



EU BORDER MISSION ORGANISES A STUDY VISIT FOR MOLDOVAN STUDENTS

On 4 December 2009 the EU-funded European Union Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) organised a study visit for Moldovan students to the Mission's headquarters in Odesa. The visit was organised in the framework of cooperation between EUBAM and Free International University of Moldova. The students were welcomed by the Mission's Deputy Head Udo Burkholder.

About 30 customs law students from the Free International University of Moldova took part in a fact finding mission to EUBAM's headquarters. EUBAM customs experts provided students with an overview of the work being done by the Moldovan customs services in its drive toward fully realising European standards.

The students learnt also about customs issues associated with Transnistrian conflict, particularly about the Joint Declaration regulating export and import relations between Moldova and Ukraine, as well as EUBAM's involvement in these processes. The Political Adviser for the EU Special Representative to Moldova Artur Raducanu briefed the guests on the European Union's view on the Transnistrian conflict settlement.



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EU PROJECT SUPPORTS MOLDOVAN INSTITUTIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF EU-MOLDOVA AGREEMENTS

On 7-15 December 2009 the EU-funded project "Support to the implementation of Moldova-EU agreements" organised three events for Moldovan institutions on implementation and approximation to EU legislation. The officials of the Ministry for Finance, Ministry of Environment and National Agency for Protection of Competition, as well as project experts took part in the events.

The first training seminar was held for 25 representatives of the Ministry for Finance and the Main State Tax Inspectorate. The project experts presented the key aspects of the approximation of Moldovan taxation law and policy to EU standards and the main findings of the Sectoral Law Approximation study on the tax sector, conducted by the project.

The second workshop on implementation of the EU Directive on Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) in Moldova was organised for the officials of the Ministry of Environment. Moldova has made a commitment for compliance with the EIA Directive by the end of 2010. In addition, the implementation of the Directive has become urgent to ensure the EU and international financial institutions can invest in infrastructure projects in Moldova according to EIA standards.

The third training on "Experiences in competition, the practical application of competition law in Portugal" was organised for the officials of the National Agency for Protection of Competition. The project expert of the Portuguese authority for the protection of competition presented several cases of violations of articles on competition of the Treaty of the European Community. An analysis was also carried out for these cases in light of Moldovan Law on protection of competition.



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EU PROJECT BOOSTS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE REFORM

On 18 December 2009 the EU-funded project "Support to the Health Reform: Strengthening of Primary Health Care in Moldova" organised an international workshop on "Health Care Quality Management and Clinical Audit as Main Components of Primary Health Care (PHC) Strengthening Strategy". Representatives of Ministry of Health, national medical associations, medical higher education institutions, as well as stakeholders in the field of primary health care from all regions across the country attended the workshop to learn about quality management tools.



This workshop served as an instrument for raising awareness about international experience in the field of implementing Clinical Protocols and Guidelines for primary health care and as stimulus to the process of implementation of clinical protocols elaborated by the project.

The cornerstone of the workshop was the approaching the quality of health services improvement mechanisms, including practical application of Clinical Protocols in the context of strengthening primary health care. The project experts presented during the workshop drafts of developed Clinical Protocols, which are available for public information and debates on the project's website.

The health reform in Moldova is high on many policymakers' agenda and these kinds of workshops refine the right direction for further primary health care development. The cooperation highlighted in the presentations and fostered among workshop participants should boost the reform process.

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EU LAUNCHES TWO NEW PROJECTS WITH CHISINAU CITY HALL

On 14 January the EU Delegation has launched two new projects for Chisinau City Hall aimed at optimising energy consumption and preventing climate change. The EU-funded projects have a total budget of € 1.348 million and will be implemented during the next two years.



The objective of the first project is to develop, promote and implement innovative actions on climate change. Its main goal is the renovation and improvement of pluvial sewerage in the two cities of Chisinau and Odesa. This part of the project includes the construction of a collection station of pluvial water in Chisinau and the rehabilitation of pluvial networks parts as a measure of protection against flooding. Air pollution will be decreased by repairing problematic sectors that currently flood and block traffic.

The objective of the second project is to increase energy efficiency of the Chisinau and Sevastopol municipalities. Based on positive experience, it aims at furthering energy efficient technologies by improving the regulatory framework. Another important element is the promotion of energy efficient behaviour in public institutions (such as schools) and of private households. Lastly, in order to promote investment, a trade fair on energy efficient technologies will be organised in Chisinau.

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EU PROJECT SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY POLICY AND SYSTEM

On 21-22 January the EU-funded project "Addressing needs of vulnerable layers of the population" organised in co-operation with the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family (MLSPF) a workshop on "Implementation of Social support in the Republic of Moldova". The project with a budget of €6 million aims at supporting the development of social security policy and system in Moldova and thus helping to reduce social inequality. More than 100 representatives of the central and local public authorities as operators and social assistants took part in the event.



The representatives of the MLSPF presented during the event the results after a year from the first payments of the social support and the new objectives on the social support law according to the agreement of the IMF and the Government "European Integration: Freedom, Democracy, Welfare!". The project experts made presentations on the public information campaign which will be implemented in the three pilot districts (Balti, Leova, Ialoveni) and implementation plan of monitoring mechanism of errors and frauds.

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EU PROJECT SUPPORTS SEED LABORATORY ON INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED ACCREDITATION

On 27 January with the financial and logistic support of the EU-funded project "Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" started the audit for accreditation of the Seed Testing Laboratory of the State Centre for Certification of Seed Materials by the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA). The project sees the acquiring of the ISTA accreditation by the Seed Laboratory as an important project accreditation result.

Since the beginning, the project has worked together with the beneficiary Moldovan testing laboratories and delivered a wide range of ISO 17025 training and laboratory testing and quality manuals in view of obtaining ISO accreditation. The Seed Laboratory has made good progress and has obtained ISO certification by the Moldovan Accreditation Centre on the basis of a decision by the Centre for Accreditation in the Field of Products Conformity.

This accreditation is only valid within Moldova and is not internationally recognised. But ISO accreditation is a sufficient prerequisite for allowing the Seed Laboratory to obtain ISTA accreditation following a through audit by ISTA, which would allow Moldova to fulfil its commitments it made in 2008-2009 when the country accessed the Joined Seed Schemes of OECD and ISTA in order to ensure international movement of seed material.

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EU PROJECT FAMILIARISE TEXTILE COMPANIES WITH EU FASHION TRENDS

On 27 January the EU-funded project "Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" organised in co-operation with the Moldovan Investment and Export Promotion Organisation (MIEPO) a seminar for Moldovan textile companies to introduce the anticipated EU textile fashion trends for Summer 2011. Overall over 30 Moldovan companies participated in the event.

As part of the 2010 Annual Export Promotion Action Plan, the EU project and MIEPO have engaged themselves, at the request of the Ministry of Economy, to concentrate on supporting specific Moldovan export sectors including the textile/apparel sector. In this aspect, MIEPO and the project organises specific seminars to introduce/present the anticipated EU textile/apparel fashion trends. It should allow the Moldovan textile/apparel sector companies to have a better idea what are the expected fashion trends for this period in the EU. This is, specifically, important for the Moldovan textile/apparel companies in order to be able to understand and subsequently produce samples to be used for contacting and presenting collection/samples to foreign buyers. The project already organised in October 2009 the same seminar for the Winter 2010 fashion trends. Based on the gained positive experiences, the project organised the present seminar for Summer 2011 using the Christine Boland's fashion book that will also be provided on CD-ROM to all the participating companies.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1-13 FEBRUARY, CHISINAU

The EU-funded project "EU support to the Health Reform: Strengthening of Primary Health Care in Moldova" conducts a series of joint workshops/training for users of the Primary Health Information System "Medex".

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3-5 FEBRUARY, BERLIN, GERMANY

The EU-funded project "Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" organises and co-funds the participation of Moldovan Companies at the Fruit and Vegetables Trade Fair FRUIT LOGISTICA.

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8-11 FEBRUARY, PARLIAMENT, CHISINAU

The EU-funded Twinning project „Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova” holds a training on the involvement of the civil society in the parliamentary control.

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15-18 FEBRUARY, PARLIAMENT, CHISINAU

The EU-funded Twinning project „Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova” assists and monitors the implementation of the new human resources policy and organisational framework.

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16-19 FEBRUARY, MOSCOW, RUSSIA

The EU-funded project "Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" organises and co-funds the participation of Moldovan Companies at the Textiles Trade Fair TEXTILLEGPROM.

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22-23 FEBRUARY, PARLIAMENT, CHISINAU

The EU-funded Twinning project „Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova” holds a workshop for the members and staff of the Committee for Legal Issues Appointments and Immunities and the members of the Committee for National Security, Defence and Public Order.

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24-27 FEBRUARY, MOSCOW, RUSSIA

The EU-funded project "Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" organises and co-funds the participation of Moldovan Companies at the Textiles Fashion Trade Fair.

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