



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

DEMOCRACY SUPPORT PROGRAMME TRAINS MEDIA MONITORING SPECIALISTS

On 1-5 September the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" provided training in the use of the new media monitoring methodology, data analysis and reports drafting. A five-day event brought together the staff of the Monitoring Units of the Coordinating Council on Audiovisual (CCA) and the public broadcaster "Teleradio Moldova" (TRM) to discuss how to draft the media monitoring reports in accordance with the Council of Europe standards and Moldovan legislation.

The training featured presentations and practical exercises by Mr. Richard Carver (Media Oxford Research, Great Britain), Mr. Rastislav Kuzel (MEMO98, Slovakia) and Mr. Ion Bunduchi (Association of Electronic Press, Moldova). The participants were mainly trained on monitoring political and electoral coverage, but also monitoring social pluralism and advertising in accordance with the new media monitoring methodology developed recently by the Council of Europe experts for CCA/TRM.



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EU-FUNDED PROGRAMME ORGANISES PROTOCOL TRAINING FOR MOLDOVAN PARLIAMENT

On 6-7 September the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" held an international diplomatic protocol training for some 20 officials from the Moldovan Parliament. A two-day training covered topics such as international etiquette, business entertaining, logistics of official delegations and visits, gift giving, ceremony sequencing and international flags and anthems. The manual on international protocol was also presented to the training participants.

The training was given by Ms. Dusa Vidanovich, a former career diplomat and managing director of the European School of Protocol. The extensive knowledge of and experience in the field of international protocol enabled her to work with the best corporations in the world, and most prominent European companies and organizations.



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT PROVIDES TRAINING ON DOCUMENT SECURITY TO MOLDOVAN OFFICIALS

On 7-9 September the EU-funded project "Strengthening Capacities and Cooperation in the Identification of Forged and Falsified Travel Documents at the Moldova-Romania Border" held a workshop on "Evaluation and Fine-tuning of Training Curricula and Manuals on Document Security". The workshop was one of the series of activities related to the module of training on document security.

During this workshop the representatives of the Moldovan institutions – the Border Guard Service, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Informational Technologies and Communication, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration – analyse feedback on the national pilot trainings, supported by the international experts, which were conducted this summer, and updated the training curricula and the manuals on document security. The manuals on document security will be printed and distributed among the Moldovan institutions for the training purposes. Furthermore, the e-learning tool will be developed in order to facilitate preparation of the staff working on document security in the respective Moldovan institutions.



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STUDY VISIT TO BELGIUM FOR STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONITORING UNIT OF THE CCA

On 7-11 September the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" held a study visit to the Superior Council of Audiovisual of Belgium (SCA) for 5 staff members of the Monitoring Unit of the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual of Moldova (CCA). The purpose of the visit was to study the experience of the broadcasting regulatory authority from Belgium in the field of mass media monitoring and strengthen the cooperation between the CCA and the CSA.

The Moldovan delegation learnt how the CSA is doing general monitoring, advertising monitoring and how the CSA is handling the complaints. Special sessions were dedicated to how to deal with protection of minors in TV and radio programmes and how carry out the media monitoring of elections.

The study visit content seemed to correspond to the expectations of participants. Mr. Dinu Ciocan, the Head of the Monitoring Unit of CCA, said that CCA will use in practice the experience of Belgium colleagues, especially related to general monitoring and handling the complains.

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PRESENTATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE EXPERTISE ON MOLDOVAN SOCIAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION

On 8 September the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" held round table discussion to present a comprehensive legislative assessment of the Moldovan social protection legislation and its compatibility with the European Social Charter. The event brought together senior officials of the governmental agencies dealing with the social issues and the representatives of international organizations, cooperation agencies, civil society and academia.

The assessment has been prepared by Mr. Matti Mikkola, Professor of Labour Law, University of Helsinki, with a view of improving the legislation of the Republic of Moldova in the social protection sphere. The legislative expertise assesses some eleven key laws concerning social protection in Moldova and outlines a set of concrete recommendations and directions for further reform.

The need for further legislative reforms was emphasised by the speakers who underlined that "the recent financial crisis and the widespread economic and social distress it created through massive job losses, declining income security and increasing poverty, has once again placed social protection at the centre of policy agendas and debates in Europe."

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT PROVIDES TRAINING ON INTERNAL COMMUNICATION TO MOLDOVAN OFFICIALS

On 8-9 September the EU-funded project "Strengthening Moldova's capacity to manage labour and return migration" held in Vilnius, Lithuania a training course in internal communication for 10 "ambassadors" from the National Employment Agency. During two days 10 directors and employees of the Agency had the possibility to study from Lithuanian colleagues the internal organisational culture. Also, they have taken the best from Swedish Public Employment Agency internal communication which was presented by Ms. Greta Svensson, Head of Information and Communication Department.

Once returned home, main goal of Moldovan officials will be the implementation of the knowledge gathered at training course and dissemination it among other employees of the National Employment Agency. Later on, the same persons shall be trained in external communication with partners and representatives of mass media in critical situations. This training shall take place in Stockholm, Sweden and will be organised together with the Swedish Public Employment Agency.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT SUPPORTS MOLDOVAN PARTICIPATION AT BUSINESS FORUM IN POLAND

On 8-11 September the EU-funded project "Support to Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" financially supported the participation of the official Moldovan delegation at the Krynica Business Forum in Poland. It is one of the most significant international events in Central Europe and brings together over 1500 high-level participants from more than 60 countries. The Forum agenda included some 120 discussion panels that come under 10 thematic tracks including business and investment, European economic policy, energy, geo-politics, the EU and its neighbourhood.

According to Mr. Denis Jelimalai, Head of the Investment Promotion Department of the Moldovan Investment and Export Promotion Organisation (MIEPO), Moldova's participation at the Krynica Business Forum was "an ideal opportunity to present Moldova's investment and export promotion potential to a high number of Polish and regional businessmen, institutions and state bodies involved in export and investment promotion".

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PRESS COUNCILS FROM MOLDOVA AND ESTONIA SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE

On 13-15 September the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" held a study visit for the members of the Moldovan Press Council to the Estonian Press Council. During 3 days Moldovan delegation shared experience with Estonian colleagues, participated at a workshop on simulation of examination of complains from citizens, visited the editorial offices of Estonian dailies and news agencies.

Ms. Ludmila Andronic, the chairwoman of the Moldovan Press Council, declared during the opening session that she is sure that the study visit to Estonia will be very useful for the future development of Moldovan Press Council as a media self-regulatory mechanism. Later in the evening the

Also, Moldovan delegation had meetings with the representatives of the Public Broadcasting Company from Estonia. As result of the visit a Memorandum of cooperation was signed between Moldovan and Estonian Press Councils. The organisations have agreed to exchange the information and to consult each other in more problematic cases.

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EU-FUNDED PROGRAMME SUPPORTS THE CELEBRATION OF THE FORESTERS' DAY 2010

On 17 September the EU-funded programme "Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy in East Countries and Russia" (ENPI-FLEG) held, in co-operation with the Agency "Moldsilva" and the Forest Research and Management Institute, the annual national conference and a celebration concert on the Foresters' Day 2010.

Foresters' Day celebrations proved an excellent forum to meet with the Moldovan high officials. The interim President of the Republic of Moldova, Minister of Environment, representatives of the forestry sector (forest enterprises, forest - game enterprises, natural reserves, Forest Research and Management Institute) as well as other forestry professionals and experts participated in this event. Participants received printed copies of the Forestry Bulletin and the ENPI-FLEG Programme Newsletter.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS AN OFFICIAL EVENT FOR MOLDOVAN SOCIAL WORKERS

On 17 September the EU-funded project "Addressing Needs of Vulnerable Groups of Population in Moldova" an official event for handing out diplomas to participants of the training on fundamental professional skills in social work.

Ms. Valentina Buliga, Minister of Labour and Social Protection welcomed the 75 social workers and congratulated with the International Day of Social Worker marked annually on the third Sunday of September. The Minister handed out the diplomas showing consideration for the balanced and long partnership in implementing policies of social protection of population in Moldova.

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JOINT EU-COE PROGRAMME TRAINS MOLDOVAN POLICE ON RIOT CONTROL

On 20-21 September the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" held at the Police Academy "Stefan cel Mare" in Chisinau a two-day event on proper police tactics during public demonstrations. The event brought together over 20 representatives of Moldovan law-enforcement agencies.

The training seminar enhanced the participants' crowd control capacity, teaching officers to deal with lawful and unlawful gatherings, sport events, political rallies and concerts in line with international policing standards and human rights. Expert police trainers from the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom gave an overview of international principles in upholding freedom of assembly, and the role of different de-escalation tactics in eliminating tensions during demonstrations.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS TWO MOLDOVA PRESENTS EVENTS IN ROMANIA

On 22-25 September the EU-funded project "Support to Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" conceptually, logistically and financially assisted in the organisation of two export and investment (E&I) events "Moldova Presents" in Brasov and Bucharest, Romania.

Each event was construed around two separate though interrelated programme implementation stages, i.e. a business seminar for Romanian potential investors and importers focussing on the positive trade and investment climate characterising Moldova as well as a direct Business-to-Business (B2B) Forum, where Romanian and Moldovan companies had the opportunity to identify and explore mutual beneficial business relationships.

Overall, the two Romanian events were attended by over 75 interested Romanian businessmen and organisations and more than 100 bi-lateral B2B meetings were organised. Of particular interest to the attending Romanian companies were the business opportunities offered in the agriculture (wine and fresh fruit and vegetables) and the service sector.

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FIRST EU-FUNDED TWINNING PROJECT IN MOLDOVA SUMS UP ACHIEVEMENTS

On 23 September the EU-funded Twinning project "Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova" held the closing event after the successful implementation of all activities. High-level officials of the EU Delegation and Moldovan Parliament (beneficiary institution) announced the end of the first Twinning-type assistance project with a budget of 1 million.

The project was implemented during 27 months by a consortium of the French National Assembly together with the French Senate and the Hungarian National Assembly and consisted in exchange of experience between Moldovan public institutions and their equivalents in the EU Member States. It aimed at strengthening the human resources capacities of Moldovan Parliament, the EU affairs management, the regulatory impact assessment issues and the control function of the Parliament over the Government. Altogether, about 50 activities were implemented in the framework of the project.

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JUDGES, PROSECUTORS AND POLICE OFFICERS LEARN HOW TO PREVENT TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

On 27-30 September the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" held a training of trainers for 30 Moldovan judges, prosecutors and police officers on the European Court of Human Rights and the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture standards for combating ill-treatment and impunity.

The training aimed at creating a core group of national trainers that will subsequently provide cascade seminars to their peers. This session is an essential component of the programme's efforts in combating torture and ill-treatment and promoting human rights awareness in Moldova. The training was conducted by two international experts with participation of a national expert.

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EU-FUNDED PROGRAMME ORGANISES A STUDY VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

On 28-29 September the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova" held a two-day study visit to the European Parliament for some 12 members of the Moldovan Parliament staff. This study visit was the second of the "Democracy Support Programme" agreed between the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Parliament of Moldova.

The objective of the visit was to provide the Moldovan officials information on the organisation and functioning of the Committees in the European Parliament, their relevance for the legislative and oversight process and their role in the policy shaping of the EU. The relationship between permanent parliamentary staff, political group staff and parliamentary assistants as well as planning, communication and coordination issues, were also debated.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT SUPPORTS ISO ACCREDITATION OF MOLDOVAN TESTING LABORATORIES

During the month of September the EU-funded project "Support to Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" (SEPIA) initiated the final stage in this accreditation process of the beneficiary Moldovan Testing laboratories (Veterinary Diagnosis, Feed and Seed Testing Laboratories), in particular the accreditation of the Feed and Veterinary Diagnosis Testing Laboratories by the Romanian National Testing Laboratories' Accreditation Body RENAR.

Since the beginning, SEPIA Project has adopted a consecutive delivery approach in view of assisting the three selected beneficiary Moldovan Testing laboratories in obtaining an EU-recognised ISO 17025 testing laboratory certificate. Main milestones in this approach till date have been the finalisation of the testing laboratories' staff ISO 17025 training, the formulation and adoption of ISO 17025-compliant Quality Manuals in each of the beneficiary testing laboratories, the obtaining of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) Certificate by the Seed Laboratory and the receiving of the necessary testing equipment calibration certificates by the Feed and Veterinary Diagnosis Testing Laboratories.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

4-5 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Round table on eTwinning for teachers and school staff – the first step for involving Moldova in the activities implemented within the EU Comenius Programme.

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5 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

National Conference on the 20-th Anniversary of the EU TEMPUS Programme.

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5-7 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Workshop for evaluation and meeting for the adoption of the inter-agency agreement in the framework of the project "Strengthening Capacities and Cooperation in the Identification of Forged and Falsified Travel Documents at the Moldova-Romania Border"

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11-14 OCTOBER, ROTTERDAM AND UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS

Moldova Outgoing Business Mission within the EC-funded project "Support to Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova"

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12-13 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Diaspora Congress of Moldovan Diaspora associations abroad organised within the EU-funded project "Supporting the Implementation of Migration and Development Component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership"

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12-14 OCTOBER, CHISINAU, BALTI AND COMRAT

Three round tables within the EU-funded Democracy Support Programme with the participation of all media outlets, media professions and media NGOs to discuss the first draft of the updated Code of Ethics for Journalists.

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18-19 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Second training session on proper police tactics during public demonstrations within the EU-funded Democracy Support Programme.

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18-22 OCTOBER, POLAND

Training course on migration policy and procedures of issuing working permits for Moldovan National Employment Agency specialists within the EU-funded project "Strengthening Moldova's capacity to Manage Labour and Return Migration".

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18-22 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Training seminars for 20 judges and prosecutors on the use of alternatives to the pre-trial detention and imprisonment within the EU-funded Democracy Support Programme.

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