



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EU-FUNDED PROJECT SUPPORTS ELABORATION OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF AUDIOVISUAL NEW WEBPAGE

On 25 July the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" in co-operation with the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual (CCA) of the Republic of Moldova launched CCA improved official webpage <http://www.cca.md/>.

The site aimed at ensuring transparency on the mission and activities of CCA. The website has a modern user-friendly design and a newly introduced official logo of CCA. CCA aims to use its website as a real time informative window where citizens and interested parties can be informed on the activities of CCA and its policies.

In parallel with the re-designing of the webpage, the staff of CCA was trained on how to update and administrate the webpage.

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EU EXPERTS TRAIN BORDER GUARDS AND POLICE OFFICERS ON DETECTION OF FORGERIES DURING FIRST LINE CHECK

On 18-20 July the EU-funded project "Eastern Partnership-Integrated Border Management Flagship Initiative Training Project" held the first training on detection of forgeries during 1st line check for representatives from the Border Guard and Police from Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. They have been trained by international experts from the Dutch Royal Marechaussee and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Slovakia. The training was organised by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), the project implementing organisation.

During the three-day work, the training on 1st line document security and identification of forged/falsified documents was delivered based on the best examples in EU Member States. Topics such as technical and tactical profiling, impostors, security paper and other security features, printing techniques, document security and anticorruption awareness, have been following by practical exercises and work in mixed working groups. At the end of the training the examination of participants was performed and all successful participants received certificates.

The next training on document security for participants from all six EaP countries, titled "Secondary control and thorough examination of travel documents" is planned to take place in Belarus on February 2012.

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EUBAM TRAINS MOLDOVAN AND UKRAINIAN BORDER GUARDS AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS ON COUNTERFEIT MONEY AND LAUNDERING

On 12-14 July the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) held a three-day training session for Moldovan and Ukrainian border guards, customs officers and security service officers, as well as officials of Moldovan Ministry of Internal Affairs. The participants were trained in counterfeit money, credit-card fraud and money laundering. It was the first time training of this kind has been conducted by the Mission.

Among the 16 participants were two teachers from the Ukrainian National Academy of Internal Affairs. EUBAM has recently begun co-operation with the Academy on several initiatives, and this was the first time its representatives have partaken in EUBAM training event.



Experts from the Romanian Directorate for Combating Organised Crime came to Odessa to deliver the training, which aimed to share best practice and knowledge in relevant subjects such as identifying and combating money laundering, tax havens and their role in money laundering, cyber-crime and credit-card fraud, and how to identify counterfeit money.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT PROMOTES THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

On 11 July the EU-funded and Council of Europe implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights and "Humanitas" Association organised a roundtable on "Strategies regarding the new policy on persons with disabilities".

During this event the participants had the opportunity to discuss on partnership's role in promoting human rights for persons with disabilities and their families; necessary actions for improvement of situations of persons with mental disabilities and their families; measures and recommendations on national and European level concerning combating the poverty of persons with mental disabilities and their families; role of NGOs in promoting and implementing the policies on prevention of social exclusion and others.



This roundtable is part of a series of activities dedicated to promotion of rights of persons with disabilities that took place not only in Chisinau but also in other cities during July. Furthermore, a guide on the rights of persons with disabilities will be published with the support of the Democracy Support Programme.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT BACKS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE READMISSION AGREEMENT AND SUPPORTS THE RETURN OF MOLDOVAN MIGRANTS

On 7 July the EU-funded regional project "Support to Implementation of EC Readmission Agreements with the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine: Facilitation of Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration" (SIREADA) held the launching event in the Republic of Moldova. The project is co-funded by the Austrian Development Agency with a budget of €467,652.

The project responds to the EU and Moldova priority to support the implementation of the bilateral Readmission Agreement by facilitating reintegration of the readmitted/ voluntary returned Moldovans, by enhancing the reception capacities and providing voluntary return assistance to readmitted/ irregular third country nationals, and by contributing to smooth transition to a sustainable return system in Moldova.

The launching event, which aimed at introducing the Project to the key actors, gathered over 30 representatives from Governmental institutions, embassies, international organisations, NGOs and mass-media. It also provided for a discussion platform of the Readmission Agreement, of migrants' rights and of the Project's Steering Committee's tasks, among others.

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ILL-TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IS PREVALENT ACROSS THE GLOBE, AND IS ALSO FOUND IN MOLDOVA

On 7 July the EU-funded project "Strengthening Legal Protection from and Raising Awareness of Discriminatory Ill-Treatment in the Republic of Moldova, including Transnistria" held a Public Lecture "Disability-based discriminatory ill-treatment in Moldova", organised by the Promo-LEX Association in partnership with the Equal Rights Trust (ERT). The event gathered 30 participants: lawyers, law and journalism students, members of human rights NGOs and activists.

The event started with a short presentation of the sixth edition of the Equal Rights Review, including an article on the discriminatory ill-treatment of women in Moldova. The experts presented examples of the forms of discriminatory ill-treatment, the International Treaties that regulate this area and to which Moldova is a party, and other relevant issues related to this topic.

The Institute for Human Rights Moldova (IDOM) presented during the lecture result of the monitoring conducted in three Psychiatric Hospitals and six Psycho-neurological Homes in Moldova. Forced medication, constant beatings, the use of leg cuffs, sexual violence, forced abortion and forced „detention" of persons with disabilities are just some of the violations found by the IDOM.

It was emphasised that this area still lacks adequate attention from both State and civil society representatives. Those who suffer are people – people that have rights, just like everybody else.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT EVALUATES THE CURRENT MOLDOVAN COPYRIGHT REMUNERATION SYSTEM

On 7 July the EU-funded Twinning Project "Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Republic of Moldova" conducted a study to evaluate the current copyright remuneration system in the Republic of Moldova.

The Study was conducted by Gyta Berasneviciute, Chief Specialist at the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture, and Dr. Mihaly Ficsor, President of the Hungarian Copyright Council, in consultation with the State Agency on Intellectual Property in the Republic of Moldova (AGEPI), collective management organisations and users of copyright material.

The Study made multiple recommendations on how to improve the current copyright remuneration system in the Republic of Moldova, including: amendments to pertinent legislation; the need for notice and takedown provisions in law; methodologies for the calculation of remuneration and tariffs; and development of IP-related mediation and arbitration mechanisms.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ASSISTED THE CONFERENCE ON THE JUSTICE REFORM COORDINATION AND STRATEGY

On 7 July the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" supported the organisation of the Conference on the Justice Reform Coordination and Strategy by providing two international experts, a Romanian judge and a representative of the Georgian Ministry of Justice.

The conference was organised by the EU Delegation to Moldova in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice and National Institute of Justice and aimed to present the results of an EU-funded justice sector assessment in the Republic of Moldova carried out by a team of independent experts.



A substantial part of the conference was the presentations made by Council of Europe experts coming from Romania and Georgia on the development and implementation of the strategies on justice reform in their home countries.

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EUBAM MAKES A SPECIAL COUNTER-CRIME DEMONSTRATION FOR MOLDOVAN AND UKRAINIAN STUDENTS

On 5 July, 25 Moldovan and Ukrainian students were treated to a special counter-crime demonstration at the Odessa State University of Internal Affairs. The students were participating in an International Youth Camp organised by the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM), with a visit to a police training institute. The students chosen to attend the youth camp, "Borders of Europe", come from EUBAM's partner universities, five of which are in Odessa, and two in Chisinau.

Police trainees and professionals at the State University of Internal Affairs showed the students methods of detaining armed criminals in urban areas, as well as shooting techniques in the institutions shooting range, which all the students were fascinated by.

As part of the youth camp programme the students were presented with all aspects of border management by EUBAM experts. They also visited a border crossing point at Kuchurgan, the astronomic observatory in Odessa, met with the Head of EUBAM, and received presentations in subjects such as leadership, combating organised crime, diplomatic protocol, and the Treaty of Lisbon. As a final task they also delivered their own presentation on EUBAM.

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PREPARATION OF AN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT HANDBOOK

On 4-8 July, the State Agency on Intellectual Property in the Republic of Moldova (AGEPI) worked with three representatives from the Danish Patent and Trademark Office to prepare an Intellectual Property Right Handbook for small and medium sized enterprises.

The purpose of the Handbook is to promote the benefits of intellectual property rights to small and medium sized enterprises, in the Republic of Moldova. The Handbook will include sections on how to profit from intellectual assets and how to prevent the theft of intellectual property.

The Handbook is being prepared as part of the EU-funded Twinning Project "Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Republic of Moldova". It is scheduled to be completed in October 2011 and will be available for distribution after this date.

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EU-FUNDED TWINNING PROJECT SUPPORTS MOLDOVAN STATE AGENCY ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

On 27 June–1 July the EU-funded Twinning Project “Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Republic of Moldova” held a seminar at the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova (AGEPI).

The purpose of the seminar was to enhance AGEPI’s ability to: initiate intellectual property (IP) related awareness campaigns; provide IP related services for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs); develop IP customer relationship management skills; and establish an effective IP Customer Service Centre.

The seminar was opened by Svetlana Munteanu, Deputy Director General of AGEPI, and was facilitated by a Business Development Counsellor with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, and a Key Account Manager with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office.

Twenty-one AGEPI representatives participated in the seminar, which included formal presentations, workshops and discussions.

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STUDY VISIT TO ROMANIA FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE PROTECTION OF COMPETITION

On 16–21 June the EU-funded Twinning Project „Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Competition and State Aid Policy” held a study visit in Tulcea, Romania for the staff of the National Agency for the Protection of Competition (NAPC) covering the regional state aid allocated at the local level.

This study visit was important and useful for NAPC staff due to the opportunity given to accumulate knowledge in the field of state aid, and especially regional state aid in order to be able to apply it in the future. The usefulness of this study visit is relevant since there were presented and discussed procedures of allocating state aid from the point of view of the local authorities and of the competition inspectors at the regional levels. Thus it was possible to understand the fad of regional state aid.

The recommendations, the experience and the practice shared within the working groups among the experts are beneficial and they represent an enormous support for the NAPC, due to the fact the Agency is in the process of elaborating the state aid legislation.

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COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MOLDOVAN DIASPORA AND HOMELAND IMPROVED THROUGH EU-FUNDED DIASPORA SMALL GRANT MECHANISM

The first twelve issues of the TV show "Diaspora's Voice with Sergiu Raileanu" have been produced and broadcasted by the NGO "Moldova open to the World" with the support of Diaspora Small Grant Mechanism, successfully implemented within the EU-funded project "Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership".



The initiative with the motto "A show for Diaspora, about Diaspora and with the Diaspora's participation" aimed at creating a communication platform for Moldovan migrants residing abroad, allowing them to strengthen relationships and extend their knowledge about Diaspora issues in three dimensions: Moldovan Diaspora – home country, Moldovan Diaspora – host country and Moldovan Diaspora all over the world.

The TV show gathered the representatives of Moldovan authorities (national/regional/local level), International Organisations, Embassies and Consulates, as well as representatives of Diaspora Associations, NGO, experts and Moldovan citizens initiated in migration issues.

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EU-FUNDED HOLDS AN OBSERVATORY MECHANISM MONITORING VISIT AT THE MIGRANT ACCOMMODATION CENTRE

The EU-funded project "Support to implementation of EC Readmission Agreements with the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine: Facilitation of Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration" (SIREADA) carried out in June another Observatory Mechanism (OM) monitoring visit at the Migrant Accommodation Centre of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The OM assessed the standards compliance and quality control in the area of migrants' assistance and protection of migrant's rights according to the best international standards.



The OM monitoring visit brings on board representatives of the relevant governmental agencies, international organisations, interested embassies, and NGOs working in the field and represents a partnership platform for lobbying for greater allocations for Migrant Accommodation Centre from the State budget, fundraising with the donor community and international organisations in order to support the migrants' assistance and protection of migrants' rights, as well as developing a Phase-Out Strategy for Support to Moldova in Implementation of the Readmission Agreement with the EC.

During the OM monitoring visit the MAC administration has conducted a tour of the MAC for the OM participants which familiarised them with the activities and facilities provided to migrants within the Centre.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

15-28 AUGUST, CHISINAU

Summer Academy for young journalists on freedom and responsibility of media and on-line journalism within the Democracy Support Programme in Moldova

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15 AUGUST-10 OCTOBER, SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT REGION

Public information and Awareness raising activities on proper waste management within the Waste Governance project

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23-26 AUGUST, CHISINAU

International Conference "Culture of Tolerance, Common values and Intercultural dialogue - 20 years of achievements" within the project "Supporting the Implementation of the Migration and Development Component of the EU Moldova Mobility Partnership"

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AUGUST, SKY TOWER, CHISINAU

Two Press Club sessions within the "Return to Democracy! Strengthening journalism capacities, improving governmental cooperation and advocating free media in Moldova" Project

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