



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EU-FUNDED PROJECT GATHERS IN ODESSA JUDGES FROM MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

On 10–11 November the EU-funded and UNHCR-implemented Regional Protection Programme in co-operation with the European Council on Refugees and Exiles held in Odessa a seminar for Judges from Moldova and Ukraine. The two-day event was organised for 30 judges, legal officers and asylum authorities and focused on the European Court of Human Rights' (ECtHR) jurisprudence in the area of asylum and particularly, on detention, expulsion and extradition cases at the ECtHR.

In the course of the event the UNHCR position on detention, expulsion and extradition of asylum seekers and refugees was presented. The invited lawyer from the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights made a presentation based on cases reviewed by ECtHR as well as on the relevant provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights in this respect.

The judges from various instances such as the Supreme Court of Justice of Moldova, High Administrative Court of Ukraine, appeal and district courts who attended the seminar have called for continuation of the idea of organizing similar seminars in order to increase their knowledge and awareness on the ECtHR's practices as well as asylum related jurisprudence in both countries. The next seminar planned in 2011 will look into the new Court's cases and other topics of interest to the judicial practice relevant to the sub-region.

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EU PROJECT ORGANIZES A STUDY VISIT FOR UKRAINIAN VETERINARY INSPECTORS

On 8–12th November 2010 the study visit to Denmark took place within the framework of Component 1 "Residue Control". Five Ukrainian veterinary inspectors from national public institutions (State Committee of Veterinary Medicine, Regional State Laboratories of Veterinary Medicine of Cherkassy and Poltava, as well as Main Departments of Veterinary Medicine in Kyiv and Lviv regions) participated at the Intensive highly specialized practical training on residue inspection and sampling procedures

The studies were conducted by leading specialists from the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA), the Regional Veterinary and Food Administration (RVFA), the Danish Medicine Agency, the Danish Plant Directorate, and The Danish Flying Squad on residues. During the theoretical part of studies the Ukrainian specialists learned following issues: Use of own check procedures according to EU legislation; Principles and practicalities of residues inspection and sampling for the control of residues in feed; Organization and planning of official inspections according to EU regulations and national requirements; Role and responsibilities of the Danish Medicines Agency in relation to the control of residues of veterinary medicines in animal products. For 2 days practical studies the team was divided in two groups and each group followed a Danish inspector during inspections and sampling on farms and they also visited a slaughterhouse (Danish Crown in Ringsted).

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CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME OPENS BRANCH OFFICES IN UKRAINE

On 11 November the EU-funded Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova Cross-Border Cooperation Programme announced the opening of the three branch offices of Programme's Joint Technical Secretariat in Chernivtsi, Odessa and Chisinau (Republic of Moldova).

These offices will help to promote the Programme, and give reliable information to potential applicants and beneficiaries located in all participating countries regarding the technical conditions for financing. The branch office in Ukraine will cover Odessa and Chernivtsi Regions, as well as the adjoining Programme's areas from Ukraine.

The Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova Cross-Border Cooperation Programme aims to create bridges among the three countries involved in order to help the border areas overcome their similar development challenges. EU funding for the Programme is €126.72 million for the period of 2007-2013. The programme is financed from the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument.

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EU CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY PRESENTED IN TERNOPIL AND LUTSK

On 11-12 November the EU Delegation to Ukraine in partnership with ENPI Info Centre has organised two presentations on "EU Climate Change Policy: Challenges for Ukraine" at Ternopil National Economic University and Volyn National University.

These series of climate change presentations at local universities is aimed at raising awareness about climate change issues and informing local communities about the EU activities in the field of environmental protection and Kyoto Protocol implementation.

The event in Ternopil was attended by Leonid Bytsyura, Deputy Mayor, Administrator of Executive Committee of Ternopil City Council, who briefly informed the participants about environmental situation and activities in the city.

Following the lecture, discussions on climate change issues and environmental initiatives with the participation of students, experts, NGOs and government officials, as well as press-briefing for local media took place.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TOLERANCE FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

On 16 November the EU-funded project "Legal and Social Protection of Asylum Seeking and Refugee Children" held on the eve of International Day for Tolerance a press conference and an exhibition on tolerance for refugee children. The participants from the Danish Refugee Council, Ukrainian Refugee Council and local human rights NGOs provided an overview of the current situation concerning the asylum seeking and refugee children in Ukraine and reported on their organisations' activities and achievements.

Ukraine is located on a major migration route to the west, and as result has become a default destination for asylum seeking and refugee children who fail to reach the European Union. This brings significant challenges to the country's migration and asylum management systems.

The majority of asylum seeking and refugee children coming to Ukraine travel with their families, but there is a large number of children who come on their own. These are called unaccompanied minor asylum seekers. All are in search of a place where they can simply live, peacefully and unhindered. Unfortunately, sometimes leaving the motherland can pose almost as many risks as staying.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT DISCUSSES IN KHARKIV MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ISSUES

On 18 November the EU-funded and UNHCR-implemented Regional Protection Programme in co-operation with Ukrainian border, law enforcement and migration authorities as well as civil society agencies held in Kharkiv the Second Inter-agency Meeting 2010. The representatives of regional and local law enforcement and migration authorities from Kharkiv, Donetsk, Luhansk and Sumy regions, as well as NGOs discussed the migration and refugee issues specific to that particular region within the existing national legislation and procedures.

The main topics of discussions were the issues related to legal representation on behalf of asylum seekers at the court hearing procedures when appealing negative decisions of regional migration services on their refugee claims. Other topics covered by the meeting were: protection of unaccompanied and separated children, their age determination and providing them with legal guardianship. The role of the NGOs as well as the issue of cooperation with the government have also been discussed.

The regional migration services noted an increase of asylum seekers from Kyrgyzstan in recent months. In the end, the project experts made a presentation and updated participants of project implementation aimed at facilitating local integration of state recognised refugees. The inter-agency meetings in specified locations in Ukraine are convened twice a year, and the next meeting in Kharkiv is scheduled in May 2011.

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EUBAM SUMMARISES THE JOINT BORDER CONTROL OPERATION ON MOLDOVAN-UKRAINIAN BORDER

On 18 November the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) gathered in Odessa the representatives of the Ukrainian and Moldovan border services and other law enforcement bodies of Ukraine to evaluate the Joint Border Control Operation TYRA 2010 along the Moldovan-Ukrainian border and chart the way forward for future international cooperation in border management.

“Through the joint work of Moldovan and Ukrainian border services with direct EUBAM support, TYRA 2010 has positively impacted on border security along the Moldovan-Ukrainian border,” said Slawomir Pichor, Deputy Head of EUBAM. “Inter-agency, cross-border and international cooperation is vital in securing borders and the intelligence led approach taken by the partners in this operation is a great example of that.”

TYRA 2010 is the 7th joint border control operation along the Moldovan-Ukrainian border. As a result of the operation, smuggled goods detected are valued at over €535,000. This is 170% increase over the previous 6th operation in 2009. For the first time, the 7th joint border control operation included representatives from EUROPOL and FRONTEX.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ADVANCES EU-UKRAINE RESEARCH COOPERATION IN TRANSPORT SECTOR

On 19 November the EU-funded Joint Support Office for Enhancing Ukraine's Integration into the European Research Area (JSO-ERA) the FP7 National Information Point Ukraine (NIP) and National Transport University jointly organised a workshop on new calls of the EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7) on Research and Technology Development under Transport Theme. Key European experts, Ukrainian scientists, universities, research institutions, innovative SMEs, decision-makers and opinion-leaders took part in the workshop.

The event aimed to inform the Ukrainian transport community on new research opportunities, to establish contacts with scientific institutions and to assist them to participate in FP7. During the workshop the Ukrainian and European experts provided the participants with practical recommendation on development of competitive project proposals focusing on legislative and financial aspects.

The European Commission announced earlier this year the new calls for proposals within the FP7 under the Transport Theme Work Programme 2011. Transport system has a crucial role in the movement of people and goods and is essential to Europe's prosperity, ways must be found to mitigate the negative impacts and consequences of increased mobility in relation to the environment, energy usage, safety and security as well as public health. The EU Member States have earmarked a total of €4.16 billion for funding this theme over the duration of FP7.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2 DECEMBER, KYIV

Opening of the INOGATE Workshop "Regulatory Implications of District Heating"

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2 DECEMBER, KYIV

Fifth Annual Counter-trafficking awards Ceremony

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2-3 DECEMBER, LVIV

International scientific conference on "Ecological, economic and social problems of inefficient and unsustainable methods of forest management and illegal logging in Ukraine" within the EU-funded programme "Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia"

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9 DECEMBER, ODESSA

5th Anniversary of EUBAM

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14-15 DECEMBER, LVIV

2nd Partner Search Forum and Cross-border Journalist Forum within the EU-funded Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007-2013

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