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BORDER GUARDS TRAINED ON PROFILING VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

18-19 September, Tudora – A young team of Moldovan and Ukrainian border guards were trained on profiling victims of Trafficking in Human Beings (THB). The training was delivered at Tudora border crossing point by investigation experts with a background in illegal migration and THB of the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine.

The first part of the training consisted of theoretical lectures and exercises, while psychologists also shared their experience about trafficked persons and how to recognise a case of trafficking.

On the second day, the group split up into four teams of mixed countries and mixed genders for a number of practical exercises – border crossing scenarios were simulated requiring the young border guards to act and react in the right way.

For more information: <http://eubam.org/>



CONFIDENCE BUILDING BETWEEN JOURNALISTS FROM BOTH BANKS OF THE NISTRU RIVER

14 September, Chisinau – 20 journalists, including 10 from the left bank of the Nistru River, learned how to produce news for TV channels, radio stations and websites. The intensive training programme was provided by the Association for Development and Co-operation within Publika TV headquarter with the support of the EU-funded Support to Confidence Building Measures (SCBM) Programme.

The training for journalists entitled “Modern Media across Nistru” also included some editing sessions, diction techniques, media resource identification methods, abilities to use and operate in the electronic media field.

“Through this joint training, we intend to contribute to the professional development of journalists from both banks of the river, which would increase the trust between them. Judging the participants impressions and monitoring the implementation of the project, we can say that this goal has been successfully accomplished”, said Olga Vasiliev, Project Officer of the SCBM Programme at the ceremony of awarding diplomas to participants.

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BRICENI-ROSSOSHANY PILOT PROJECT REPORTS 20% REDUCTION IN BORDER CROSSING TIMES

13 September, Rossoshany-Briceni – An evaluation of a Jointly Operated Border Crossing Point (JOBCP) pilot project supported by the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine has reported an improvement in border crossing for travellers. The JOBCP at Rossoshany-Briceni was launched at the end of last February as a pilot project, for an initial trial period of six months.

It is thought that crossing times for travellers and goods at the JOBCP, which is located on the Ukrainian side of the border at Rossoshany, reduced by as much as 15%-20% by the end of the six-month term. The JOBCP pilot project has also served to enhance cooperation and trust between the border authorities of both countries, with Moldovan and Ukrainian border guards performing their duties from a single booth. From a traveller's point of view, it means being stopped only by the authorities of the entry country.

The Rossoshany-Briceni project represents the first time Moldovan and Ukrainian border authorities have jointly established a BCP that operates according to European Union standards.

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MOLDOVAN JUDGES TRAINED IN COMPETITION AND STATE AID LAW

4-7 September, Chisinau – About thirty judges from the Supreme Court of Justice and from the Chisinau Court of Appeal attended several workshops organised within the National Agency for Protection of Competition (NAPC) by the EU-funded Twinning project “Support to implementation and enforcement of competition and state aid policy”.

The training sessions were facilitated by three judges from the High Court of Cassation and Justice of Romania and from the Administrative Court of Latvia, experts from the Competition Council of Romania and from the Competition Council of Latvia.

The workshops’ topics mainly relied on the new competition and state aid laws which were adopted by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova this summer. In addition, the Twinning experts presented theoretical aspects specific to the competition and State aid fields, practical aspects experienced by the Romanian and Latvian Courts and by both Competition authorities.

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ECONOMIC OPERATORS PROVIDED WITH THE INFORMATION ON THE E-PROCUREMENT

3-21 September, Chisinau – Experts of the EU-funded Twinning Project „Support to the Public Procurement System of the Republic of Moldova” carried out ten training sessions on e-procurement for Moldovan economic operators. Those 100 participants in the sessions were provided with the information on the existing e-procurement module in the Republic of Moldova.

The €1 million Twinning project on support to the public procurement system aims to strengthen Moldova’s public administration through further development, improvement and reinforcement of the public procurement within the Moldovan public finance system.

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FORENSIC EXPERTS TRAINED IN EXAMINATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF TORTURE CASES

28 August, Chisinau – About 70 forensic experts from Moldova were trained in examination and documentation of torture and other ill-treatment cases during June-August. The activities were planned and structured on the basis of the training needs assessment performed previously by a group of national experts in torture prevention and combating. Both the needs assessment and seminars were organised in the framework of the EU-funded project “Strengthening the forensic examination of torture and other forms of ill-treatment in Moldova”.

In their activity, forensic experts play a key role in proving the torture and other ill-treatment cases, being responsible for identification and documentation of physical consequences of torture and formulation of conclusion of forensic expertise. The training needs assessment revealed that the forensic experts are following almost all their tasks in the process of examination of torture victims.

Andrei Padure, vice-director of the Centre of Forensic Medicine: “The forensic experts for the first time received such complex training seminars despite the fact that 90% of forensic experts of the Centre are examining the torture victims”.

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PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AGENCY EXPERTS ADOPT EXPERIENCE FROM EU MEMBER STATES

20-24 August, Vienna, Austria – Experts of the EU-funded Twinning Project „Support to the Public Procurement System of the Republic of Moldova” organised a study visit to Vienna for officials of Moldovan Public Procurement Agency.

Moldovan officials visited Austrian Federal Procurement Agency. The study visit was a good opportunity for the experts selected from the Public Procurement Agency staff to be in contact with similar institutions from EU Member States with a long experience in public procurement, since Austria has a modern procurement system, harmonised with EU standards, allowing sharing good practices in public procurement sector.

The accrued information will help the Public Procurement Agency to create the new independent body for solving complaints in the Republic of Moldova, in line with the EU best practices.

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CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES AND JOURNALISTS TRAINED ON MEDIA MONITORING

17 July-24 August – The Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Election organised a media monitoring training programme for civil society and media representatives. It aimed to improve the capacities of civil society organisations and media representatives on media monitoring during the election campaigns. The programme was funded by the European Union within the EIDHR project “Domestic Election Monitoring and Voter Education in Moldova – Strengthening of Capacities and International Networking”.

During the first two-days training entitled „Media Monitoring Techniques during Elections” held for 18 representatives of civil society organisations as well as media representatives, journalists and bloggers, the participants get known with the role of media during the election campaign and the theoretic approach of the media monitoring in the election periods.

During the second one day follow-up activity entitled „Selective Monitoring of Mass Media” held for 13 participants (those who decided to become professional media monitors), the participants received personal evaluation and commentaries from the trainers as each of them presented individually their homework.

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SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

SEMINAR REGARDING LEGALISATION OF MOLDOVANS IN ITALY

23 September, Venice, Italy – Moldovans and leaders of Moldovan Diaspora associations were informed about the Law called “Sanatoria 2012”, promulgated by the Italian Government, which provides legalisation of migrants with illegal status. The event, supported by the local authorities of Venice, Italy was organised within the EU-funded project “Consolidation of migration management capacities in the Republic of Moldova”.

To better understand the details of the application procedure for legalisation and what documents are requested by Italian authorities, the project has invited an expert on labour market and labour force migration, with an experience of 15 years in the field.

The event also had a social impact. The 15 leaders of Diaspora associations from different regions of Veneto and Emilia Romagna had the chance to discuss the most stringent problems faced by Moldovans in Italy and exchange opinions regarding their settlement, as well as inform about the events organised by them in the future.

For further information: <http://legal-in.eu/>





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EU AMBASSADORS LAUNCH A NEW PROJECT IN THE AREA OF LABOUR MARKET MIGRATION

21 September, Chisinau – The Head of the EU Delegation, Ambassador Dirk Schuebel, as well as the Ambassador of Sweden Ingrid Tersman and Ambassador of Italy Stefano De Leo launched a new EU-funded project in the area of labour market migration.

The €2 million project “Consolidation of migration management capacities in the Republic of Moldova” will be implemented by the Swedish Public Employment Service and will have as primary objective to facilitate legal, circular migration between Moldova and the EU.

„The European Union offers financial and technical support in the implementation of reforms in the Republic of Moldova, including in migration policies. This issue can be confirmed by the European project launched today, which objective is to facilitate and promote circular migration. We are very much convinced that the ambitious activities that the project plans to implement will bring advantages to everybody: country of origin, country of destination and obviously the Moldovan citizens”, stated Ambassador Schuebel.

For further information: <http://legal-in.eu/>



TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM NINE DISTRICTS WILL LEARN ABOUT RENEWABLES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

17 September, Chisinau – More than 2,000 school students of 7th and 8th-grade from Glodeni, Donduseni, Soroca, Rascani, Soldanesti, Rezina, Orhei, Ungheni and Anenii Noi districts will learn in the course of this school year that energy is embedded in everything surrounding us, i.e. the Sun, wind, plants, water, and they will be taught the secret of efficient energy consumption. The Educational Initiative of the EU-funded Moldova Energy and Biomass Project aims at promoting renewables and energy efficiency and will cover the communities envisaged to connect their public institutions to biomass-fuelled heating systems.

For one year the school students will be involved in diverse educational events dedicated to renewables and energy efficiency: debates, discussion clubs, excursions, lectures in webinar format, watching and discussing films on alternative energy, exhibitions, project contests in the area of renewables and energy efficiency, etc.

“I was very glad when I learned that the Educational Initiative reached our community as well. Children need information and knowledge about renewables and energy efficiency, which is extremely necessary and topical”, said Ana Purice, Director of Gymnasium from Solcani Village, Soroca District.

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EU-FUNDED PROGRAMME CO-OPERATES WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

31 August, Ungheni – 30 children from the orphanage in Cărpineni, Hînceşti and boarding school in Orhei visited the Natural Reserve “Plaiul Fagului”. It is an initiative of the EU-funded programme “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia” (ENPI FLEG), supported by the World Bank and Agency “Moldsilva”.

The children have visited the forest in different parts of the Reserve combined with discussions and information about the importance of forests in human life. The discussions with representatives of the Reserve improved their knowledge in biology, geography and forestry. The children also had educational and cultural activities and sports.

The ENPI FLEG programme and Agency “Moldsilva” have had similar co-operation in 2011 by organisation of a children's drawing contest “A Chance to Woods”. This time the participants will also express their impressions, opinions and emotions experienced during the day at the Natural Reserve “Plaiul Fagului” through poems, essays, compositions, drawings and photographs.

For more information: <http://www.enpi-fleg.org/>





EU CO-OPERATION NEWS

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2 AND 9 OCTOBER, UNGHENI AND ANENII NOI

Trainings for mayors, directors of public institutions and other local leaders within the EU-funded Moldova Energy and Biomass Project

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3 OCTOBER, CODRU HOTEL, CHISINAU

Closing conference of the Twinning Project "Support to the Public Procurement System of the Republic of Moldova"

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3 OCTOBER, UNGHENI

Training for operators of biomass heating plants from beneficiary communities of Ungheni and Anenii Noi

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3-5 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Workshop on modernisation of Moldovan Law Enforcement Agencies' structures and adaptation of its practices to EU standards in the field of ensuring and restoring public order

For more information: <http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taix/>

5 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Training on business optimisation for producers of briquettes and pellets from all regions of Moldova

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15 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Launching event of leasing mechanism for providing briquettes production equipment

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24 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Closing conference of the EU-funded project "Upholding the Human Rights of Victims of Human Trafficking in Moldova and Transnistria: from Multi-disciplinary Assistance to Prevention"

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