



EU-FUNDED PROJECT PROVIDES TRAINING OF TRAINERS FOR MOLDOVAN OFFICIALS

On 25 May-3 June the EU-funded project “Strengthening Capacities and Cooperation in the Identification of Forged and Falsified Travel Documents at the Moldova-Romania Border” held an intensive training of trainer on document security for sixteen representatives from the Border Guard Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Information Technologies and Communication, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. The training focused on a variety of topics from the production of the documents to the forgery methods.

Trainers were represented by the highly qualified experts from Hungary, the Netherlands and Romania. The training process was facilitated by the equipment, including laptops, projectors and document examination kits, which for this purpose were purchased by the project and handed over to the Moldovan ministries for the follow-up trainings in their respective institutions. Two pilot trainings, conducted by the national trainers and supported by international experts, will take place in July in Chisinau.



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT TRAINS OFFICIALS ON EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

On 27-28 May the EU-funded project “Strengthening Moldova’s capacity to manage labour and return migration” held a training session on external communication for the management and officers of the National Employment Agency (ANOFM).

The project invited for training session the best communication experts from Swedish Employment Service and BNG, leading company in PR and communication. According to project experts, communication is an important element in facilitation of working processes, as well as in social dialogue with partners. For these reasons the project held a training session in communication with external partners and media representatives.



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT BRINGS ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITY TO RURAL AREAS

On 28 May the EU-funded and IOM-implemented project “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership” awarded within the Small and Medium Enterprise Forum in Chisinau twenty young entrepreneurs with non-reimbursable in-kind equipment grants valued around €1000. The young entrepreneurs were participants of the National Economic Empowerment of Young People Programme.

The lack of economic opportunities in Moldova is a primary reason for migration, and the reluctance to return home. Creating a favourable environment for business development, providing trainings in start-ups, enhancing the skills in business management and providing concrete business support are key factors that can open the door for Moldovans to build a secure future at home.

The project supports the development of small and medium enterprises and encourages the activities of income generation as measures for social integration, economic empowerment (that will enhance the development of rural areas), poverty reduction and the prevention of irregular migration. The in-kind grant is part of the programme for supporting young entrepreneurs from rural areas in the Republic of Moldova.



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ORGANISES TRAINING SEMINARS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

On 31 May, 10 and 21 June the EU-funded, IOM Project “Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building for the Governments of Ukraine and Moldova for the Implementation of Readmission Agreements with the European Union (GUMIRA)” held three training seminars on issues related to migrants’ apprehension and detention for police officers from Chisinau and other regions.

Insuring the adequate observance of migrants’ human rights during apprehension or detention is in line with national as well as international norms, requires that police officers be properly trained in this area. The training provided information on the national legal framework regulating entry, stay, apprehension and detention of foreigners in Moldova as well as specified the most important legal instruments adopted by the Republic of Moldova protecting the rights of irregular migrants. Specific attention was paid to the relevant jurisprudence of the European Court for Human Rights.



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ORGANISES INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON IMPLEMENTATION OF EU-MOLDOVA READMISSION AGREEMENT

On 1 June the EU-funded and IOM-implemented project “Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building for the Governments of Ukraine and Moldova for the Implementation of Readmission Agreements with the European Union (GUMIRA)” held in Chisinau an international seminar on implementation of EU-Moldova readmission agreement. The seminar brought together representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in Moldova, international organisations, NGOs, Moldovan government authorities as well as representatives from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Border Guards from Romania and Ukraine.

The seminar was organised as follow up on the assessment where the legal expert shared his observations and recommendations with participants, and also served as a platform for dialog and experience exchange between the participants on various issues related to readmission.

The Moldovan authorities presented the challenges encountered so far by Ministry of internal Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs and the Border Guards Service in relation with negotiation and implementation of the RA and the additional protocols, while the Romanian and Ukrainian counterparts have shared their experience and best practices in the field.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS WORKSHOPS FOR NGOS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

On 7-11 June the EU-funded project “A new approach to poverty reduction in Moldova - combined efforts of NGOs and Local Authorities” held in Edinet two workshops on poverty reduction for representatives of local authorities and. The project already held 8 same workshops in different districts of the Republic of Moldova and trained 218 representatives of local authorities and 212 representatives of local NGOs. Till the end of implementation, the project will hold 20 same workshops.

During the workshops, the participants from NGOs and Local Authorities share their views on co-operation opportunities, management of local public services, public services for socially vulnerable persons, poverty reduction through employment policies, professional orientation as a means of poverty reduction and social exclusion, social reintegration of former prisoners.



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ASSISTS THE AMENDMENT OF GAMBLING LEGISLATION

On 14 June the EU-funded project “Support for the implementation of bilateral agreements between Moldova and European Union” announced about a new online gambling law which is being prepared by the Ministry of Economy with the project assistance. The project’s support, provided in collaboration with EU experts, was requested by the Ministry of Economy in order to finalise the newly prepared Gambling Law.

The new drafted Law will replace most existing gambling legislation, intending to put in place an improved, more comprehensive structure of gambling regulation. To address these issues and at the request of the Ministry of Economy, the EU financed project provided comprehensive advice on legal framework in the area of gambling and betting, prepared a section of legislation to address internet and other remote gambling, prepared recommendations on amendments to the Draft Gambling Law with explanation of rules governing the proposed regulations, including regulation of remote gambling via the Internet and other means of communication, provided training on legislation and legal regimes governing gambling and game of chance in the EU.

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EU PROJECT ADDRESSES BRAIN-DRAIN TO STRENGTHEN MOLDOVA AS A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT HUB

On 17 June the EU-funded and IOM-implemented project “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership” launched the programme „Addressing brain-drain and strengthening Moldova as a research and development hub through temporary return of expatriated Moldova scientists”.

The programme is organised in cooperation with the Academy of Science and aims to enhance the contribution by scientists born in Moldova and who at present resides abroad through their expertise to the development of science and economy of the Republic of Moldova.

In order to facilitate this process of scientific collaboration and transfer of know-how, the project will offer grants, on the basis of an open and transparent competition, to a number of 30 researchers who wish to return to Moldova for a period of 7-11 days to undertake short-term activities in one of the research/academic institutions from Moldova.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT DISCUSSES THE IMPROVEMENT OF MIGRATION STATISTICS

On 19 June the EU-funded and IOM-implemented project “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership” organised the first meeting of the inter-agency technical working group for coordinating the execution of the first Extended Migration Profile of the Republic of Moldova.

The Extended Migration Profile exercise in the Republic of Moldova is intended to serve the general objective of fostering efficient migration management through supporting the development of evidence-based policies. It should widen the Government’s knowledge-base about migration and how it can beneficially impact development, improve the use and smooth dissemination of existing migration information among relevant stakeholders and support the establishment of mechanisms for regular reporting on migration-related trends. Moreover, the Migration Profile will be used in monitoring the impact of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership, and to this end a set of benchmarks will be elaborated and tested.

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EUBAM REVIEWS ITS LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

On 21 June the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) held in Odesa the 14th meeting of the Advisory Board to review the Mission's recent achievements supporting the development of EU standards in border management with the Moldovan and Ukrainian border guard and customs services, law enforcement agencies and government institutions. The meeting was chaired by the Head of the EU Delegation, Ambassador José Manuel Pinto Teixeira.

The Advisory Board took note of the EUBAM Annual and Activity Report and highlighted the good cooperation between EUBAM and the partner services in a number of areas, including implementation of the Joint Customs Declaration, the upgrading of information exchange, implementation of joint border control operations, common analytical work, capacity building, training programmes and public communication.

The Board welcomed the developments in supporting the implementation of the Integrated Border Management (IBM) concept in Moldova and Ukraine, particularly the systematic involvement of EUBAM in the creation of the Ukrainian and Moldovan IBM strategies as a result of the joint EUBAM and State Border Guard Service of Ukraine International Conference on "Integrated Border Management: achievements and Way Ahead" on 14-15 of April in Kyiv.

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EU-FUNDED TWINNING PROJECT ON PARLIAMENT SUPPORT EXTENDED

On 24 June the Steering Committee of the EU-funded Twinning Project "Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova" held its meeting to discuss the successful implementation of the activities of the project as well as to announce that the project extension with three months.

During April-June 2010, altogether 8 activities such as training seminars and workshops for the MPs, the staff of Parliament as well as civil servants of the Executive, on constitutionality control in EU Member States, on EU's police and judicial cooperation and Schengen visa system were held.

The project provided recommendations to the Parliament and the Government focused on setting up a new EU unit in the parliamentary administration, on the need to establish a separate EU affairs standing committee dedicated solely to EU issues, on further tuning of Regulatory Impact Assessment techniques with recuperating the existing good practices in the Ministry of Economy, and on reorganisation of parliamentary administrative structure.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

5-6 JULY, CHISINAU

Training on Negotiation Skills within by EU-funded project “Strengthening Moldova’s Capacity to Manage Labour and Return Migration”

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12-14 JULY, CHISINAU

Training session for Moldovan Consular Officers of the Moldovan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration (MFAEI) within the EU-funded and IOM-implemented PROJECT “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership”

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13 JULY, HOTEL “CODRU”, CHISINAU

Regional Conference entitled “Building FLEG Partnerships” under the EU-funded programme “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia”

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14-25 JULY, CHISINAU

Calibration of Feed and RCVD Testing Laboratories by Romanian National Metrological Institute within the EU-funded project “Support to Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova”

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15-16 JULY, SOROCA

Capacity building training for specialists showcasing the Soroca business incubator in cooperation with MEC, NOSME and Entrance 2 Your Business, within the EU-funded project “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership”

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16 JULY, CHISINAU

Observatory Mechanism Monitoring Visit to the Migrants Accommodation Centre in Chisinau, within the EU-funded project “Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building for the Governments of Ukraine and Moldova for the Implementation of Readmission Agreements with the European Union (GUMIRA)”

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