migrant's rights received training on providing legal assistance to migrants in closed facilities.

The training was organised by the International Organisation for Migration, Mission to Moldova (IOM) in partnership with the Bureau of Migration and Asylum (Ministry of Interior) 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 training aimed at equipping the staff of the Bureau on Migration and Asylum (Moi) as well as other relevant governmental and nongovernmental actors with the international legal instruments on protecting migrants' rights, especially of those detained under public custody. The training was facilitated by the IOM International Migration Law Unit with contribution from UNHCR Moldova. The interactive character of the training gave participants the possibility to share their professional experience and exchange contacts with the counterparts in migrants' legal protection domain for future extended cooperation.



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PARTNERS TAKE QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AT CHISINAU 'CLUB'

On 31st March 2011, members of the Moldovan media showed up in force for a 'Press Club' – an opportunity to question the EU Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) and its partners on EUBAM's role, achievements and challenges to date in the Republic of Moldova.

The Head of the Moldovan Border Guard Service's General Director's Office, Rosian Vasilei, and the Head of the Moldovan Customs Service's International Relations Department, Dumitru Volovei, were joined by Andrew Filmer, Head of EUBAM's Capacity Building Unit, and Wolfgang Behrendt, Head of the Political and Economic Section at the EU Delegation to Moldova.

Andrew Filmer pointed to several areas in which EUBAM's partnership with the Moldovan border guards and customs had led to significant progress, including the development of an Integrated Border Management Strategy, modernization of surveillance and customs procedures, improved risk analysis systems, and EUBAM training that over 3,500 people from the partner services have benefited from.

Journalists were particularly keen to tackle the 'Press Club' panel members on why controls and procedures at the border in Moldova still took so long. Andrew Filmer said that a simplification and stripping away of bureaucratic border and customs practices was necessary, and that this in turn would lead to greater economic and social efficiency.

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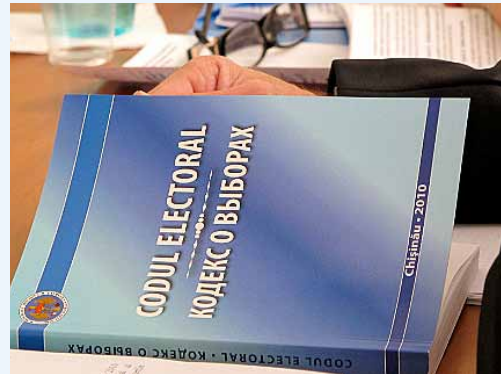
DEMOCRACY SUPPORT PROGRAMME PROVIDES ASSISTANCE IN MODIFICATION OF THE ELECTORAL CODE

At the request of the Moldovan Parliament Standing Committee on Legal Affairs, Appointments and Immunity, the Joint Programme provided legal expertise for drafting the law on Electoral Code modifications.

On 1st April 2011, the draft law, prepared with the assistance of two local legal experts, was discussed at a roundtable that brought together staff of the PRM Legal Department, experts, including from the Association for Participatory Democracy (ADEPT), lawyers and judges - members of the Superior Council of Magistracy.

The draft law was presented in the plenary session and adopted by the Moldovan Legislature in the first and second readings, completing the legal framework for the upcoming 5 June 2011 local elections in Moldova. In particular, the amendments make provision for the introduction of the electronic registry of voters in 2015.

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EU PROJECT "WASTE GOVERNANCE – ENPI EAST" ORGANISES TRAINING ON INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE WASTE MANAGEMENT

On 1st April 2011, EU-funded regional project "Waste Governance – ENPI East" in the Republic of Moldova organised a training for the local public authorities on institutional framework for the waste management at regional level.

The training aimed at achieving several objectives:

- i) to present the overview of the current legal and institutional framework for the waste management in the Republic of Moldova, putting emphasis on issues needed to be improved;
- ii) to present key issues to be resolved in order to have the operational regionalized waste management system;
- iii) to provide an overview and open discussions regarding possible institutional frameworks: options and solutions for the regional waste management system.

The representatives of local and rayon authorities, directors of municipal sanitation services were among the participants of the training.

EU-funded regional project "Waste Governance – ENPI East" aims at assisting and supporting the partner countries in their efforts to reduce the risks arising from inappropriate management of waste that thereby create environmental pollution hazards to the community and to natural resources.

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JOINT EU-COE PROGRAMME TRAINS MOLDOVAN POLICE ON RIOT CONTROL

On 4-5 April 2011, the Joint Programme between European Union and the Council of Europe on "Democracy Support in Moldova" organised the first session of the in-depth training seminar on riot control for carabinieri.

The activity was carried out with participation of four Council of Europe experts from Netherlands, Spain and UK.

Some 20 carabinieri and five officers from "Scut" Operational Regiment attended the seminar. During the seminar the Moldovan participants had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with different human rights issues within the work of law enforcement officials in the field of riot control, including such aspects like preparation of events, de-escalating measures and treatment of detainees.

Other aspects presented to the Moldovan colleagues were: the chain of command, preparation of events and of participants, preventative measures etc. A particular attention was paid to the relation of the police bodies with the media.

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DEMOCRACY SUPPORT PROGRAMME TRAINS MOLDOVAN HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE

On 4-5 April 2011, the Joint Programme between European Union and the Council of Europe on "Democracy Support in Moldova", organised a seminar for representatives of the Centre for Human Rights (Moldovan Ombudsman institution).

The activity was carried out in cooperation with Greek Ombudsman's Office, and focused on training staff of the Centre on Article 9 – Freedom of thought, conscience and religion and Article 10 – Freedom of expression of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

An important part of this training was devoted to capacity building on case handling techniques of the Ombudsman institution. Greek experts presented to Moldovan colleagues their know-how on drawing up reports on the observance of a fundamental human right regulated by the ECHR and provided information on the case handling culture in a modern Ombudsman's office. Other parts

of the agenda included presentations on public awareness and communication practices of an Ombudsman office.

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EU-FUNDED PROGRAMME SUPPORTS TELERADIO MOLDOVA IN BUILDING A PROFESSIONAL NETWORK OF RADIO CORRESPONDENTS

The network of regional radio correspondents of the public broadcaster "Teleradio Moldova" (TRM) improved their skills in covering objectively and professionally the local social and political events during an advanced training in the period 4-8 April 2011, organised in the framework of the Joint Programme between the European Union and the Council of Europe entitled "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova".

The training, provided by the experts of the DW-AKADEMIE of Deutsche Welle, Germany's international public service broadcaster, gathered 12 TRM's journalists.



In the first days, the participants were trained how to use properly the modern radio equipment (digital recorders and editing software), being directed and supported by a technical trainer during individual and group work.

Then, the journalists learned the new techniques for effective interviews, with emphasis on radio interviews.

The participants had a chance to apply their new skills during the mock-interviews with the German Ambassador H.E Dr. Berthold Johannes.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

(April - beginning May 2011)

27 APRIL 2011, CHISINAU MOLDOVA

Press conference to launch the report on "Specific Needs of Children and Elderly Left Behind by Migrant Family Members" based on the results of qualitative study financially supported within EU-funded project

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28-29 APRIL 2011, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

Workshop on SPS and food safety requirements according to EU legislation and standards

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3-4 MAY 2011, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

Workshop on Police Reform

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3-6 MAY 2011, CZECH REPUBLIC

Business Mission organised by Project "Building Confidence between Chisinau and Tiraspol Programme" funded by the EU and implemented by UNDP

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17-20 MAY 2011, SLOVAKIA

Study tour to Slovakia for Moldovan companies from fruits and vegetables sector in the framework of the project "Building Confidence between Chisinau and Tiraspol"

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18-20 MAY 2011, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

Workshop on Combating Cyber terrorism: a New Trend of Organised Crime

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26-27 MAY 2011, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

Workshop on Corruption risk assessment methods and procedures

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31 MAY 2011 – 02 JUNE 2011, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

Expert Mission on unfair contract terms

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27 JUNE 2011 CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

Workshop on anti-discrimination

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