



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM COORDINATION AND STRATEGY

On 7 July the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova and the National Institute of Justice organised a conference Justice Sector Reform Coordination and Strategy.

Main objective of the conference was to present the results of an EU-funded justice sector assessment in the Republic of Moldova, carried out by a team of independent experts, as well as to share experience of the justice sector reform process in Lithuania, Romania and Georgia and to provide lessons learned for the justice sector reform process under way in Moldova.

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RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE PROBATION SYSTEM IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

On 4 July the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" organised a roundtable on the presentation and discussion of the evaluation report on the probation system in the Republic of Moldova.

The round table aimed at presenting the draft report on the probation system in the Republic of Moldova, prepared by CoE experts, following their assessment visit. In addition, it aimed at providing the opportunity to Moldovan counterparts involved in the process to assess the compliance of Moldovan Law on Probation with European standards and the efficiency of the current implementation of probation in Moldova, as well as to set out the next step for the improvement of the current situation.

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EUBAM LAUNCHES UNIQUE BORDER-GUARD TRAINING PROGRAMME IN ODESSA

On 30 June the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) launched a unique training programme for border-guard local commanders in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in Odessa.

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) teamed up with EUBAM and 20 senior border-guard representatives from the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to develop the educational programme, entitled 'International Training Course for Local Commanders', a process which took six months to finish.

The comprehensive two-year programme, which will combine traditional classes with e-learning, will introduce the border-guard officers to EU standards by way of five modules that will address pertinent border-guard issues such as leadership and management, risk analysis, intelligence and investigation, border surveillance, border checks, EU institutions, Integrated Border Management, human rights, and border-guard ethics.

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HANDOVER CEREMONY OF IT EQUIPMENT TO MOLDOVAN COURTS

On 30 June the EU-funded and UNHCR-implemented Regional Protection Programme for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine donated computers, printers and law books valued at more than MDL 150,000 to five courts in the Republic of Moldova to assist with the processing of refugee claims.

Chairman of the Supreme Council of Magistrates Nicolae Timofti received the equipment purchased under the EU-funded Programme at the Botanica Court of Justice, situated in Chisinau municipality on behalf of the five courts, which include the Courts of Appeal in Chisinau and Balti, and the Botanica, Buiucani and Ungheni Courts of Justice. The total value of IT equipment provided to the courts in the Republic of Moldova since 2009 under the current phase of the project is more than 400 000 MDL.



To-date, the EU-funded project has procured vehicles, computers and other equipment for the Border Guards Service and Bureau for Migration and Asylum. The project has ensured the refurbishment of interviewing/temporary accommodation facilities for asylum seekers at Chisinau International Airport, Leuseni and Palanca Border Crossing Points with three more locations to be renovated in the coming months. Computers, vehicles, cameras and video-conferencing equipment have also been purchased to facilitate the work of the Border Guards Service.

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THE EU-FUNDED PROJECT HELD ITS THIRD STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

On 29 June the Joint Programme between Council of Europe and European Union "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" held its third Steering Committee meeting in Chisinau, Moldova.

During the course of the Steering Committee meeting, the programme beneficiaries presented and discussed on the activities and nature of assistance being provided from January to June 2011, as well as provided a generic panorama of the activities foreseen to be undertaken until the end of 2011. Strong emphasis was put on the need for successful implementation of the activities related to the on-going reform of the justice sector, the refurbishment of the detention isolator and Component No.7.2 which aims at entrenching and fostering the relationship between civil society and public authorities as well as enhancing broad public participation in policy and decision making processes.



The Democracy Support Programme in Moldova was officially extended for another six months and will carry out its activities until 31 December 2011.

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STUDY VISIT TO FRANCE FOR THE OFFICIALS OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AGENCY

On 27 June–1 July the EU-funded Twinning project "Support to the Public Procurement System in the Republic of Moldova" organised a study visit to France for the officials of the Public Procurement Agency. The visit was a good opportunity for the officials to be in contact with similar institutions from France with a long experience in public procurement.

The study visit has a goal to present to the officials of the Public Procurement Agency a model for centralised purchasing bodies, ex-ante control, electronic procurement, framework agreement, concessions, and private public partnership.

This project on support to the Public Procurement System is implemented by the Ministry of Public Finance of Romania and has a budget of almost EUR 1 million. The project aims at improvement of the institutional capacity of the Public Procurement Agency, legal approximation to EU standards, development and application of good practices in the public procurement sector, as well as by supporting development of electronic public procurements in the Republic of Moldova.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOLDOVAN POLICE ACADEMY VISIT THEIR DUTCH COLLEAGUES

On 27–30 June the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" organised a study visit to the Netherlands for a delegation of the Police Academy.

The main purpose of the activity was to familiarise the representatives of the teaching staff of the Moldovan Police Academy with Dutch practices in order to improve and train the mental condition of police officers whenever riots or demonstrations take place. The Moldovan representatives visited several police institutions including a preventive detention isolator. The delegation broadened their knowledge on the best European practices of democratic policing in important areas such as the community policing.

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NEW TOOL FOR TEACHING JOURNALISTIC ETHICS IN MOLDOVA

On 27 June the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" in co-operation with the Press Council of Moldova organised a round table for presentation of the research paper "Stimulation of critical thinking of journalists – ethical and editorial dilemmas".

The brochure includes the analysis of ten study cases selected from Moldovan mass-media, which are proposed by authors Nadine Gogu, Petru Macovei and Ion Bunduchi. The aim of the study cases compiled in this publication is to stimulate the critical debates both in teaching journalistic ethics and in newsrooms as part of editorial decision-making process. The compilation of research papers "Stimulation of critical thinking of journalists – ethical and editorial dilemmas" is published in 1850 copies both in Romanian and Russian languages. The brochure is distributed free of charge to the journalism faculties, newsrooms and all interested journalists.

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TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON COMMUNICATION IN WASTE MANAGEMENT

On 22 June the EU-funded regional project "Waste Governance – ENPI East" organised in Cimislia a training for trainers for the representatives of selected NGOs and initiative groups from the Southern Development Region. The training focused on development of waste communication campaign at local and regional level.

The purpose of the event was to familiarise participants with principles and working mechanisms for communication with the public information and awareness in the integrated management of waste. The participants discussed the communication principles in waste management, marketing and marketing communications, the evolution of behavioural changes in waste management through communication, planning and organising a public awareness campaign on proper waste management, etc.

Additionally, representatives of educational institutions from the Southern Development Region were invited to the training in order to share with them the schools outreach and direct public engagement techniques.

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OFFICIAL GROUND-BREAKING AT BUILDING TO HOUSE REFUGEE FAMILIES

On 22 June the EU–UNHCR Local Integration Project for Refugees in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine held an official ground-breaking ceremony with the Mayor of Mereni and blessing of the renovation works by village priest. The renovation of apartments intended for up to eight refugees families amounts to more than MDL 2 million.

The UNHCR Representative to the Republic of Moldova, Peter Kessler, praised Mereni for its willingness to shelter refugees. "Host communities like Mereni are making it possible for refugees to start new lives in the Republic of Moldova, and UNHCR is very grateful for the hospitality of such towns."

An important element of the project's housing component lies in the fact that refugees will be able to integrate in the carefully selected host communities which are also home to a number of businesses and due to their small size will also permit refugee children to easily integrate into local kindergartens and schools.

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EUBAM STAFF MEMBERS RECEIVE VITAL SCHENGEN EVALUATION TRAINING

On 13–16 June the EUBAM staff underwent intensive training on Schengen evaluation at EUBAM Headquarters, delivered by border management experts from EU Member States who also work as trainers with Frontex, the EU agency that coordinates operational cooperation between EU Member States in the field of border security.

The EUBAM is adopting the Schengen evaluation model as a means of sharing EU standards in border management with the border-guard authorities in Moldova and Ukraine, both of whom are approximating their border-management procedures to those prevalent in the EU.

The comprehensive training provided EUBAM staff with knowledge concerning Schengen evaluation history, principles, procedures and methodology. Participants were presented with lessons learnt in Schengen evaluation and the latest developments in EU Schengen legislation, thereby equipping them with the means to conduct accurate future evaluations of EUBAM's partners' border-management procedures at sea and land borders and border crossing points.

Participants were also introduced to techniques in evaluation of the main aspects of the Schengen Acquis, methods of evaluation and collecting information, principles of drafting reports and ways of negotiating with partner services. The training also included a simulation of Schengen evaluation, carried out at Starokozache border crossing point.

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WORKSHOP FOR THE ELABORATION OF DRAFT REGULATIONS ON STATE AID

On 7 June the EU-funded Twinning project "Support to implementation and enforcement of competition and state aid policy" held a workshop for the elaboration of draft regulations on state aid. Organised at the headquarters of the National Agency for the Protection of Competition (NAPC) the event gathered representatives of NAPC, partners in the project and experts of Romanian Competition Council.

Within this activity, three working teams were organised to debate and elaborate the draft of the regulations in the regional development, state aid for research, development and innovation, 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.

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STUDY VISIT TO DENMARK FOR CUSTOMS SERVICE OFFICERS

On 6-10 June the EU-funded Twinning project "Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Republic of Moldova" organised a study visit to Danish Customs for four officers from the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova and a representative from the State Agency on Intellectual Property. The aim of the study visit was to give Moldovan officials the opportunity to meet their Danish Customs counterparts and to observe how intellectual property rights are protected in Denmark.

During the study visit, the five representatives visited the Headquarters of Danish Customs, in Copenhagen, and multiple border control points, including a free port, an international airport and the crossing to Sweden at Helsingor.

Whilst in Denmark, the five representatives were shown how Danish Customs perform risk analysis, detain goods which infringe intellectual property rights, liaise with right holders, store detained goods and destroy seized goods.

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TRAINING SEMINAR ON ENFORCEMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR MIA REPRESENTATIVES

On 30 May–2 June the Twinning project "Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Republic of Moldova" held a seminar at the Ministry of Internal Affairs Academy "Stefan cel Mare" to raise awareness about the dangers of intellectual property crime to society and improve the ability of the Ministry of Internal Affairs to investigate intellectual property offences.

Presentations were given by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Intellectual Property Office (AGEPI), General Prosecutor's Office, Europol, Romanian General Police Inspectorate, and representatives of rights holders.

During the seminar, the participants from the Ministry of Internal Affairs had the opportunity to discuss how intellectual property crimes are investigated in the European Union, pertinent European Union legislation, how to identify counterfeit/pirate goods, evidence collection, cooperation with right holders, international coordination of intellectual property crime investigations, asset recovery and the involvement of organized crime.

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EUBAM PRESENTS ITS ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY AT KEY EVENTS

The EUBAM's anti-corruption adviser recently attended the 2011 Annual OSCE Border Security and Management National Focal Point Network Meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania. The meeting was attended by representatives of 25 national Border Management Services, Frontex, and OSCE country offices. The anti-corruption advisor was invited as leading expert in the 'Fight against Corruption' working group and made presentations on the EUBAM anti-corruption strategy and EU Best Practices for fighting corruption in border management services.

At the end of June, the anti-corruption advisor also joined representatives of border-guard services from the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in Chisinau in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Integrated Border Management Flagship Initiative Training project. The EUBAM anti-corruption strategy was presented by EUBAM's anti-corruption advisor at the meeting, which had as its main objective to provide support for the implementation of national IBM strategies and action plans of Eastern Partnership countries.

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SUPPORT TO PUBLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN OF MOLDOVAN MIGRANTS

The first brochure for children of Moldovan migrants "Pro Diaspora Kids" has been developed and published by Moldovan Diaspora Association "Pro Diaspora", established in Portugal. The publication has been supported by the Small Grant Mechanism within the EU-funded project "Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership" implemented by the International Organization for Migration, Mission to Moldova.

Colourful and lively publication "Pro Diaspora Kids" is addressed to children of Moldovan migrants who are living and working in Portugal, as well as to their parents. Along with the entertaining information for children, such as poems, proverbs and sayings, word games and puzzles, the brochure is a source of useful pieces of advice for parents in the areas of paediatrics, psychology, pedagogy, nutrition and feeding kindly provided by Moldovan doctors.

Published in 2000 copies, "Pro Diaspora Kids" was launched to mark the celebration of the International Children Day in Portugal.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2-19 JULY, CHISINAU

The EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" holds a set of training seminars for parents and volunteers who take care of children with disabilities, in co-operation with the Association for Persons with Mental Disabilities "Humanitas" and the Ombudsman Institution.

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11-15 JULY, CHISINAU

Workshop for transposing the secondary legislation regarding the regulation on the state aid for the environmental protection within the Twinning Project "Support to the Implementation and Enforcement of Competition and State Aid Policy"

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14 JULY, CHISINAU AIRPORT

Training for border guards within the Regional Protection Programme (Moldova Component)

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14 JULY, CIMISLIA

In the framework of the Waste Governance project will be organized the Development of Regional Strategy on Waste management: cost-benefit options.

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18 JULY, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, CHISINAU

Public debate on "Special investigative measures" within the EU High Level Policy Advice Mission to the Republic of Moldova

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18-31 JULY, ODESSA, UKRAINE

Summer School "Borders of Europe" within the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine

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19 JULY, EDINET

Training for border guards within the Regional Protection Programme (Moldova Component)

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20 JULY, OCNITA

Press visit to Moldovan Customs Service dog training centre within the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine

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21-22 JULY, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, CHISINAU

Conference on "Independence and supervision of prosecutors and internal structure of the prosecution" within the EU High Level Policy Advice Mission to the Republic of Moldova

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22 JULY, CAHUL

Training for border guards within the Regional Protection Programme (Moldova Component)

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22 JULY, PUHACENI, ROSCANI AND HAGIMUS

Opening of three new social projects in Puhaceni, Roscani and Hagimus, located in the "Security Zone", within the EU-funded and UNDP-implemented programme "Building Confidence between Chisinau and Tiraspol"

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25 JULY, LIPCANI, CRIVA, LARGA, BRICENI, OCNITA, OTACI, VALCINET AND COSAUTI

In the framework of the Regional Protection Programme will be organized the Protection Monitoring at Border Crossing Points; Monitor the access of persons of concern to the territory / asylum procedure and the adherence to the non-refoulement principle.

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25-27 JULY, CHISINAU

In the framework of the "Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Republic of Moldova" will be organized the Training Needs Assessment - AGEPI Copyright and Related Rights Department, CMOs et al.

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28 JULY, CHISINAU

In the framework of the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" will be organized the Round table on the presentation of the expertise on the draft law on police and draft law on carabinieri

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