



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

THE OPENING CONFERENCE OF THE "ADDRESSING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF MIGRATION ON MINORS AND FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND" PROJECT

On 25 May, the EU-funded project "Addressing the Negative Effects of Migration on Minors and Families Left Behind" was officially launched. The Project is co-funded and implemented by the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies – Directorate General of Immigration, in close partnership with the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family of Moldova – Department of Family and Child Protection, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mission to Moldova.



The opening conference was hosted by the three implementing partners and gathered over 70 invitees: representatives of the EU member states Embassies, the Government officials, the NGOs active in the field and mass media. In his welcome speech, H.E. Ambassador Dirk Schuebel, the Head of the EU Delegation to Moldova highly appreciated the efforts of the implementing partners and the eagerness of both Governments, Moldovan and Italian, to address the consequences of mass migration, highlighting the importance and the expected input of the new project to achieve the priorities set by the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership.

The project actions address the needs of Moldovan children, youth and socially vulnerable families left behind and Moldovan migrants residing in Italy.

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EUBAM HANDS OVER COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND BOOKS TO THE NATIONAL BORDER GUARD COLLEGE OF MOLDOVA

On 29 May, the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) handed over computer equipment and books to the National Border Guard College of Moldova to support students' learning of foreign languages.

The donation includes study materials, computers and headsets, among other types of equipment, which will greatly enhance the Border Guard students' learning environment and will enable them to study foreign languages.

The handover ceremony also saw the establishment of a new foreign languages classroom within the Border Guard College, thanks to EUBAM support. The symbolic delivery of the donation was carried out in this new classroom by the EUBAM Liaison Officer and Border/Police Advisor, Konstantins Sarigins.



The Director General of the Border Guard Service of the Republic of Moldova (MDBGS), Roman Revenco, expressed his deep gratitude towards EUBAM for its continuous support to the Border Guard Service and to the College in particular.

In addition to enhancing the students' learning environment, EUBAM has invested considerable time in a whole range of training events, in order to build the capacity of the MDBGS and an ever increasing number of staff from the MDBGS have benefited from such training. The training has focused on areas such as leadership and management, examination and identification techniques, and public communication.

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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 3RD MEETING OF THE EAP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

On 31st May, an Invitation was published to submit expressions of interest to participate in the third meeting of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (Poznan, Poland, 28 - 30 November 2011). The Eastern Partnership Summit in Prague on 7 May 2009 confirmed the European Commission proposal from December 2008 to establish the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) "to promote contacts among Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and facilitate their dialogue with public authorities" in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine.



In the course of 2009, the European Commission consulted the modalities of the Forum with all interested stakeholders. The consulted parties favoured a comprehensive approach allowing for the participation of a wide range of CSOs: trade unions, employers' organisations, professional associations, NGOs, think-tanks, nonprofit foundations, national and international CSOs/networks and other relevant Civil Society actors from EaP Partner Countries, but also from EU Member States and international organisations/networks.

The first EaP CSF took place in Brussels on 16-17 November 2009 and gathered more than 200 CSOs. During the Forum, participants elected the CSF Steering Committee and tasked it with the responsibility of developing a procedure for selection of the participants for the next Forum. The procedure was applied in the process of selection of the participants to the second meeting of the EaP CSF, which was held in Berlin on 18-19 November 2010. The third meeting of the EaP CSF will be held in Poznan, Poland, on 28-30 November 2011.

The application form prepared by the CSF Steering Committee can be found since May 23, 2011 on the official CSF website – www.eap-csf.eu

Submissions of expressions of interest should be completed in English or Russian and sent before 26 June 2011 to the contact e-mail address: applications@eap-csf.eu

More information at: Civil Society Forum's website <http://www.eap-csf.eu/>

PARTNERSHIP FORUMS ON CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IN UKRAINE AND MOLDOVA

Two partnership forums on cross-border issues between Romania, Ukraine and Moldova took place recently, the first on 3 June in Chisinau, Moldova, and the second on 7 June in Odessa, Ukraine. They were organised by the Joint Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Joint Operational Programme Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova 2007-2013.

The aim of the events was to facilitate partnership building among interested organisations from the eligible area, in the context of the next call for proposals launched under Ro-Ua-Md Programme.

The Joint Technical Secretariat organised transportation, accommodation and meals: for the forum in Chisinau – one representative per one Romanian or Ukrainian organisation with maximum of 30 organisations per country; for Odessa – one representative per one Romanian or Moldavian organisation with maximum of 30 organisations per country.

More information at:

http://www.ro-ua-md.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=60&Itemid=99



A WORKSHOP IS ORGANISED BY EU FUNDED TWINNING PROJECT "SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF COMPETITION AND STATE AID POLICY"

On 7 June, within the Twinning Project MD09/ENP – PCA/ FI/03 „Support to implementation and enforcement of competition and state aid policy”, at the headquarters of the National Agency for the Protection of Competition (NAPC) a workshop for the elaboration of draft regulations on state aid was organized.

Representatives of NAPC and experts of Romanian Competition Council, partners in the Twinning Project, participated in the workshop.

Within this activity, three working teams were organized to debate and elaborate the draft of the regulations in the regional development, state aid for research, development and innovation, minimis and form, and other details on the state aid notification.



The elaboration of the draft regulations is grounded on the relevant European legislative framework in this domain, the groups discussions focusing on the efficient way of transposing the European provisions into the national legislation, taking view of the economic, legislative and other Moldovan peculiarities.

This activity was organized as a continuation of the missions of the experts from the Romanian Competition Council during May 2011, aiming at training of NAPC staff on principles, general features of the state aid domain and various tools of applying state aid measures.

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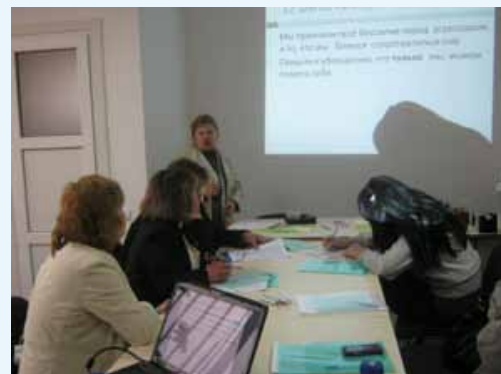
ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO FIGHT CHILD TRAFFICKING IN MOLDOVA

In March and May 2011, 4 trainings were organised for 60 representatives of child care units/social services, and psychologists from all rayons of the Republic working in the framework of the National Referral System took.

The seminars were conducted with the support of Associazione Itaca Ong-Onlus and La Strada – Moldova. International Centre for Women's Rights, Protection, and Promotion.

Each seminar lasted 2 full days.

Identification and protection of children witnesses-victims of commercial sexual exploitation was the topic of the recent seminar-a part of the planned series of thematic events targeting psychologists and child protection specialists from Moldova working in the framework of the National Referral System. The seminar aimed at creation of multidisciplinary teams compiling specialists with necessary knowledge and skills for the prompt and efficient intervention in the identification and assuring the protection of children who experienced such type of abuse.



The participants of the seminar have been trained how to differentiate the forms of commercial sexual exploitation of children, assess the needs of minors, evaluate the risks associated with children's participation in the criminal proceeding, hold an interview, elaborate and apply the strategies for solving the cases in terms of interactions of some factors such as age-status etc.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1-30 JUNE 2011, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

The Democracy Support Programme organizes the Media campaign in partnership with the Moldova Press Council for encouraging citizens to request from journalists' balanced and high-quality information and to observe journalistic ethics.

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24-30 JUNE 2011, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

The Support to Confidence Building Measures Project organizes the Policy Seminar 4: Opportunities and challenges for sustainable development of small and middle businesses in Moldova and Transnistria.

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27 JUNE 2011 CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

TAIEX Workshop on anti-discrimination.

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27-28 JUNE 2011, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

TAIEX Multi country - Workshop on waste classification, inventory and national reporting.

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27 JUNE – 7 JULY 2011, FRANCE

In the framework of the Twinning Project "Support to the Public Procurement System in the Republic of Moldova" will be organized a study visit in France.

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7 JULY, CHISINAU, MOLDOVA

Promo-LEX Association in partnership with The Equal Rights Trust organizes a Public Lecture on the topic "Disability-based discriminatory ill-treatment in Moldova".

The event is organized within the framework of EU funded project "Strengthening Legal Protection from and Raising Awareness of Discriminatory Ill-Treatment in the Republic of Moldova, including Transnistria",

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