



EU PROJECT SHARES EXPERIENCE ON TRAVEL DOCUMENTS SECURITY AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE

On 26-28 January and 23-25 February the EU-funded project “Strengthening capacities and cooperation in the identification of forged and falsified travel documents at the Moldova-Romania border” organised two workshops on “Development of a comprehensive training concept on document security” and “EU good practices in document security and information exchange”.

Working groups of representatives from Moldavian Border Guard Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Ministry of Information Technologies and Communication were supported by international experts from the Netherlands, Hungary and Slovakia.

The Moldovan authorities presented their current system of information exchange. Based on the expert recommendations and EU good practices, they evaluated ideas on how to improve document security and information exchange within and between authorities.

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EU PROJECT EVALUATES THE RESULTS ON JUSTICE SYSTEM SUPPORT

On 28 January the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented project “Increased Independence, Transparency and Efficiency of the Justice System of the Republic of Moldova” organised the Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee to discuss and evaluate the achieved results.

During the evaluated period, the project supported the Ministry of Justice and the Superior Council of Magistrates (SCM) in development and upgrading of the legislative database, network maintenance, creation of a new website; provided assistance in editorial activities (Commentary of Code of Enforcement) and publications (Guide on Freedom of Expression for judges and journalists, and other); supported the National Institute of Justice mainly in the form of curricula elaboration, trainings, technical assistance, etc.

At the event, Moldovan partners stressed the stringent necessity for a further co-operation in such fields as the strengthening of the institutional capacity of the SCM, assistance to the General Prosecutor’s Office in further reformation of the public prosecutor’s service, improvement of the status and training of the auxiliary court personnel, liberalisation of bailiff’s profession and training of lawyers.

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EU PROJECT TRAINS USERS OF THE NEW PRIMARY HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

On 1-13 February the EU-funded project “EU support to the Health Reform: Strengthening of Primary Health Care in Moldova” in co-operation with the Medical Territorial Agency (MTA) Centru conducted a series of joint workshops for users of the Primary Health Information System “Medex”. 300 users on utilisation of the new Medex System were trained during the workshops.

This training became necessary, given that during the period October 2009-January 2010 the project developed the second version of the Medex System, which is piloted now in MTA Centru. According to the memorandum of collaboration signed between the project, Ministry of Health and MTA Centru, the staff of MTA Centru actively participates in the development through identification of requirements toward the functionality of the system, testing and piloting.

After this training, the new version of Medex (“Medex 2”) run in AMT Centru replacing the existing system. The new system can be further replicated in other MTAs, in Regional Centres and could be used country-wide in the future provided the IT infrastructure is appropriate.

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NEW EU PROJECT FOR IMPROVING WASTE GOVERNANCE

On 2 February a new EU-funded regional project “Waste Governance – ENPI East” aimed at improving waste governance within the countries of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Region (ENPI East) was launched in Chisinau. The project with a budget of €5,845,500 will be implemented during 48 months.

The project’s specific objective is to improve the management of waste by promoting higher standards at waste facilities, more effective waste prevention initiatives, increased capacities for waste collection and sorting as well as increasing re-use, recovery, and safe disposal of waste. The main project partner in Moldova is the Ministry of Environment.

The intended results of the project are completed pilot region inventories of existing illegal/non-compliant disposal sites; an adopted waste classification approach that accords with international and EU standards; completed, 15-year, waste management strategies for each of the identified pilot cities; and feasibility study in establishing a “DABLAS type” platform for encouraging strategic waste management investments.

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EU PROJECT PROMOTES MOLDOVAN COMPANIES ON GERMAN AND RUSSIAN MARKETS

In February the EU-funded project “Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova” organised the participation of more than 20 Moldovan companies in three trade fairs in Germany and Russia.

On 2-5 February the project supported financially and logistically the participation of eight Moldovan companies and sector associations at the Fruit and Vegetables Trade Fair FruitLogistica in Berlin (Germany). Moldovan mission attended the plenary meeting organised by the German Fruit Association, visited the Berlin wholesale Fruit and Vegetable market and had over 50 individual business meetings with German and EU distributors and importers during the Fair.

On 16-19 February the project supported the participation of ten Moldovan apparel companies in the Federal Trade Fair for Apparel & Textile (Textillegprom) in Moscow (Russia), which attracts buyers, agents, wholesalers and importers from Russia and other CIS markets. Preliminary feedback indicates that the participation at Textillegprom was successful for the participating Moldovan companies and that the same volume of sales contracts were concluded with Russian partners as last year.

On 24-27 February other three Moldovan apparel companies took part in the Collection Premiere Moscow (CPM) 2010 Trade Fair. From a marketing perspective, CPM is thus the major upper-end Own Collection trade fair for the CIS markets and attendance is a must for all Moldovan companies that wish either to start or consolidate existing export activities on the Russian and CIS markets for Own Collections.

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EU PROJECT TRAINS HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALISTS FROM MOLDOVAN PRISONS

On 8-12 February the EU-funded project “Support to Moldova in Prisons System Upgrading and Penal Reform” organised a workshop on human resources management, selection and promotion of prisons staff, as well as evaluation of staff competences of the prisons. The event gathered human resources specialists from Moldovan prisons and was conducted by a German expert.

The objective of the training was to improve the abilities and knowledge of prison staff and value the best practices of prison staff policies from Germany. The event included also a comparative study on experiences and practices in prisons of both countries, as well as practical exercises to improve the abilities of local human resources specialists.

The workshop participants exercised different models of staff requirements evaluation, conducting hiring interviews, implementation of staff testing, analysis of conflict situations with could appear in prisons and identification of solutions and special techniques for this staff category.

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EU PROJECT FAMILIARISES OFFICIALS WITH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKETING STANDARDS

On 9 February the EU-funded project “Support of the Implementation of the Moldova-EU Agreements” organised a workshop on fruit and vegetable marketing standards inspection and control systems. Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, Ministry of the Economy, responsible departments and other authorities attended the event.

The project experts familiarised the participants on EU and UK regulation of fruit and vegetable marketing standards; assessment of the current Moldovan fruit and vegetable marketing standards control and inspection system; UK Horticultural Marketing Inspectorate; recommendations for a new or improved Moldovan fruit and vegetable marketing standards control and inspection system. All invitees attended and participated actively in the workshop with questions and discussion. The large majority of participants gave exclusively top marks in evaluation reports for all aspects of the workshops.

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EU TRANS-BORDER CULTURAL PROJECT PROMOTES MOLDOVAN AUTHENTIC MUSIC

On 13-14 February the EU-funded project “Cross-border cultural activities - premise for a multilateral sustainable cooperation” organised in the Festelita Village, Stefan Voda Rayon the Second Edition of the Regional Festival Competition of Folk Music “Vasile Moga”. 38 participants, solo singers and instrumentalists from the Republic of Moldova and Romania took part in the competition.

The objective of the event was the promotion of authentic folk music and authentic interpreters and composers of folk music, as well as evocation of the famous musician Vasile Moga which was born in the Festelita Village. This event was the last activity of the project, which provided infrastructure, logistical support and resources for establishment and development of sustainable relations of cross-border cultural co-operation between local communities of the Republic of Moldova and Romania. The project realised a capital reconstruction of the Culture House and provided artistic collectives from Festelita with necessary equipment, musical instruments and national costumes; the managers of the collectives were trained on organisation of cultural activities.

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EU PROJECT TRAINS LOCAL PERSONNEL ON MIGRANT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

On 14-18 February the EU-funded and IOM-implemented project (GUMIRA) jointly with the Ministry of Interior Affairs (MAI) organised a capacity building training on medical assistance for personnel working at the Migrant Accommodation Centre (MAC). The training was delivered by two experts from the University Hospitals of Geneva (Switzerland).

Through this training, participants from the MAI, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Border Guard Services as well as NGO staff from the Institute for Penal Reform, sought to develop basic knowledge on medical issues and how to administer proper medical assistance to migrants hosted in the MAC. Migrants' health related issues such as infectious diseases, risks for personnel as well as aspects of mental health and stress due to exclusion in an administrative detention facility were addressed.

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EU-COE PROJECT PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR FUTURE LEGAL SYSTEM REFORM

On 17 February the EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented project “Increased Independence, Transparency and Efficiency of the Justice System of the Republic of Moldova” in co-operation with ABA Rule of Law Initiative and the OSCE Mission to Moldova organised and hosted a roundtable on “Outlining Priorities for Future Reform in the Moldovan Legal System”.

Roughly 70 participants representing the judiciary, public prosecutors’ service, the lawyers’ profession, the Ministry of Justice and other state authorities, representatives of the most important donors involved in the justice sector took an active part to the event.

The roundtable aimed at providing a forum for discussion and debate with regard to the priorities of reform in the field of the judiciary, of the prosecutors’ service and of the legal profession. To this end, all participants representing the three relevant professions of the justice system of the Republic of Moldova and international experts joined in working groups to discuss the assessments on Judicial Reform Index, Prosecutorial Reform Index and Legal Profession Reform Index.



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EU PROJECT RAISES AWARENESS OF MOLDOVAN CITIZENS LIVING IN ITALY

On 19 February the team of the EU-funded project “Strengthening Moldova’s capacity to manage labour and return migration” had a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Natalia Gherman in order to present the current activities occurring within the Mobility Partnership between EU and Moldova. The parties discussed the opportunity to organise a job fair addressing the Moldovan citizens temporarily living in Padova, Italy.

The aim of the job fair is to improve the relationships with the Moldovan citizens from abroad, to communicate directly and be able to inform them regarding the current status of the labour market situation in Moldova. They will also be notified on the trends of the national labour market, policies and returning migrants programmes.

In order to effectively prepare the job fair, the project will have a series of meetings with the representatives of the Moldovan diplomatic mission in Italy, as well with the Moldovan diaspora in Veneto, Padova and Rome areas. The upcoming job fair due to take place in Italy has the full support of the Employment Agency “Veneto Lavoro”, Italian Embassy in Moldova.

In November 2009 the project organised a similar event for the Moldovan citizens temporarily living in Germany.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1-2 AND 29-31 MARCH, PARLIAMENT, CHISINAU

The EU-funded Twinning project "Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova" organises two workshops for the members and staff of the Committee for Foreign Policy and European Integration of the Parliament.

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1-5 MARCH, PARLIAMENT, CHISINAU

The EU-funded Twinning project "Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova" organises a working session on the infrastructural needs for a democratically-functioning parliament.

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4-5 MARCH, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, CHISINAU

The EU-funded and Council of Europe-implemented project "Increased Independence, Transparency and Efficiency of the Justice System of the Republic of Moldova" will organise and hold a continuous training session on freedom of expression and access to information, for some 60 acting judges.

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16-18 MARCH, CHISINAU

The EU-funded project "Strengthening capacities and cooperation in the identification of forged and falsified travel documents at the Moldova-Romania border" organises a workshop on "Development of training curricula and development/updating of manuals on document security".

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24 MARCH, CHISINAU

The EU-funded project "Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" organises the Signing Dutch Import Promotion Protocol between MoE/MIEPO and Dutch Centre for Import Promotion (CBI) covering Wine and Fruit and Vegetables Sectors.

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30 - 31 MARCH, CHISINAU

The EU-funded project "Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" organises the Regional ICT Summit Event.

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30-31 MARCH, CHISINAU

The EU-funded project "Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova" organises an Incoming Belgian Trade Mission to Moldova.

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