

## **EU, Moldova and Ukraine strengthen border cooperation**

Brussels, 24 November 2015. In an agreement signed today, the EU, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine have decided to strengthen their border cooperation. The agreement foresees an enhanced mandate which consolidates the Memorandum of Understanding establishing the European Commission Border Assistance Mission to the Republic of Moldova and to Ukraine (EUBAM), as well as its extension for additional 24 months.

The new mandate will support a smooth implementation of border and customs related aspects of the Association Agreements, as well as of the agreements on Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas (DCFTA), signed with both countries in 2014. It will allow in particular the use of more tailored strategies on border, customs and fiscal matters, and the provision of expert advice to border police, customs administration and other relevant state agencies.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the European Commission by Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations Mr Christian Danielsson, on behalf of Ukraine by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ms Olena Zerkal, and on behalf of the Republic of Moldova by H.E. Ambassador Eugen Caras.

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