

## **EU CO-OPERATION NEWS**

### **TRAINING SEMINARS ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL PUBLIC AUTHORITIES**

On 24 and 25 November, the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support in Moldova” in co-operation with the Centre for Human Rights of Moldova organised two training seminars on human rights for representatives of local public authorities, held in Balti and Edinet.

Following the publication of the Manual on human rights for civil servants, a series of training seminars on human rights for LPA representatives in 5 cities from different regions of the country has been organised.

Other training seminars shall be organised in Cahul, Comrat and Chisinau. The bulk of the Manual’s copies shall be disseminated among civil servants and other beneficiaries during further trainings and other activities of the Moldovan Ombudsman Institution.

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### **KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER WORKSHOP FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND ACADEMIA REPRESENTATIVES**

On 23-25 November, the EU-funded “Building training and analytical capacities on migration in Moldova and Georgia” (GOVAC) project organised in Chisinau a knowledge transfer workshop for governmental and academia representatives.

The aim of the workshop was to present and analyse the possible professional and academia migration training models existing in the European Union and Schengen countries, to undertake the first activities on the mapping of the migration curricula and their content, and to discuss possibilities of future cooperation between Government and Academia.

The main results of the workshop were first drafts of governmental and academia migration curricula which were developed jointly by Moldovan and foreign experts during the working groups sessions. The curriculum will be finalised and agreed by all project partners in the nearest future.

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### **SOLUTIONS TO OVERCOME THE POLITICAL CRISIS PROPOSED THE PRESS CLUB**

On 24 November, the Independent Journalism Centre held in Balti a press club to discuss the political crisis and the need to elect the president. The event was organised within the EU-funded project "Strengthening the capacity of media to reflect topics of public interest".

Journalists and experts discussed at the press club the political consequences of the crisis on citizens and proposed solutions to overcome it. Thus, the journalists believe that a major constitutional reform must be implemented, but political analysts suggest that the full involvement and pressure from European partners would contribute to overcoming the political crisis in Moldova.

The participants discussed the voter attitudes towards a new round of elections. According to Ruslan Mihalevschi, deputy editor of the "SP" newspaper in Balti, ordinary people are already tired of this crisis, they need political and economic stability. In protest, social networking users increasingly urges voters not to participate in early elections if they will be organised.

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### **EU-FUNDED PROJECT SUPPORTS CCA IN DESIGNING GUIDELINES ON MINORS PROTECTION FOR BROADCASTERS**

On 24 November, the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support in Moldova” in co-operation with the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual (CCA) organised a workshop on designing guidelines on minors protection for broadcasters.

The main purpose of this activity was to learn about the ways used in EU Member States to address the matters of protection of minors in broadcasting and to discuss proposals for the guidelines on minors protection for Moldovan broadcasters. The practice of the European regulatory authorities in protecting children from harmful audiovisual content and behaviour was presented by Richard Carver, Executive Director of Oxford Media Research.

During the forthcoming weeks Richard Carver will be providing advice and assistance to CCA in designing the guidelines on minors protection for Moldovan broadcasters. CCA plans to adopt the new guidelines by late December.

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### **ROUND TABLE ON CASE STUDY REGARDING THE RESPIRO/RESPITE SOCIAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

On 22-23 November, the EU-funded and CPCMG-implemented “Promoting Broad Society Participation and Facilitating Policy Dialogue” in co-operation with the Ministry of Welfare, Social Development and Family organised a round table on the case study regarding the respiro/respite social services for people with disabilities.

Participants, representing the Ministry of Welfare, Social Development and Family, were involved in the round table, in which they had a possibility to deal with real time case study on a new policy to be promoted in respect to the respiro/respite social service for people with disabilities. Based on the discussions held in the round table, the Project finalised the case study on the new policy to be promoted in respect to the respiro/respite social service for people with disabilities.

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### **TRAINING SEMINARS ON COMMUNITY POLICING**

On 22-23 November, the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support in Moldova” in co-operation with the Police Academy “Stefan cel Mare” organised two training seminars on community policing for traffic police officers and patrol officers. Six national trainers, prepared in the training-of-trainers seminar on community policing held in October 2011, delivered trainings on this subject matter to almost sixty traffic police officers and patrol officers. The trainings aimed at making police officers understand that the police-public partnership approach to policing should be used in identifying and solving community issues.

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### **MOLDAVIAN AUTHORITIES GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM**

On 22 November, more than 30 high-level and mid-level officials from Moldavian state institutions, as well as representatives from the international and NGOs working in the field of disaster reduction and relief in the country took part in the European Civil Protection Mechanism Information Day, held in Chisinau.

The main goal of this event conducted by the experts of the EU-funded project for the Prevention, Preparedness and Response to man-made and natural disasters in the ENPI East Region (PPRD East) was to raise participants’ awareness about the European Civil Protection Mechanism, its structure, work modalities, capabilities and opportunities.

Moldova has got an experience of requesting and receiving the European Civil Protection assistance after the destructive floods in 2008 and 2010 and during the gas supply shortage crisis in 2009.

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### **WORKSHOP ON THE PARLIAMENTARY DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT**

On 22 November, the EU-funded and CPCMG-implemented “Promoting Broad Society Participation and Facilitating Policy Dialogue” organised a workshop on the parliamentary document management.

Participants, representing the administration, standing committees and political groups in the Parliament, explored principles and operational models of the document management and legislation tracking systems in national parliaments, familiarised themselves with the experience of the Parliament of Latvia in implementing the information system, discussed the concept and solutions for E-Parliament and identified suggestions for the Parliament of Moldova.

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### **SHORT-TERM INTERNSHIPS FOR THE SECRETARIAT STAFF OF THE PARLIAMENT**

On 21 November-2 December, the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support in Moldova” provided assistance designed to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Secretariat of the Parliament of Moldova through short-term internships to European Parliaments.

Head of Public Law Unit and Head of EU Law Unit at the Secretariat of the Parliament of Moldova started a two-week internship in the Parliament of Spain (Congreso de los Diputados and Secretariat) and the Parliament of Finland (Edusunta) to learn from their counterparts’ hands-on experience and best practices in managing the performance of the Secretariat civil servants and in dealing with inquires from citizens.

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### **EU-FUNDED PROJECT TRAINS HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS ON MEDIA AWARENESS**

On 21-23 November, the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support in Moldova” organised training on communication/mass media awareness for a small group of high-level officials from the Parliament of Moldova.

The purpose of this training was to prepare participants for effective communication during their appearances in public, including making statements, speeches and presentations, giving interviews and participating in press conferences, public debates and discussions. The training was conducted with a tailor-made, “one-to-one” approach, allowing all trainees to practice and receive immediate corrective feedback with due account of each participant’s strong and weak points in terms of communication style and habits.

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### **DISCUSSIONS ON THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

On 21 November, the first draft of the new Administrative Code designed under the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support in Moldova” was discussed by technical experts and judges.

A total of 25 national experts and judges discussed the concept of the new Administrative Code and reviewed its main chapters. The document was designed in a co-ordinated effort of

the Ministry of Justice, the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs, Appointments and Immunities and the Legal Department, both under the Parliament of Moldova, as part of the 2011-2015 Strategy for the Justice Sector Reform. Once all comments and suggestions are approached, the draft Administrative Code shall be submitted to the Parliament of Moldova for further review and adoption.

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### **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM TACKLING FORESTRY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

On 17-19 November, the EU-funded programme “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia” (ENPI FLEG) joined the Agency “Moldsilva” and the Institute of Forest Research and Management (ICAS) in celebrating the International Year of Forests 2011 by organising the International Symposium „Sustainable Development of Forestry Sector – New Objectives and Priorities”. More than 200 participants from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Moldova, Romania, Russia and Ukraine, as well as international organisations discussed the new objectives and priorities in maintenance, conservation and sustainable development of forestry sector by using new application of forestry monitoring, silvocultural works, improvement of economical-financial mechanisms in community forest management.

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### **EUBAM JOINT OPERATION REPORTS BORDER SEIZURES WORTH EUR 3.2 MILLION**

On 16 November 2011, the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) published the results of the Joint Border Control Operation (JBCO) AKKERMAN showing a substantial increase in the number of detections and seizures made during the 2011. AKKERMAN is the 8th JBCO to have been coordinated by EUBAM together with its border-guard, customs, and law-enforcement partners in Moldova and Ukraine, and international organisations and law-enforcement authorities of EU Member States. As with previous JBCOs, its areas of operations were the Moldova-Ukraine border, plus Odessa and Ilyichevsk ports.

During two intelligence-led operational phases conducted in 2011 – the second of which took place in September – AKKERMAN managed to seize smuggled goods such as cigarettes, alcohol and stolen vehicles, and detect customs fraud, worth EUR 3.2 million.

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### **TWINNING PROJECT PRESENTS NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE PROTECTION OF COMPETITION STRATEGY**

On 16 November, the EU-funded Twinning Project “Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Competition and State Aid Policy” held a meeting regarding the Preparation of strategic planning for the National Agency for the Protection of Competition (NAPC). The aim of the activity was to start preparation of NAPC strategy document, setting system for monitoring the progress and achievements of strategic objectives on a regular basis; to provide recommendations for possible improvements of internal procedures of NAPC, to provide recommendations for elaboration key processes and appropriate structure of the NAPC.

Project experts presented to the board of NAPC, the mission, vision and objectives for the National Strategy for the Competition Protection. The draft of the strategy is the result of a

joint working group, prepared in close collaboration with an NAPC staff. The final document will be presented on the 14 December.

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### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ACTION PLAN FOR THE STRATEGY FOR JUSTICE REFORM**

On 16 November 2011, the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support in Moldova” in co-operation with the Ministry of Justice organised public consultations on the draft Action Plan to implement the Strategy on Justice Sector Reform 2011 – 2016.

Representatives of the working group responsible for the elaboration of the draft Action Plan presented the areas of specific interventions and measures to be taken within each of those seven pillars of the Strategy. Participants exchanged views on the proposed measures and made first proposals and suggestions to the Draft Action Plan. Also, the Assessment Report on Coordination and Management Mechanisms for Justice Sector Reform in Moldova was presented to participants during this event.

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### **AGENCY FOR PROTECTION OF COMPETITION EXPERTS TRAINED IN PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH SKILLS**

On 15 November, the “Support to the State Chancellery (TTSIB)” project held started a series of professional Twinning English courses for civil servants from the Agency for Protection of Competition, involved in Twinning projects. It is obvious that partners of Twinning projects use specific terminology; and direct communication is crucial for their successful implementation.

TTSIB experts envisage that these courses, first of all, increase the English language capacities of civil servants and eventually facilitate their interaction with foreign partners and, secondly, ensure increased motivation in the implementation of the tasks in on-going and planned Twinning projects.

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### **MIGRATION: VALIDATING SKILLS OF RETURNING MIGRANTS**

More than 60 participants from nine countries attended the conference "Skills validation for returning migrants under the mobility partnership" in Chisinau, on 10 and 11 November.

In the context of the Eastern Partnership’s cooperation on the EU's Stockholm Programme and the Mobility Partnerships, the conference was an occasion to analyse the Moldovan

experience in the implementation of the Mobility Partnership and to disseminate the lessons learnt to Georgia and Armenia, the countries that concluded such partnerships more recently.

The participating countries agreed to continue to exchange experience on how to set up a solid system of skills development and validation of learning processes; involvement of social partners; what should be the role of different stakeholders, and also how to assure quality.

For more information: <http://www.etf.europa.eu/>

### **EU-FUNDED PROJECT INITIATES BROAD DISCUSSIONS ON THE ROLE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CONGRES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

On 8-11 November, the EU-funded and CPCMG-implemented “Promoting Broad Society Participation and Facilitating Policy Dialogue” organised one-day seminars in Chisinau, Comrat, Orhei and Budesti on the role and structure of the Congress of local governments.

The seminars aimed at building a joint platform for a dialogue with due account of diverse political affiliations, significantly different in size and economic interests. Two international

experts with extensive experience in consolidating local governments in terms of joint interests and leading the dialogue with the central government and politicians delivered training to almost 90 mayors and rayon chairs.

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## **EU CO-OPERATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1-5 DECEMBER, FREE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MOLDOVA

Training on transcultural communication within the EU-funded project Promoting Democracy and Human Rights in Moldovan Media

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2 DECEMBER, CHISINAU

National Award Ceremony on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency within the Energy and Biomass Project

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2 DECEMBER, CHISINAU

Round table on the presentation of the handbook on facilitating the freedom of assembly in the framework of the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support Programme in Moldova”

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4-10 DECEMBER, LJUBLJANA

Study visit in Slovenia within the Support to the Public Procurement System in the Republic of Moldova Project

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5-9 DECEMBER, CHISINAU

Expert Mission on protection and welfare of farm animals

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6 DECEMBER, CHISINAU

Final Steering Committee Meeting of the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support Programme in Moldova”

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7 DECEMBER, COMRAT AND 12 DECEMBER, CHISINAU

One-day training events on human rights for representatives of local public authorities in the framework of the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented “Democracy Support Programme in Moldova”

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7 DECEMBER, SOROCA

EU projects information days in the framework of the EU-funded project “Communication and Visibility 2011 in Moldova”

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12-14 DECEMBER, CHISINAU

workshop “Legal provisions on the protection of the intellectual property rights” in the framework of the Project “Eastern Partnership Integrated Border Management Flagship Initiative Training Project”

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12-16 DECEMBER, CHISINAU

Training for top and middle management of the National Employment Agency within the “Strengthening the Moldova Capacity to Manage Labor and Return Migration” Project

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12-16 DECEMBER, CHISINAU

Two five-day trainings the trainers in the framework of the “Support to Implementation and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Republic of Moldova” Project

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13-16 DECEMBER, CHISINAU

Training on labour migration management within the “Assessment of Information Channels regarding Job and Business Opportunities in Moldova for Moldovan migrants abroad” Project

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