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CREATIVE COMPETITION FOR MEDIA 'BORDER AND REFORMS'

EUBAM together with border and law enforcement agencies of Moldova and Ukraine is delighted to announce an open competition for journalists 'Border and reforms'.

Goal of the competition is to raise public awareness of the reforms that Moldovan and Ukrainian border agencies are going through and how these reforms affect the travellers and business community as well as how they help to fight cross border crime and how the EU supports these reforms in Moldova and Ukraine.

The time frame of the competition is 10 June – 1 September 2013. The competition is open for representatives of printed, TV, radio, and on-line media from Moldova and Ukraine. The winners of the competition (1st, 2nd, and 3rd places from Moldova and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places from Ukraine) will be invited to take part in a press-tour to an EU member state, to research in practice European standards in border management.

To learn more about the competition: [Creative_competition_ENGL.pdf](#)

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MOLDOVA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL MONITORING

Progress registered by Moldova in the global monitoring of commitments regarding the effectiveness of the development aid was presented on 12 – 14 June in Copenhagen at the International Conference on global monitoring.

The event aimed to generate and share evidence of progress in implementing the Busan commitments within the Fourth High – Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness. Thus, the Conference helped developing country governments take charge of the monitoring process in their own countries and stimulate the dialogue regarding the progress in the field of external assistance, to establish and improve the existing mechanisms at the country level.

Moldova's delegation at the Conference was represented by officials from the State Chancellery. In this respect, representatives from the State Chancellery dwelt upon Moldova's experience in the global monitoring of commitments of the effectiveness of the development aid. According to Ruslan Codreanu, Head of the Department of Coordination of Policies, External Assistance and Central Public Administration Reform, our country has expressed willingness to participate and monitor the Global Partnership, results of which will be examined at the ministerial meeting in 2014.

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EUHLPAM PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE REFORM OF THE MOLDAVIAN POLICE

A delegation of the new established General Inspectorate of the Police from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the R. Moldova, led by colonel Ion Bodrug, chief of the General Inspectorate of Police, visited Bucharest, Romania between 16 and 18 June.

During the visit, which was organized and financially supported by EUHLPAM (European Union High-Level Policy Advice Mission), high level meetings with the head of the Romanian Police, Mr. Petre Toba, and other important managers took place, providing for fruitful discussions about the reform processes in the two national police forces and for an exchange of information and views regarding actual issues and future plans and initiatives. The Moldavian delegation visited the most important departments of the Romanian Police, including the biggest one which is the Bucharest Police Department.

The Romanian side reiterated the full commitment for supporting the reform and modernization processes of the Moldavian Police, providing the Moldavian delegation a package of concepts, programs and strategies that proved to be of success for the Romanian Police. The two chiefs of national police forces signed a Protocol on cooperation in the field of canine units.

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THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND FAMILY APPROVED THE OPERATIONAL MANUAL OF THE MOBILE TEAM SOCIAL SERVICE

The Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family (MLSPF) has recently approved the Operational Manual of the Mobile Team Social service by its Order No. 107 of June 19, 2013. The Operational Manual was developed with the technical assistance of Keystone Moldova from financial resources of Open Society Foundation/Mental Health Initiatives and European Union under the "Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Locally Governed Disability Services: Supporting Decentralization Reform" Project.

The Operational Manual is a guide containing procedures, work tools and forms of documents aimed at assisting the specialists in the field. This manual is intended for Mobile Team staff (head of service, social worker, psychologist, nurse/kinetotherapist etc.), specialists from territorial social assistance structures, community social workers and other relevant specialists.

The manual can be viewed at the MLSPF's website: http://www.mmps.gov.md/file/documente%20interne/Ordinul_nr.107.pdf

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NATIONAL PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE ENPI FLEG (PHASE 2) LAUNCHES ITS ACTIVITY IN MOLDOVA

On 20 June, in Chisinau, was organized the first meeting of the National Program Advisory Committee (NPAC) for the "European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument East Countries Forest Law Enforcement and Governance II Program", which includes 9 members (representatives of Ministry of Environment, Agency Moldsilva, NGO community, local public authorities and private forest owners).

The NPAC approved the Country Work Plan (CWP), which is mainly focused on community forestry development, creating more opportunities at local level, promoting energy forestry, cooperation between governmental forest bodies and other forest owners, improving transparency and supporting professional education of young generation.

The "Strategic Environment and Social Assessment Framework" (SESAF) was approved by NPAC too. The main scope of the SESAF document is to ensure all draft of Policy, Program and Plan (PPP) documents that are going to be prepared within the ENPI FLEG Program will integrate environmental and social aspects under the operational policy of the World Bank.

The EU-funded program ENPI FLEG phase 2 is being implemented by the World Bank, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) for the period of 2013-2016.

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JOINT EFFORTS RESULT IN DISCOVERY OF CANNABIS FIELD NEAR MOLDOVA-UKRAINE BORDER

21 June, Odessa, Ukraine. In the context of ongoing joint exercises to combat drug trafficking in southern Moldova, the Moldovan Border Police (MDBP) and the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) were able to report progress following the discovery of a cannabis field close to the Moldova-Ukraine border.

A Joint EUBAM-MDBP Working Group created specifically to monitor illicit cannabis cultivation in areas close to the "green" border managed to locate the plantation of 'hemp' that was concealed among other crops on half a hectare of land.

At this stage it is estimated that at full maturity the seized plants would have amounted to 115,000 cannabis plants being sold illegally. Moldovan authorities have already opened a criminal case in connection with the seizure.

EUBAM provides continual support to law-enforcement agencies in both Moldova and Ukraine in order to counteract cross-border crime such drug trafficking. It achieves this through various training initiatives, joint border control operations, investigation support, facilitation of cross-border and international cooperation, and task forces that target particular types of crime.

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TRAINING SEMINAR FOR JUDGES IN THE MIGRATION AND ASYLUM FIELD

On 22–23 June 2013, the first training, entitled “International and National Standards in the Domain of Migration and Asylum,” took place in Chisinau with participation of 30 judges. The training was conducted by two experts from Hungary who introduced European standards and Hungary’s experience in dealing with migration-related cases.

The event was organised in cooperation with the National Institute of Justice and the Bureau for Migration and Asylum (BMA), which allowed for discussions on practical cases and challenging issues related to migration and asylum. The participants confirmed that the discussions enhanced the knowledge and awareness of judges on the latest institutional and legal reforms in the field of migration.

Moreover, representatives of other important stakeholders like IOM, UNHCR and the Legal Center of Advocates had the opportunity to share their experiences in raising awareness on importance of respecting of migrants human rights standards. The next training for judges and prosecutors is planned for October 2013.

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PROMO-LEX MONITORS GET CONTINUOUS TRAINING AS PART OF THE CIVIC MONITORING MISSION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM IN MOLDOVA

On 22 and 23 June was organized the third training for monitors as part of the Civic Monitoring Mission for the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform in Moldova. The purpose of the training was to build the capacity of the civil society to monitor the justice sector reform and increase public interest for this reform.

The first session of the training was devoted to assessing the work of the monitors’ network in the recent months, performance review, assessing the difficulties faced by monitors and proposing solutions for improving the work of the Monitoring Mission.

The participants continued to deepen their knowledge in the field of trial monitoring through their gained experience. Note that one of the components of the monitoring effort focuses on trial monitoring at the national level. Over the two days of the training, the monitors learned about monitoring instruments, their application in the field as well as reporting and communication within the network. The event was conducted within the project “Monitoring Justice Sector Reform for Increased Government’s Accountability”, implemented by Promo-LEX and the Association for an Efficient and Responsible Governance, and funded by the European Union.

More details at <http://promolex.md/index.php?module=news&item=1250>

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INITIAL TRAINING FOR THE SPECIALISTS OF THE MOBILE TEAM SOCIAL SERVICE

From 24 to 28 June Keystone Moldova organized an initial training for the specialists of the Mobile Team social service. The goal of the training was to strengthen the capacities and develop the practical skills of the Mobile Teams specialists from five rayons: Sangerei, Falesti, Ungheni, Anenii Noi and Dubasari.

The training lasted for five days and was attended by 25 people: specialists working with people with disabilities, heads of services, social workers, psychologists and nurses / physical therapists. The training covered a wide range of subjects: the legal framework on the protection of people with disabilities, system of social services for people with disabilities, elements of professional ethics, social inclusion, service delivery methodology for the Mobile Team, recovery and rehabilitation of people with disabilities etc. Besides theory, the participants were involved in many practical applications (exercises, role games, simulation etc.) during the specialized workshops.

“As a result of this training we hope that our teams will become more consolidated, competent and will provide good services”, says Marcela Dilion, project manager of “Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Locally Governed Disability Services: Supporting Decentralization Reform”.

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THE COMPETITION COUNCIL STAFF COMPLETED THE TWINNING ENGLISH/PROFESSIONAL SKILLS COURSES

Fifty. As many Twinning English/Professional Skills courses (TEPS) have had more than 20 specialists from the Competition Council. The session held on 25 of June marked the closure of the training courses for this institution.

The Competition Council was among the first authorities that benefited from such courses from their launching. The ultimate goal of the Twinning English/Professional Skills Training Programme was to contribute to increasing efficiency and effectiveness of preparation and implementation of external assistance projects.

According to participants, courses have a significant relevance for their activity and for the capacities to use the external assistance received from development partners more efficiently. Thanks to them, specialists have learned more about EU institution building instruments, project management and opportunities to attract funding. 'The Twinning English/Professional Skills courses represent an excellent opportunity for the professional development of the institution staff', considers Viorica Carare, President of the Competition Council.

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TRAINING MODULE FOR THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS STAFF

In the period 25 June – 10 July, staff of the Ministry of Internal Affairs is trained by the EU project 'Support to the State Chancellery – TTSIB' on international cooperation, assistance for development, funding opportunities, PCM and the Logical Framework Approach as well as the EU institution-building instruments applied in Moldova.

For far, it were organized already 3 of 5 trainings, namely on international cooperation, project cycle management and funding opportunities, during which those present found more about the principles of international cooperation, particularities of the Official Development Assistance (ODA), the European documents regulating the home affairs sectors, phases and importance of the project cycle, as well as ways to identify funding solutions.

The training was organised on the request of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and is intended to promote the ongoing reform processes within the Ministry and its subordinated organisations. Among the training participants there are specialists from the General Directorate for International Cooperation and European Integration of the Ministry, as well as its other internal units, the Border Police Department, Bureau of Migration and Asylum, General Police Inspectorate, Civil Protection and Emergencies Situation Department and the Carabineer Troops.

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COURT OF ACCOUNTS, GETTING PREPARED FOR THE START OF THEIR TWINNING PROJECT

On 26 June, Court of Account's staff, together with its Chairman Mr. Serafim Urechean took part in a training session focused on the selection/evaluation phase of a Twinning project cycle and the information/guidance. The event was moderated by Mr. Jordi Rodríguez Ruiz and the experts of the EU Project 'Support to the State Chancellery – TTSIB'.

We hope that this fruitful collaboration will continue in the future as well. With this support, and with the help of the up-coming Twinning project, I am confident that the Court of Accounts will align to its EU Member States counterpart institutions', expressed his belief Mr. Urechean in his opening speech.

The training for about 20 members of the Court of Accounts was split into two parts: first one focusing on the Twinning project cycle and specifically the roles and tasks of all actors involved in it, and the second one describing in details the role of the beneficiary institution in the selection/evaluation phase, as well as the evaluation criteria of the Twinning project proposals submitted by the EU Member States. To be noted that the Twinning project „Consolidation and strengthening of the external public audit” to be implemented in the Court of Accounts is expected to improve the accountability for and management of the public money in Moldova by developing the external audit capacity according to the recognized audit international standards and the best European practices.

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MOLDOVA IS NOT ONLY WHERE THE BOUNDARIES END, BUT WHERE ITS CITIZENS ARE, CONCLUSIONS OF THE 12TH OPEN SEMINAR

What is the general situation of Moldovan migrants, what integration opportunities exist for them being abroad, what's the Bureau's for Diaspora Relations (BDR) mission and how its team aims to unite Moldovans everywhere we found out on Thursday, 27 June, at the traditional Open seminar, the topic of which this time was 'Bureau for Diaspora Relations: fundamentals, concept, aspirations'.

The seminar was attended by various stakeholders, including civil servants, academia, donors' community and independent think-tanks.

Ms Liuba Valcov, senior consultant at the Bureau spoke to those present about the situation that involves migration of Moldovan citizens abroad and the effects that this phenomenon has on the socio-economic development of the country. According to data presented by specialists, more than 600 thousand Moldovan citizens are abroad, 66.6% of them being men, coming mostly from rural areas.

In the second part of the event, Head of the Bureau for Diaspora Relations, Mr Victor Lutenco answered the question "Why was it necessary to create an agency to deal with Diaspora, which are the results of this initiative and what are the prospects".

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SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

OUTLINING THE ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE MOLDOVAN DIASPORA

During 3-5 of June the team of NEXUS Moldova Project "Strengthening the Link between Migration and Development: Testing an Integrated Service Provider to Moldovan Migrants and their Communities" took part in the joint retreat comprising Moldovan officials and representatives of international organizations working in the area of diaspora, migration and development.

The event was organized by the major NEXUS Partner, Bureau for Diaspora Relations, with the support of IOM, in one of the most picturesque places of Moldova, Orheiul Vechi.

Moderated by a world class expert, Kathleen Newland, Director of the Migration Policy Institute (Washington D.C., USA), the event offered unique opportunities to participants to address a large range of issues related to diaspora and its potential development impact for the country of origin – from government's priorities and challenges in interacting with the diaspora to the deficiency of communication and trust.

Bringing together for three days a diverse group of people, all with the same interest of reaching and engaging migrants, was a highly effective way to destroy communication barriers, gain mutual understanding, build relationships and get the buy-in needed for further positive collaboration.

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Members of the BDR, NEXUS, NEXUS Local Advisory Boards and other interested national authorities met in the historical complex of Orheiul Vechi June 3-5, 2013, for collaboration on diaspora engagement with the support of IOM under the direction of Kathleen Newland, co-founder of MPI and consultant to BDR.

EXTENDED MEETING OF THE EU – MOLDOVA MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP LOCAL COOPERATION PLATFORM

June 7, Chisinau. The Extended format of the Mobility Partnership Local Cooperation Platform is part of the mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the objectives of the Joint Declaration on the Mobility Partnership between the EU and the R. Moldova signed in 2008.

The event was attended by the representatives of the Moldovan Government, implementing institutions from Moldova, the EU Member States and EU agencies and institutions.

During the meeting the participants discussed the results of several projects implemented under the Mobility Partnership in various fields, such as: mobility, legal migration and integration, increasing the development impact of migration and mobility, strengthening relations with diaspora, border management, readmission, identity and travel documents, countering irregular migration etc.

The impact produced by the initiatives in the framework of the Mobility Partnership was highly appreciated and highlighted by the findings of the first comprehensive evaluation exercise, as well as by such important achievements as the launching of the Scoreboard online database and the finalization of the Extended Migration Profile Report.

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STRENGTHENING NEGOTIATIONS SKILLS OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

During 12 - 14 of June, the EU funded Project „Consolidation of migration management capacities in the Republic of Moldova” organised a training session for public servants mainly from the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family on techniques and methods of negotiating agreements especially bilateral ones at country level.

One of the objectives of the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family is to sign bilateral agreements on migration of labour force and social security and protection of Moldovans abroad. In present, there have been signed more than ten agreements on social security and one on migration of labour force with Italy.

To consolidate the capacities and skills of negotiation of the team representing Moldova, the EU project has brought one of the best trainers in negotiation techniques and strategies from Romania. Thus, participants were introduced in theories and practices of negotiation that included the following: steps, strategies and tactics of negotiation as well as identification of solutions applied within negotiation. Another important aspect on which the experts have focused is the cultural one that influences or re-directs the process of negotiation. Communication is as well a very important tool in conducting a successful negotiation.

Within the training, participants had practical exercises that simulated different situations when negotiating.

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POLICY DIALOGUE ON PERFORMANCE RELATED PAY IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

A policy dialogue on performance related pay, known as P4P (payment for performance), with an emphasis on primary health care was held in Chisinau, the Republic of Moldova on 13 June 2013. This was followed by a workshop on 14 June 2013 to support further improvement in the P4P system applied in Moldova. The event was organized by WHO Country Office, Ministry of Health and the National Health Insurance Company.

The policy dialogue aims to provide national decision-makers with an overview of the current status of the development of P4P mechanisms in primary health care, sharing the best practices of European health systems and focusing on lessons and perspectives that are relevant to the Republic of Moldova. Experts from the United Kingdom, Spain and Estonia shared the experiences of those countries in performance financing incentives and performance indicators for health and motivation in primary health care. The policy dialogue conclusions and recommendations will serve as the basis for further policy actions at country level.

The event and the ongoing process of strengthening the Republic of Moldova's capacity to manage the migration of health professionals are components of the European Union funded project "Better Managing the Mobility of Health Professionals in the Republic of Moldova".

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THE EU-FUNDED AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGN FOR MOLDOVANS IN ITALY IS FINALIZED

The last meeting with Moldovan migrants took place on 15 June 2013 in Milano, Italy. The "Nobody is Alone on the Earth" Campaign was implemented by International Organization for Migration, Mission to Moldova, in partnership with Moldovan Diaspora Associations in Italy; it is part of the "Addressing the negative effects of migration on minors and families left behind" project, co-funded by the European Union and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies of Italy.

The Campaign is based on the theatre play "The Abandoned People" by Dumitru Crudu, which offers an artistic view on migration from Moldova and its effects on those who have left and those who have been left behind.

The meetings with migrants were held throughout May-October 2012 in 9 Italian cities with the largest Moldovan communities. In 2013 at the behest of Moldovan Diaspora associations the Campaign was extended to cover 3 more Italian cities.

In total, the meetings gathered over a thousand of Moldovan citizens who exchanged their experiences, problems, hopes, etc. In addition, the participants in the meetings had the possibility to benefit from legal and psychosocial counselling services offered by a professional team (psychologist, lawyer, social assistant, cultural mediator) within the "Moldova – Italy Diaspora Centre", as well as the IOM Mission in Rome. Thus far over 60 migrants have benefited from such services.

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AGREEMENT ON NEXT STEPS TO SOLVE SHORTAGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

A wide variety of stakeholders and international representatives met in the Republic of Moldova on the 17 June to discuss progress towards the implementation of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel.

The technical discussion aimed to promote debate on effective policy options to strengthen the national health workforce and health systems and to foster commitment of all national stakeholders to implement the Code in the country. The Global Code aims to strengthen health systems by establishing and promoting voluntary principles and practices for an ethical international recruitment of health personnel. Representatives from the Norwegian Directorate for Health, WEMOS Foundation from the Netherlands and an EU-funded project from Italy shared the experiences of those countries in implementing, reporting and monitoring the WHO Code.



The discussion reached various conclusions, in particular, accurate, up to date data is vital; there is a need for more intensive collaborations between various national and international stakeholders; the Code should be promoted by the distribution of materials translated into local language; continuous capacity building for the Ministry of Health and medical institutions is essential; bilateral agreements should be signed between Republic of Moldova and the countries the health care workers are going to, concerning recognition of qualifications, technical assistance, circular migration, etc.

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A NATIONAL LEVEL PROJECT STEERING GROUP WAS SET UP AND MEETS REGULARLY TO DISCUSS ELDER ABUSE ISSUES

21 June, Chisinau. In the framework of the EU funded Project „Breaking the silence: Elder abuse in Moldova” was organised the first meeting of the recently created Project Steering Group, where the participants shared information about first Project steps – the trainings on elder abuse, community outreach activities and cases of abuse they have identified. Project volunteers were worried that they can see and identify many cases of abuse in their communities but they can’t intervene more.

The idea to set up a Project Steering Group (PSG) was inbuilt in the project so that all stakeholders (Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Internal Affairs, project Partners and Associates) work together to inform policy development in the area of elder abuse.

Ghenadie Neamtu from the Ministry of Internal Affairs informed the participants about the campaign “Meet Your Police Officer” and explained that “Older people often become a target of many criminals and abusers. They remain without houses, goods, pensions, even the money they put off for funerals. That’s why we encourage older people, victims of abuse to address the police office or the social assistance department immediately”.



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A TRAINING SESSION ON DECENT WORK AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF YOUTH WAS ORGANIZED IN CHISINAU

On June 24 – 28 and July 1 - 5, 2013, a training session on Decent Work and social-economic rights of youth for 60 social-economic actors and representatives of the civil society organizations from Causeni, Ungheni, Calarasi and Falesti districts took place in Chisinau.

The goal of the training session was to introduce to the social-economic actors and representatives of the civil society organizations the term of Decent Work, the agenda for Decent Work and the social-economic rights of youth for further promotion of these.

During the training session the following subjects were discussed: social-economic rights, international labor standards, general parameters of community involvement in youth employment, Decent Work, the rights of employees and of employers, security at the work place, equality of chances at work, management of change, creation of efficient partnerships for promoting the Decent Work and social-economic rights etc.



The event was organized in the framework of the EU Project “Decent work for YOUth – Improving the social-economic situation of young people in Moldova by empowering Moldovan youth and Moldovan Civil Society”. More details at: www.muncadecenta.md

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EU-FUNDED SUMMER SCHOOL "CHILDREN LEFT BEHIND ARE OUR CHILDREN!"

During the week of 24-30 June, was held the Summer School for Children Left Behind (CLB) in rural areas by the IOM Mission to Moldova, in collaboration with the Partnership for Development Centre, the National Museum of Ethnography and other NGOs and local partners.

The event called "Children Left Behind are our Children!" was organized under the patronage of Marie Moser, President of the International Women's Club in Moldova, and involved more than 40 people (35 children, 7 teachers and 3 social assistants) from Horodiste, Tipova and Lalova villages, Rezina rayon.

Following the two days of getting to know each other and becoming acquainted with the country's historical heritage, the participants (divided into age groups) began a robust educational agenda: they discussed Ecology, Communication and Conflict Resolution, Tolerance and Equal Opportunities, Health, Financial Education and Careers.

The Summer School had the general goal of empowering CLB, their teachers and community social assistants, providing them with the social and communication tools necessary for them to express themselves and to feel comfortable in our society. This activity was supported by the EU-fund project "Addressing the Negative Effects of Migration on Children and Families Left Behind".

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MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS AND SPECIALISTS ON OLDER PEOPLE' ISSUES IMPROVED THEIR KNOWLEDGE ON ELDER ABUSE

The EU funded Project „Breaking the silence: Elder abuse in Moldova” joined efforts with the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family and the IOM to train the Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) of the National Referral System and the specialists on Older People’ Issues covering 32 rayons and 3 municipalities Chisinau, Balti and Comrat.

In May and June, three trainings were organized at rayon level in Orhei, Basarabeaca and Leova and 4 trainings in Balti, Ialoveni, Comrat and Cahul. As a result, 155 participants gained knowledge on elder abuse and ways of intervention.

The Project aims to build capacity of the staff of MDTs, who admitted they never or rarely worked with cases of elder abuse, in the area of elder abuse identification, prevention and intervention. «This is the first time I take part in a training dedicated to older people and especially to elder abuse. I appreciate highly this initiative and I consider it important to develop the services for the elderly in our country.” said Ceclu Rodica, Head of Social Home Care Services in Glodeni. The EU Project „Breaking the silence: Elder abuse in Moldova” is implemented by HelpAge International and the Gender Centre and financed by the European Union.

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MEETING MOLDOVAN DIASPORA FROM PORTUGAL

On 30th of June, the EU funded project „Consolidation of migration management capacities in the R. Moldova” organized in Lisbon a meeting between Moldovan Diaspora from Portugal and the delegation from the R. Moldova, at the event participated around 60 Moldovans, including leaders of Diaspora associations.

During the official opening, Mrs. Valentina Buliga, Minister for Labour, Social Protection and Family Minister has underlined that the Government of the R. Moldova, especially the institution she was leading, found itself in full process of implementing the necessary reforms to assure a better level of life, more and better paid jobs, better life standards, but this was possible to achieve only in collaboration with Moldovans abroad. At the moment, around 600.000 Moldovans have left the country for a better future for themselves and their families. While the negative impact of migration is affecting already the country and Moldovans abroad.

The topics and questions approached within the meeting were different and varied from social security to possibilities of returning back home. During the discussions with Diaspora there were offered answers and solutions to individual cases regarding retirement and other social allowances. An important topic discussed was the possibilities of returning home, such as jobs or opening a business in Moldova. The organisation of this mission wouldn't be possible with the exceptional support of the embassy of the Republic of Moldova to Lisbon, to which we bring our gratefulness.

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TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

IMPLEMENTATION: MOLDOVA, THREE DISTRICTS FROM THE SOUTH, CENTRAL AND NORTH

In the framework of the “Support the use of remittances for new businesses and jobs creation” EU funded Project, during 03 – 28 June, training sessions have been organized and held in Briceni, Ocnita, Riscani, Causeni, Regions. The training sessions have been provided to 77 participants.

The participants at the training sessions have been trained in the area of business idea identification, legal aspects, business planning, marketing, financial planning and identification of financial sources for business creation, and accounting. The participants appreciated the provided training, expressing interest to participate in further project activities, related to obtaining support in business creation.

Also in cooperation with the Singerei, Donduseni, Riscani, Ocnita Rayon Council, a round table with 100 participants has been organized. During the round tables the project objectives, activities to be implemented in the mentioned Rayons, as well as expected results have been presented. Each participant at the round table received a set of documents, including project leaflet, project presentation, applications for participation in the project, and Guide „Business Opportunities“.

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EU FUNDED PROJECT ORGANISES A STUDY VISIT TO LITHUANIA

During the period from the 13th to 17th May 2013, the Twinning Project “Support to Moldova in the field of norms and standards in food safety for plant origin products” organized a study visit to Lithuania.

Participants in the study visit were mainly representatives of the Twinning project’s beneficiary institution – the National Food Safety Agency (NFSA) from R. Moldova.

This study visit provided Moldovan participants with the opportunity to acquire the experience of this EU Member State in the phytosanitary and pesticides sector; learn about the responsibilities of involved institutions and benefit from explanations with regard to systems under the National Pesticide Residue Monitoring Programme in Lithuania.

The following institutions were visited: the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Environment, the State food and veterinary service, the State plant service, the National food and veterinary risk assessment institute, regional divisions of respective services, a large-scale store for plant protection products and fertilisers, as well as a private farm in central Lithuania. As a result of this study visit, Moldovan representatives produced a report which included all the steps to be taken and actions to be implemented in Moldova with a view to streamlining the phytosanitary and pesticide sector.

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EXPERTS AND BRIQUETTE AND PELLET MANUFACTURES DISCUSS HOW TO ENSURE QUALITY OF BIOFUELS PRODUCED IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

21 June 2013. Briquette and pellet manufactures, experts from Ministries, public institutions, and Academia have attended the first national workshop devoted to quality issues of solid biofuels in the R. Moldova. The attendees discuss the steps to be taken to ensure quality of biofuels produced in the R. Moldova. The event has been organized by the Energy Efficiency Agency in partnership with the EU-UNDP Moldova Energy and Biomass Project.

“The Republic of Moldova aims to obtain 20% of its total energy consumption from renewable energy sources. At present, biomass is the most employed source of renewable energy and, concurrently, it is the source with great potential for the country. That is why ensuring quality of biofuels resulting from the biomass processing is extremely important”, Mihai Stratan, the Energy Efficiency Agency Director has stated.

The overall annual production capacity of the solid biofuel manufacturers in place amounts for 120 thousand tonnes. This capacity exceeds almost four times the current needs of biomass heating plants installed within public institutions thanks to the financial support provided by the EU-UNDP Moldova Energy and Biomass Project.

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CONFLICT PREVENTION

ONLINE MASS-MEDIA FROM THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RIVER NISTRU BECOMES MORE ACTIVE

2 July, Vadul lui Voda. For the first time, 11 schools from the Transnistrian region created their own blogs, where pupils can practice their journalistic skills and share their achievements. For one year, 70 pupils from the region were trained to create blogs for their schools. At the end of the training course, young bloggers gathered together at a summer school organized with the assistance of the EU-UNDP "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme to share their experience.

Bloggers' training is part of a media development project in the Transnistrian region, implemented by the Centre for Independent Journalism in partnership with the Media Centre and Stels-Tera organization from Tiraspol.

"The Confidence Building Measures programme aims at encouraging cross-river cooperation to meet challenges that affect citizens equally, whether they live in Chisinau, in Bender or in the Security Zone. It should also help civil society organizations, and in particular young people, to seize common opportunities: in the present case, to build a strong, independent and professional media environment, in line with EU standards", said Dirk Schuebel, Head of the EU Delegation to the R. Moldova. "Through their blogs, young people are engaging in issues that affect them, their generation and their communities. Everyone wants to feel that his or her voice can be heard and views be taken into account", said Nicola Harrington-Buhay, UNDP Resident Representative in Moldova.

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IN REZINA, PEOPLE TO BENEFIT FROM BETTER HEALTHCARE

Starting with 2 July, the rayon hospital from Rezina has a new General Surgery Unit. The European Union and the United Nations Development Programme in partnership with the local public administration provided over 115,000 Euro for its renovation.

Annually, about 2,000 people from Rezina rayon, and Ribnita and Camenca localities from the left side of the Nistru River are treated in the General Surgery Unit. Even though the Unit covers four vital departments in the hospital – intensive care, traumatology, urology, and otolaryngology – these have not been repaired for years and were in a critical condition. The Programme helped change all doors and windows, electricity and heating distribution networks, and water and sewerage supply systems in all four departments, which also undergone renovation and refurbishment works. Also, all these departments were equipped with furniture.

"I am proud to inaugurate today the General Surgery Department, which shows that the assistance provided by the EU is of direct benefit to the citizens and may, in the present case, virtually save lives, while fostering cross-river cooperation", said Dirk Schuebel, Head of the EU Delegation in the R. Moldova. "Today's event is another major step in creating better living conditions. A further 35 renovation projects are being carried out in kindergartens, schools, social and health centers which contribute to improving the quality of life and building confidence and cooperation between the two sides of the Nistru River", said Nicola Harrington-Buhay, UNDP Resident Representative in Moldova. "In the near future, we will join our efforts to renovate the hospital in Ribnita".

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MICRO FINANCING INITIATIVES MAY BRING NEW JOBS IN THE TRANSNISTRIAN REGION

Chisinau, 18 June. The market survey of the microfinancing sector in the Transnistrian region was presented within a round table organized by the UNDP-EU "Support to Confidence Building Measures" Programme. Besides the deep analysis of the situation in the financial area from the Transnistrian region, the study suggests also a financing mechanism which would allow young businessmen from the region to start up or to extend a business, to increase their incomes and to create new jobs.

The authors of the survey conclude that the limited access to finance represents one of main constraints for business development in the Transnistrian region. To overcome this situation, they recommend a micro financing mechanism, which would allow people accessing easier local banks' credits, as well as the grants provided by the financing organizations.

"The implementation of a micro-financing mechanism in the Transnistrian region is very timely, especially when the contribution of small and medium enterprises to the region's economy accounts for only 10%. Hence, the European Union is ready to provide support for such initiatives", said Wicher Slagter, Head of Political and Economic Section at the EU Delegation in the Republic of Moldova, during the round table. "The experience gathered by UNDP in other parts of the world shows that micro-financing initiatives help in creating new jobs – the main concern of the people living on the left side of the Nistru River. We hope that the pilot project proposed today will enjoy the necessary administrative support and will bring real benefits to all people from the region", said Nicola Harrington-Buhay, UNDP Resident Representative in Moldova.

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OTHER EVENTS

1 – 10 JULY, IVANCEA VILLAGE, IALOVENI DISTRICT

Summer camp ENERGEL organized by the Energy and Biomass Project.

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3 JULY, 09:00, DISTRICT COUNCIL STRASENI

Energy and Biomass Project organizes the Regional training "Effective Management of Biomass Heating Systems at Community Level" for Municipal Leaders from MEBP Beneficiary Communities from Straseni, Nisporeni and Calarasi Districts

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3 - 4 JULY, BENDER

In the framework of the Support to Confidence Building Measures Programme will be organised the Expert Meeting of the Civil Society Initiative on Economy and Trade

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04 JULY, 09:00, DISTRICT COUNCIL STRASENI

The Energy and Biomass project organizes the induction training „ Key operation principles of biomass-fired boilers” for the operators of heating systems from MEBP Beneficiary Communities from Straseni, Nisporeni and Calarasi districts

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5 JULY, 09:00, ORHEI TOWN, PRIMARIA CANTEEN HALL

Second round of Quarterly trainings for 8 Project Associates in their communities to be held; trainings will be conducted by experts of Gender Centre in the area of elder abuse and domestic violence.

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05 JULY, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY

Moldova Energy and Biomass Project Board

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07 JULY, AT 11:30, NGO ARTIZANA OFFICE, MANTA, CAHUL

Second round of Quarterly trainings for 8 Project Associates in their communities to be held; trainings will be conducted by experts of Gender Centre in the area of elder abuse and domestic violence.

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8 JULY, COTIUJENI AND GRIMANCAUTI, BRICENI DISTRICT

Energy and Biomass Project will organize the final assessment of Project Proposals of the communities: Cotiujeni, Grimancauti, d. Briceni

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9 JULY, R. MOLDOVA, SEVERAL COMMUNITIES

Energy and Biomass Project will organize the final assessment of Project Proposals of the communities: Parcova, Ruseni, Terebna, Edinet district; Balasnesti, Briceni district; Hadarauti, Ocnita district; Cocieri, Ustia, Dubasari district.

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9 JULY, CHISINAU

The Moldovan delegates participating in the negotiations will have the possibility to meet with experts from Poland and Hungary to discuss European best practices with negotiation of readmission agreements with EaP countries on readmission as well as methods of identification of irregular migrants.

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10 JULY, CRIULENI AND DROCHIA DISTRICTS

Energy and Biomass Project will organize the Final assessment of Project Proposals of the communities: Baltata, Criuleni district and Nicoreni, Drochia district.

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10 - 11 JULY, CHISINAU

In the framework of the Support to Confidence Building Measures Programme will be organised the Expert Meeting of the Civil Society Initiative on Social Issues and Humanitarian Aid.

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11 – 12 JULY, DUBOSSARI

In the framework of the Support to Confidence Building Measures Programme will be organised the Train-the trainers course in the framework of the Business School.

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11 - 12 JULY, TBILISI, GEORGIA

The first round of negotiations for a readmission agreement with Georgia

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17 JULY, TIRASPOL

In the framework of the Support to Confidence Building Measures Programme will be organised the Automobile Club project closing up round table.

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19 JULY, TIRASPOL

In the framework of the Support to Confidence Building Measures Programme will be organised the Novyi Vek close out conference on social research

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19 JULY, 10:00, DISTRICT COUNCIL TARACLIA

Energy and Biomass Project will organize the Regional training "Start up and development of biomass fuel production businesses"

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25 JULY, TIRASPOL

In the framework of the Support to Confidence Building Measures Programme will be organised the Seminar for mid-level managers: "Topical issues of labor legislation and the organization of the human resources departments of enterprises" in the framework of the Business School;

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26 JULY, CHISINAU, MEBP OFFICE

Energy and Biomass Project will organize the Project Selection Committee: Approval of the project proposals presented by the rural communities from districts Briceni, Criuleni, Drochia, Dubasari, Edinet and Ocnita for investments.

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JULY

Provide the Mobile Teams from Anenii Noi, Dubasari, Falesti, Sangerei and Ungheni with kinetherapy equipment, educational materials and specialized literature, activity under the EU Project "Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Locally Governed Disability Services: Supporting Decentralization Reform".

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JULY

Identify and approve beneficiaries for the "Mobile Team" social service activity under the EU Project "Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Locally Governed Disability Services: Supporting Decentralization Reform".

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JULY

Organize work sessions with the "Mobile Team" staff in five rayons (regarding the identification and acceptance of beneficiaries for the Service) activity under the EU Project "Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development of Locally Governed Disability Services: Supporting Decentralization Reform".

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JULY

Community outreach activities for prevention of and response to domestic violence and elder abuse, launched in May 2013, continue with sittings of older people in each of the 8 project sites, being conducted by OPGs (Older People Groups) of the 8 Project Associates.

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